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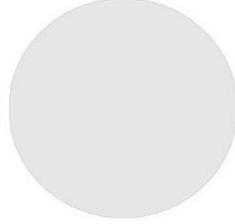
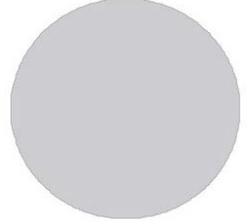
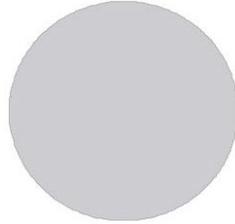
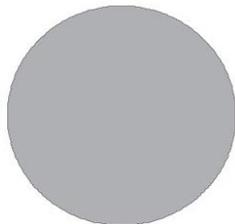
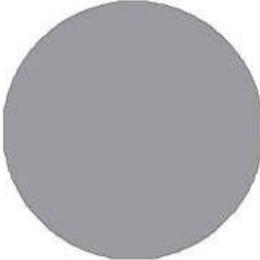


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News and Events from Around the World



New York: Falun Gong Practitioners from Taiwan Clarify the Truth in Manhattan

Last August, Falun Gong practitioners from Taiwan came to Manhattan to clarify the facts about Falun Gong. Many were retired people and homemakers. Also, many practitioners who are teachers came to Manhattan several times to clarify the truth during their winter or summer vacations.

I. Practitioners Felt it Imperative to Clarify the Truth in Manhattan

An elementary school teacher whose surname is Zeng and who can speak English expressed truth clarification in Manhattan is very important. This summer vacation, he came to Manhattan for the third time, as this is the world's financial center, and many big companies have invested in China. Many Chinese people work in these companies. They have been deceived by the media controlled by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), and have a negative impression of Falun Gong, so they further influence other colleagues in those companies. The money they invest in China has been used to support the CCP to persecute kind people in China, such as Falun Gong practitioners who cultivate Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance.



II. Falun Gong Practitioners Win People's Support

Some practitioners stayed for one or two weeks, and some practitioners stayed for one, two or even six months in Manhattan at their own expense. They lived a frugal life. Those who stayed for longer periods of time rented a house and shared it with several practitioners. During the day, they took to the streets of Manhattan to clarify the truth and came back in the evening to prepare their own food. They went out every day despite winter cold or summer heat. They seized every moment here in hopes of bringing the wonderfulness of Falun Dafa and the facts about the persecution of Falun Gong in China to every person in Manhattan.

One day in February, at dusk when it was snowing heavily, a practitioner from Pingdong, south Taiwan continued to hand out flyers on the street, disregarding the

piercing cold, wind and snow. A police officer asked the practitioner, "Is it true that you can't go home unless you hand out all these flyers?" The practitioner replied, "No, I'm a volunteer. I want to go home after handing them out, because Falun Dafa is good." The kind police officer was very moved and said, "Let me help you hand out the remaining flyers. You'd better go home and have a rest!" He then took the flyers from the practitioner.

Three other practitioners from Pingdong, south Taiwan are homemakers with grown children. Supported by their families they have been in Manhattan for a long time clarifying the truth. They took part in anti-torture exhibits every day to expose the CCP's brutal persecution of Falun Gong practitioners. They sometimes acted as fellow practitioners suffering persecution in China, and sometimes handed out flyers or demonstrated the exercises. Other times they went to send forth righteous thoughts in front of the Chinese Consulate. Rain or shine, they have never missed one day. Though they can only speak a little English, many people came to sign a petition to show their support. Some people hugged the practitioners and were moved to tears. Some wanted to donate money to help, but the practitioners declined. They only asked that people spread the truth to more people. Reporters from TV stations and news agencies came to conduct interviews and took pictures.

Once, while handing out flyers at a subway station, A Qin from Pingdong picked up a hundred dollar bill on the ground, and she immediately caught the attention of the person who lost the money. The person happily hugged A Qin and thanked her. He also signed his name to condemn the persecution. People nearby saw the Falun Gong practitioner's good deed, and they took the initiative to sign their names to support Falun Dafa.

Because they have stayed in Manhattan for a long time, and the media have reported on them, many people know about these practitioners. On their way back home, a child always pressed her hands in front of her chest making the Heshi gesture of respect to them, and said loudly "Falun Gong." A Ying has been in Manhattan for nearly a year. A Qin and A Zhao have been here for six months. Though the three of them took to the streets every day in the sun and wind, they did not use any skin care products to protect their skin. Even so, their skin became softer and smoother. Dafa cultivation is really miraculous.

III. Indifferent Office Workers in Manhattan Improve their Attitude



Holding a display board



Sending forth righteous thoughts in front of Chinese Consulate



Street artist learns the truth

Practitioners who stayed shorter periods of time during their vacation went to street corners and bus stations or subway stations where there are lots of people every day to hand out truth clarification materials and hold display boards. Some demonstrated the exercises, some helped at the anti-torture exhibits. They noticed that office workers in Manhattan hastily come and leave work. Some of them looked indifferent the first few days, and then their attitudes gradually improved. They were willing to accept flyers and learn the facts about Falun Gong. Every day, there would be people who encouraged and praised practitioners saying, "Good job." Some people who had read the flyers or learned the truth said, "Very good." Some people wanted to help Falun Gong, and practitioners then asked them to help clarify the truth. Some people saw the display boards depicting the suffering of practitioners in China and shed tears. Some frowned and wanted to know more about Falun Gong. Practitioners then directed them to Dafa websites.

The oldest practitioner who came to Manhattan during this summer vacation was in her 80s. Some children who came with their parents were only five to six years old. Each day, they stayed outside about ten hours clarifying the truth. No one complained about being tired. Everyone got up between 4:00 and 5:00 a.m. to practice the exercises to start the day's activities. Several practitioners expressed simultaneously that Dafa had saved their lives. Without Falun Dafa, they might still be lying in bed or would have lost their lives already. After practicing cultivation, they became even stronger than before their illnesses. Therefore they came to Manhattan to tell people the wonderfulness of Falun Dafa, and help more people learn the facts about Falun Dafa, so that they will no longer be deceived by the CCP's lies, and will not miss such a wonderful opportunity.

Japan: Wonderful Performances at the 2005 World Exposition, Aichi

To bring the beauty of Falun Dafa to more people, on July 22 and 23, 2005, Falun Gong practitioners in Japan took part in the six-month-long 2005 World Exposition being held in Aichi County. Practitioners hung banners reading, "Falun Dafa is Great," "Falun Gong, Free Teaching," and other banners outside the Outdoor Theatre in the Seto Area,

and performed dancing and singing arrangements composed by practitioners. After the performances, practitioners demonstrated the five sets of Falun Gong exercises, and received an enthusiastic response from the audience. Starting on the afternoon of July 23, a total of six performances, given over two days, was successfully concluded.

Participating in Expo 2005

Japan had begun preparations two to three years ago for the 2005 World Exposition in Aichi County. The registration period for countries, enterprises and organizations that wanted to participate had stopped one year ago. Practitioners in Aichi County did not sign up for various reasons and everyone regretted it later on.

On July 12, 2005, when Falun Gong practitioners had a conversation with a non-profit organization, they happened to learn that the organization would take part in the activities and be a host at the Expo site. The organization also learned that the practitioners wanted to participate in the performances. As the organization had learned about Falun Gong's purity and beauty, even though the time for signing up had passed, the organization explained the situation to the Expo administration, and helped the Falun Gong practitioners obtain permission to enter the Expo to give performances. The organization also offered much support and help in the later preparations, as well as during the performances.

After the practitioners were signed up, there was less than two weeks to prepare. The Expo has stringent requirements and security precautions for groups giving performances. For example, the performers' personal information, content of the performance and exact time slot and so on all had to be vetted with the Expo administration. Practitioners only learned of specific requirements on the day before they had to submit the information. Many participating practitioners could not confirm for certain if they could participate, but they signed up anyway and then arranged their personal matters, despite all difficulties.

One practitioner has two children, aged two and five. As the children were too young to be left unattended, she had no way to come to the Expo. After her non-practitioner husband understood, he took the initiative to take care of the two children so his wife could come to the Expo.

Another practitioner from Nagoya, due to problems at work, was unable to ask for leave for several years. However, in order to participate in this Expo, he asked for leave from his company. As his work performance was always excellent, his company made an exception and gave him time off.

On Friday July 22, Aichi County was especially muggy due to the arrival of plum season. In addition, the stage on which the practitioners were to perform was an open

stage with the blazing sun bearing down. More than ten practitioners drove overnight from Tokyo after getting off work on Thursday evening. After finishing one performance, the practitioners were streaming with sweat. But no one complained. The practitioners said it was all worthwhile as long as people could learn about Falun Dafa and benefit from it.

People are happy to learn Falun Dafa

At least 80,000 tourists have visited the Expo, including overseas tourists and tourists from Mainland China. Saturday, July 23, was overcast, without the burning sun, and it was quite cool. Many tourists took programs prepared by practitioners and came to the outdoor theatre quite early to watch the performance.

After demonstrating the five sets of Falun Gong exercises, one practitioner explained in Japanese, English and Chinese to the tourists about what Falun Gong is, and introduced the great benefits of each of the five sets of exercises. He also told people about the brutal persecution of Falun Gong that is ongoing in China.

After watching the practitioners' smooth and graceful exercise demonstration, many people wanted to learn Falun Gong. Many in the audience immediately followed along with the practitioners to do the exercise movements. More and more people have begun learning the truth about Falun Gong and more and more righteous people are stepping forward to support Falun Gong. It is just as the practitioners' dance performance, "Good Wishes" expressed: "We wish for happiness to be with kind people forever."



At 5:00 p.m. on July 23, when the performance was over, the audience gave the Falun Gong practitioners several rounds of warm applause and thanked them for giving such a wonderful performance.

Evidence from Former Chinese Diplomat Exposes Harassment of Falun Gong Practitioners

Former Chinese diplomat Chen Yonglin, who defected recently from the Chinese Consulate-general in Sydney, successively exposed inside stories about the Chinese Communist regime's extensive spy network that has infiltrated democratic western countries including Australia and persecuted and harassed Falun Gong practitioners inside and outside of China. Inspired by Chen's defection, former Chinese officials including Hao Fengjun (currently in Australia) and Han Guangsheng (currently in Canada) also denounced their membership in the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and further exposed the CCP's suppression and harassments of Falun Gong. This aroused the media and governments' attention of the Falun Gong issue. This reporter interviewed several Falun Gong practitioners who shared their thoughts and feelings about Chen and Hao's exposure of inside stories about the harassment encountered by practitioners.

At the press conference on July 10, 2005, Mr. Chen Yonglin exposed to the media a sample of the information that spies and informants provide to the Chinese Consulate. He revealed, "The Chinese Consulates and Embassy in Australia have two systems, one is diplomatic and the other is an intelligence system. Personnel in the intelligence system are funded independently. Many people don't consider it a wise way to use the Embassy or Consulate gathering intelligence information. But in reality, the CCP's important intelligence information is usually collected through Embassies and Consulates. Therefore, many Embassies and Consulates have intelligence systems. I was formerly the political consul in the Chinese Consulate-general in Sydney. "I was in charge of the bilateral relationship between the Chinese and Australian governments and political issues. I was an official in the diplomatic system. I mostly collected information through public ways including reading newspapers, surfing the Internet and openly watching dissidents' group events. Sometimes, I also received information from informants. Therefore, although I didn't belong to the intelligence system, I knew some informants' names."



Chinese Consulate's intelligence information disclosed by Chen Yonglin draws attention from media

Mr. Chen went on to say, "When I worked in the Chinese Consulate, it was as easy as turning my hand over to investigate some people. In fact, the Consulate obtained the information from some informants. Only a phone call to them, and they would inform the Consulate. Over the phone, some informants directly disclosed secrets of people who are close to them. Some hand in written reports. Some who are smarter usually request a face-to-face meeting. However, it is not safe even if they come to have a face-to-face talk, because conversations over phone or through interviews are all recorded through written reports, which will be turned in to leaders. After further compiling and analyzing, the information will be reported to the intelligence institute in China. People in the Consulate's intelligence system directly report to the Headquarters of the General Staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army or Department of Security."

Chen Yonglin disclosed that the Chinese Consulate-general has a blacklist of more than 800 Falun Gong practitioners. He has already removed most of the names from the list. He said that this part of the name list was already removed from the computer database. Chen said that the reason he sympathizes with Falun Gong practitioners is because he indeed feels that Falun Gong practitioners are exercising their beliefs in Truthfulness, Compassion, Tolerance.

Philadelphia, U.S.A.: "Compassion" Art Exhibition Touches People's Hearts

The "Compassion" International Art Exhibition and "Collection of Contemporary Renowned Chinese Artists' Works" exhibition were successfully held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Philadelphia from July 26 to 31, 2005. The two exhibitions enhanced each other's beauty and touched people's hearts. People from Philadelphia and three surrounding states and several counties who love traditional Chinese culture and arts highly praised the two exhibitions. The exhibitions left deep and beautiful impressions on both Chinese and Western visitors alike.



"Compassion" art exhibition touches people's hearts.



Art exhibition touches people's hearts.

The exhibitions received support, recommendation and commendations from state and city government officials. Chinese and Western media also extensively reported on the exhibitions. Ms. Dai Meiling regained her health from the brink of death through her practice of Falun Gong six years ago. For this reason, she does not hesitate to exhibit to the public her family's exquisite collections of Chinese paintings and calligraphy, collected over five generations - a priceless treasure. The purpose is to promote traditional Chinese culture and to call upon people to pay attention to the brutal persecution of Falun Gong practitioners in China. The "Compassion" art exhibition was held simultaneously next door. Sponsors said that they were moved by the Dai family's story. On the Dai family's recommendation, they held the free "Compassion" art exhibition, which contained paintings and sculpture created by Falun Gong practitioners who are professional artists. The art works exhibit the beauty of the cultivation of Falun Gong and depict the persecution suffered by Falun Gong practitioners in China.

Congresswoman Allyson Y. Schwartz from Philadelphia wrote a letter to congratulate the event. Pennsylvania's Lieutenant Governor Catherine Baker Knoll sent a representative to present a proclamation in which she expressed her best wishes to the art exhibitions on behalf of 12 million Philadelphia citizens. She also shared, "When you use these art works to continue exhibiting the Chinese culture to the world, please always remember the principles that you uphold at moments of success and difficulties."

The "Compassion" art exhibition included three sections. The first is entitled, "The Beauty of Cultivation," the second is "Uncompromising Courage," while the third section is entitled, "Rescue Children." The paintings depicted the beautiful realm of cultivation in Falun Dafa, the unyielding courage manifested by practitioners when confronting the violence of the persecution, and how the persecution has affected children. Prior to this event, a similar exhibition entitled, "Truthfulness-Compassion-Tolerance" International Art Exhibition which contained more paintings and was on a much larger scale was held in Boston, Capitol Hill in Washington DC, Seoul, Korea, Jakarta, Indonesia, Toronto, Canada, and New York.



A 14-year-old guide (second from right) was highly admired by visitors

Upon seeing one of the paintings in which a boy who was beaten was locked with his mother in a cell, people were confused and asked, "Why? Why would people be imprisoned and beaten for practicing Falun Gong?" Visitors' hearts were saddened. The Philadelphia "Compassion" art exhibition presented, through painters' brushes, the beauty of Falun Dafa, its worldwide spread, and the cruel persecution by the Chinese communist regime. Fadu, the five year old girl depicted in the painting, "Come back, Daddy, came to Philadelphia with her mother from Australia. When Fadu was only eight months old, her father Mr. Chen Chengyong was tortured to death for practicing Falun Gong. People feel grieved by the story.

A visitor from La Salle University said after viewing the paintings, "This exhibition is great! The guides' explanations are really helpful to understand the paintings. I could not believe that my guide was a 14-year-old teenager. The 'Compassion' art exhibition is really supernormal. Previously, I knew very little about Falun Gong. The painting that depicted a little boy who was locked in a cell is really impressive and sorrowful. This is a tragedy in China where there is no freedom of belief".

Many people signed the guest book and wrote down their impressions:

Unbelievable beauty! Thank you, "Truthfulness, Compassion and Tolerance" art exhibition. The world absolutely needs Truthfulness, Compassion and Tolerance!
- Karen

"I think that the Chinese Communist Party should immediately stop torturing innocent people and allow people to have freedom to choose."

"'Compassion' art exhibition is really powerful! It seems that the exhibition is an extremely good experience to me." - Jeff

"Falun Dafa is truly great! I wish all people who have a predestined relationship will practice cultivation. I hope for more beauty in the human world! "

"This is a wonderful journey to access a different culture. All the paintings are beautiful and touching. It's really sad to see the persecution of religious culture. However, it is absolutely necessary to expose the persecution under the brutal dictatorship. It is a touching art exhibition."

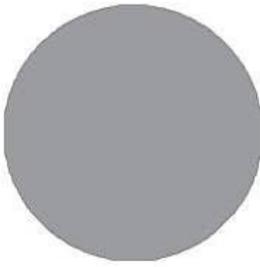
"This art exhibition is unforgettable and touching. It is an absolute spiritual exploration."

"The exhibition is great. Both culture and art are exquisite." - Allen from New Jersey

One visitor said, "I have relatives in eastern Germany. I've been to eastern Germany three times. I can understand the suppression suffered by Chinese people, just like what happened in eastern Germany before the Berlin wall collapsed." When he traveled to China in 1998, in the morning from his hotel window he saw many people practicing Falun Gong in the parking lot before they went to work. He said the scene was very peaceful and relaxed. The peaceful exercise had no factor to threaten the government and it had no negative factors at all. However, the unbelievable persecution is happening in China. Another visitor said that she was born in Shanghai. Her grandfather was imprisoned for three years without having done anything wrong during the period of the "Great Cultural Revolution."

After viewing the exhibition, a great number of people signed the petition calling for an end to the persecution.

Facts of the Persecution



Ms. Ji Fengqin Tortured to Death in Wanjia Forced Labor Camp, Harbin City on July 30, 2005

Falun Gong practitioner Ms. Ji Fengqin from Mulan County, Heilongjiang Province was brutally tortured at the Wanjia Labor Camp located in Harbin City, Heilongjiang Province. She died on July 30, 2005, only three days after being released to her family. We have confirmed at least 24 torture-related deaths at the Wanjia Labor Camp.

On the morning of March 3, 2005, policemen Xiao Guofeng (male) and Jiang Pengfei (male) from Mulan County Second Station arrested Falun Gong practitioner Ms. Ji Fengqin after harassing some other practitioners at their homes. Later Station Director Yang Hailin (male) and additional policemen searched her home and then detained her.

Ms. Ji Fengqin was sentenced to one year of forced labor and sent to the Wanjia Labor Camp. Mulan County 610 Office has been active in the persecution campaign against Falun Gong since 1999, with hundreds Falun Gong practitioners detained, sent to labor camps, sentenced to prison terms, and forced to pay large fines to police.

On the afternoon of July 27, 2005, when Ms. Ji Fengqin was picked up by her family at the Harbin City Armed Police Hospital, she was so thin that she looked like a skeleton. She was unconscious and dying. The rescue effort failed, and Ms. Ji Fengqin died at 5:40 p.m. on July 30, 2005, in the Mulan County Chinese Medicine Hospital. Her family has already had the body cremated.

Because Wanjia Labor Camp Administration and the Hospital have sealed all medical records in regard to Ms. Ji's case, and because her family did not want to talk about it, we are unsure as to the exact cause of Ms. Ji's death or how she was tortured.

In the past six years since Jiang and the CCP regime established the persecution of Falun Gong, more than a thousand Falun Gong practitioners have suffered unspeakable torture, beatings, starvation, and heavy forced labor in the Wanjia Forced Labor Camp.

Exposing the Atrocities at Shanghai Women's Prison

Shanghai Women's Prison is located near Sheshan. Conditions there are like in a concentration camp. The prison holds many Falun Gong practitioners. The prison's eastern wall, where the offices are located, is decorated with beautiful rose-patterned bricks, and flowerpots can be seen inside the office windows. Electric wires make up the western wall.

Shanghai Women's Prison started detaining Falun Gong practitioners in March 2001. It established a group specializing in the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners. Special Division 5 was established on July 20, 2002.

The guards from the prison often go to Shanghai Women's Labor Camp, located at Qingdong Farm in the Qingpu District, to study methods of persecution. The persecution of Falun Gong practitioners therefore has grown more devious and cruel. The frequently used means of abuse and torture are as follows:

The culprits deceive practitioners with faked kindness in order to have them "reform." If the practitioners see through their pretense and refuse to renounce their belief in Falun Gong, the perpetrators resort to violence. As for determined practitioners, they extend the practitioners' sentences, detain them in solitary confinement, shock them with electric batons and force them to do slave labor so as to aggravate mental and physical persecution.

Each practitioner is "sandwiched" by other inmates. The guards handpick these inmates, choosing those who are capable of the basest cruelties. They are rewarded with points or sentence reductions if they force the practitioners to "reform." They verbally abuse practitioners with venomous words, force practitioners to hand copy prison policies until late at night, and to sit and stand still for long periods of time. They forbid practitioners to talk to each other or leave their cells. They limit restroom and water use. They beat the practitioners until their faces are swollen. They torture some so severely, that even their legs were broken from the abuse they endured.

Practitioners are treated worse than prisoners on death row. The guards tell the inmates to do things to practitioners that they themselves are not allowed to do. They reward inmates with points if they succeed. If they fail, inmates themselves are held responsible for the consequences. The only purpose for all of these gross mistreatments is to force jailed Falun Gong practitioners to give up their belief.

Five Falun Gong Practitioners from Hubei Province Unjustly Receive Severe Sentences

Five Falun Gong practitioners from Hubei Province, including Ms. Pan Juying, Mr. Zhou Qing and Mr. Chen Guoqing, were given severe sentences by Xiaonan District Court in Xiaogan City. On that day the court, which is controlled by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), did not reconvene after a break and ended hastily. The court quietly announced the sentences several days later. Chief Justice Ms. Tu Zimin and Judge Tang Shan did not allow the practitioners to defend themselves. More details follow:

On July 5, 2005, officials of the First Criminal Court of Xiaonan District, Xiaogan City, Hubei Province interrogated five Falun Gong practitioners, Ms. Pan Juying, Mr. Zhou Qing, Mr. Chen Guoqing, Mr. Chen Ming, and Ms. Bao Huarong. They had been arrested on July 8, 2004. Pan Juying was protesting persecution by staging a hunger strike at that time. She was extremely pithless and was carried to the court. Her face was very pale, her voice was weak and she constantly vomited.

When asked why he renounced everything that he said and wrote in the brainwashing class, Chen Guoqing answered, "What I said and wrote in Tangxunhu brainwashing class in Wuhan City is my shame. I believe Falun Dafa is righteous, Falun Dafa is great, and I have not committed any crime!" Chen Guoqing was previously sentenced to two years in a labor camp.

In his final statement, Zhou Qing said, "Your accusations can not be used as proof of a crime. What I have done has not caused any harm to society. The first time, I went to Beijing to appeal and I was arrested and detained for three months before I even spoke a word. Please tell me, which law have I broken? The second time, a school official deceived me and took me into a small dark room. The president of the school detained me for one month without authorization. I do not know which law I broke. The third time, I was taken to Tangxunhu brainwashing class in Wuhan City, where I was so badly persecuted that I was completely paralyzed. I do not know which law I broke then either. There isn't any item in the constitution which states that practicing Falun Dafa is illegal."

Before he finished, judge Tang Shan interrupted him and would not allow him to continue. The court did not reconvene and ended hastily. No sentences were given at that time.

After about three days, the court from Xiaonan District suddenly announced the sentence: Pan Juying was sentenced to seven years in jail, Zhou Qing was sentenced to four years in jail, Chen Guoqing was sentenced to five years in jail; Chen Ming and Bao Huarong had accepted the brainwashing and abandoned Falun Gong, and they were

both sentenced to three years in jail, and probation for five years and three years respectively.

The Persecution at the Brainwashing Center at Zhangshi Forced Labor Camp, Shenyang City

Around the date of the Chinese New Year 2005, the Chinese Communist Party put a lot of money into the Brainwashing Center at Zhangshi Forced Labor Camp (known to the public as the "Law Education School") to persecute Falun Gong practitioners. Practitioners who assisted in the rescue of practitioner Gao Rongrong were detained at this brainwashing center after they were arrested. Gao Rongrong was also persecuted here for some time when she was arrested the second time, after her rescue.

Since the Chinese New Year, Zhangshi Forced Labor Camp Brainwashing Center has organized three or four forced brainwashing classes. The basic process includes:

Collaborators become friendly with steadfast practitioners by providing some good food and drink, as well as "care."

They quote from Zhuan Falun out of context, distorting the original meaning, and force practitioners to watch videos that stigmatize Falun Gong in order to force them to "enlighten" to the "errors" of their ways. If this does not work, they go on to the next step.

Intimidation. The collaborators threaten practitioners with the following statements: "If you don't want to be "transformed," we can easily turn you into an imbecile, or insane, and you may even die. If you die, we can say it is because your practice made you go insane and commit self immolation, and it has nothing to do with the labor camp or the evil Communist Party. No one will listen to your complaints. We will sentence you to one to three years prison terms, where you will receive worse treatment. And we can easily cremate you," .

If intimidation doesn't work, corporal punishment will be utilized. Practitioners are forced to squat, stand or sit on concrete for long periods of time. They are deprived of sleep and use of the toilet, forced to listen to defamatory statements slandering Falun Gong, and even coerced to sit on the book Zhuan Falun, which is placed on the ground by the collaborators. If practitioners refuse to do so, collaborators kick and beat them. This is how a group of collaborators attack a steadfast practitioner. On the surface, the guards won't appear to have direct involvement in the persecution. The advantage of this strategy is that while they can claim credit and ask for rewards if someone is "transformed," guards nevertheless escape responsibility, and blame the collaborators if a practitioner is persecuted into disability, injury or death.

The brainwashing center typically holds a "farewell ceremony" for so-called "transformed" people who were "transformed" under pressure. At the ceremony, guards

will force these practitioners to express their gratitude for the evil brainwashing education, and the leaders of the brainwashing center hypocritically utter a few words of good wishes, creating a false impression of "positive effects of education" on Falun Gong practitioners, and deceiving the public with their lies.

Recently, male Falun Gong practitioners at Zhangshi Forced Labor Camp have been transferred to Shenyang City's Shenxin Forced Labor Camp (situated in Yuhong District). The guards tortured practitioners who refused to be "transformed" by electric shock.

To Conceal Evidence of Its Crimes, Daqing Prison Blocks Mr. Xu Jishan's Family from Seeing His Body

After Daqing Prison in Daqing, Heilongjiang Province tortured Falun Gong practitioner Mr. Xu Jishan to death, the prison repeatedly blocked his family from seeing his body in order to hide the truth about the murder.

Mr. Li Fengjiang, Warden of the 7th Division of Daqing Prison, even said, "We must not allow them (Mr. Xu's family members) to see his body. What if they take photographs of his body and use them as evidence to prosecute us?"

From Mr. Xu Jishan's family members, only his older brother was allowed to take a quick glance at the body on June 8, 2005 under the watch of prison guards. All other family members were made to wait outside. Daqing Prison had even ordered Long'nan Hospital morgue to immediately notify the prison if Mr. Xu's family asks to see the body. No one was allowed to see his body without prison permission or supervision.

On the morning of June 17, 2005, Mr. Xu Jishan's ex-wife was asked by Mr. Xu's older brother to go pay respects to Mr. Xu's body in the morgue in Long'nan Hospital in Daqing. However, staff at the morgue denied Mr. Xu's ex-wife the right to see the body, and immediately called Li Fengjiang, Warden of the 7th Division of Daqing Prison.

Li Fengjiang was very unreasonable and abrasive over the phone. He even called the morgue back right away three times to tell them not to let Mr. Xu's family see the body. Mr. Xu's ex-wife and family members then gave the fruits they had brought to the staff and asked them to put them on an offering table in front of Mr. Xu's body, but the staff dared not oblige. The family had no choice but to leave the morgue.

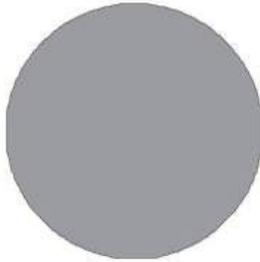
On the morning of July 5, 2005, Mr. Xu's ex-wife and friends came to the morgue again, hoping to see and pay respects to Mr. Xu's body. The staff immediately called Li Fengjiang again. Li told the morgue, "They all practice Falun Gong. They must never see his body. What if they take photographs and use them as evidence to prosecute us?"

Three minutes later, Li Fengjiang came to the morgue with three men. As soon as he entered the door, he asked fiercely, "Which of you is Mr. Xu Jishan's ex-wife? Didn't you divorce him already? Why are you making a scene here?" He looked at Mr. Xu's friends and asked them fiercely, "What do you do for a living? Show me your identification!" He pointed at an older man and said, "Who do you think you are? You are not entitled to speak to me!" Then he started shouting, "Wait and see how I take all of you Falun Gong practitioners out! Call 110 (equivalent to 911 in the United States) and have all of them arrested!" Then Li Fengjiang called the hospital's security, 110 and the local 610 Office. He reported to them, "There is a group of Falun Gong practitioners making trouble at the Long'nan Hospital morgue. Come here at once."

Soon eight men from the hospital's security came and interrogated Mr. Xu's ex-wife and friends. Five minutes later, two vehicles arrived and a group of policemen in civilian clothes ran into the morgue. A prison guard who arrived with Li Fengjiang saw that a woman who was with Mr. Xu's ex-wife had an audio recorder in her hands and tried to grab it from her. The woman questioned him, "This is my personal belonging. You have no right to take it from me." A policeman in civilian clothes tried to grab a man and force him into the police car. Three women saw what the police were doing and tried to stop them. The police took all four of them back to Daqing Security Bureau's Ranghu Road Branch and interrogated them. The police didn't release them until they had obtained their names and addresses.

The only logical explanation of the fact that Daqing Prison would stop at nothing to prevent Mr. Xu Jishan's family from seeing his body is that they were concealing the prison's crime of murder from the world.

Falun Gong Practitioners' Noble Actions in China



Falun Gong Practitioners Detained in Forced Labor Camp Protest the Persecution with Righteous Thoughts

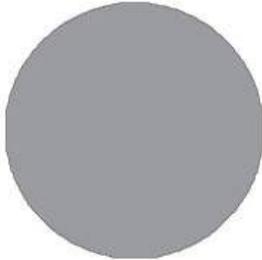
During roll call at Sanshui Forced Labor Camp in Sanshui, Guangdong Province on the morning of March 25, 2005, practitioner Mr. He Weiyu suddenly called out loud, "Falun Dafa is good!" Other practitioners immediately gathered around Mr. He and also shouted "Falun Dafa is good!"

Over 200 Second Squadron prison inmates, sentenced to the forced labor camp for using drugs, came to a halt and witnessed the scene. They could sense the practitioners' steadfast belief in Falun Gong and their determination to follow the principles of "Truthfulness, Compassion, Forbearance." They witnessed that these practitioners are prisoners of conscience who had not committed any crimes, but they had to suffer the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) persecution because they chose to safeguard their freedom of spiritual belief.

In the afternoon, practitioner Mr. Liang Jinjia climbed up on the wire fence to remove a banner on the third floor. The banner showed a propaganda slogan that slandered Teacher and Falun Gong. The prison guards forced the on-duty prison inmates to stop him. They climbed the wire fence to the second floor level and grabbed one of his legs. Trapped by the prison inmates and stuck on the wire fence, Mr. Liang kept shouting out "Falun Dafa is good!" Other practitioners in the hallways supported his cause and started shouting "Falun Dafa is good!" Their courageous act lasted about ten minutes. Over 500 First and Second Squadrons prison inmates of the 3rd Group witnessed this.

Later five practitioners, including Mr. Liang Jinjia from Foshan City, Mr. He Weiyu from Maoming, Mr. Huang Jianyu from Jiangmen City, Mr. Chen Guanzuo from Zhongshan City and Mr. Nian Jingsheng from Heilongjiang Province, were locked in solitary confinement. This is one of the torture methods at the labor camp. Despite the cruel solitary confinement and other forms of torture perpetrated during solitary confinement, Mr. Liang Jinjia continued to hold righteous thoughts and actions and did not succumb to the torturer. Later he was transferred to the 4th Group, where he was forced into slave labor.

People Awaken to the Truth



*Understanding the Truth about Falun Gong, a Village CCP Secretary
Resists the Persecution*

I have a friend who is a popular village CCP Secretary with great influence among the people. I often clarify the truth to him by sending him Falun Gong books. His family often received the materials sent by other practitioners, and gradually he began to understand *Falun Gong*.

Once during a meeting break, he explained about Falun Gong to people who had been misled and confused. He started to recite Teacher's poem "Enlightened Being", and the poem led people's discussion to the right track. Several dozen people listened attentively and appeared to agree by frequently nodding their heads.

He has certainly been understanding and supportive of Falun Gong. Within his scope of responsibility, he wisely avoided persecution orders from higher authorities and used his abilities well to protect Falun Gong practitioners. The most valuable thing he has done is to resist the persecution and promote Falun Gong in public.

Once on a tour bus he talked of the CCP's corruption and promoted Falun Gong for more than an hour.

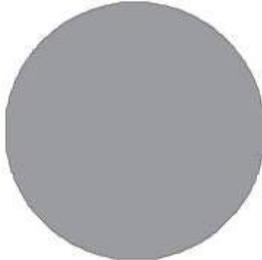
At a people's representative delegates conference, when people were talking about a reporter for CCTV's news show *Focal Point* defaming Falun Gong, this village Party Secretary spoke loudly, "Do not believe that propaganda from TV. You need to think for yourselves." In part due to his attitude, people's way of thinking began to change.

He said, "Is power greater than the law? No matter how immense Jiang Zemin's power is, it cannot override the law. Our village is also the same. We have village rules and village law. Whether you are a villager or official, your conduct must follow village law. Falun Gong, however, is the universal law, and everything and everyone in the universe was made and created by Falun Gong. We are not qualified to comment on this universal law. None can be greater than this universal law. There is no way to eliminate universal law, and Falun Gong cannot be changed, no matter how severe the persecution is. The universal characteristic of Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance cannot be changed by anyone."

I was surprised and gratified by his good understanding of Falun Gong. At the same time I was deeply moved by his brave action to protect Falun Gong.

This Party Secretary always secretly protects the Falun Gong practitioners and does not report the practitioners' activities to higher authorities. Whenever they asked about Falun Gong practitioners, he tried to protect them.

Voice of Justice



*U.S. Congressman Chris Smith: Chinese Communist Regime's Atrocity
Must Be Stopped*



U.S. Congressman Chris Smith addressing the rally

Thank you very, very much. It's great to see so many defenders of human rights especially in China where human rights are violated with impunity and with a very special obsession the Falun Gong has been singled out by the dictatorship in Beijing for absolutely cruel treatment, mistreatment through the use of torture and through the use of incarcerations without any justification whatsoever.

July 20th marked the sixth anniversary of China's brutal campaign to completely eradicate the Falun Gong by whatever means necessary. As you know Falun Gong practitioners had begun to outnumber communist party members and like all dictators in totalitarian terrorist systems, the PRC hates and fears what it cannot control, so it has decided to destroy those who practice Falun Gong. The State Department's human rights report as I think many of you know for 2004 documents at length the plight of the Falun Gong.

We see before us a Stalinist nightmare revived for the 21st century. Thousands tortured, thousands dead as a result of torture; tens of thousands jailed without trial, held in the laogai, mental hospitals and other areas in China and forced to endure torture and brainwashing sessions. The report included and clearly indicated that Falun Gong adherents or other political prisoners sent to mental institutions have been administered psychiatric drugs and electric shock treatments by the Chinese authorities.

I'm also sorry to say, it is a sad but pathetic fact that the Chinese dictatorship as well has been trying to follow you into the United States and into other countries throughout the world to intimidate and to harass those who are peaceful followers of Falun Gong. The

activities are similar to the infamous Nazi Bund in the 1930s where a hostile totalitarian police state tried to export its tactics to a free society and to manipulate, terrorize and mislead an immigrant community to do its bidding. I want to assure you that you have friends in Congress, Republicans and Democrats who know and understand the brutal methods that are being employed against the Falun Gong in China and even outside the country.

As you know I will be chairing a hearing as chairman of the Global Human Rights National Operations in Africa Committee that will focus and bring new scrutiny, increased scrutiny and hopefully some more light to this ongoing abuse. You have friends here. We believe that you all, the Falun Gong needs to be treated with respect and dignity and the dictatorship in Beijing has to cease its cruelty and do so immediately. Thank you so very much

US Congressman Rush Holt Calls for Immediate Release of All Imprisoned Falun Gong Practitioners in China



New Jersey Congressman Rush Holt

I am delighted to be here with all of you today to speak out for freedom of expression, freedom of religion and freedom of personal practice. I've gotten to know many of you and what you represent. I've also gotten to know, at long distance, some of the oppression, torture and imprisonment that you and your brothers and sisters have faced.

And it's long past time for the immediate release of all imprisoned Falun Gong practitioners in China. Falun Gong is a peaceful practice. It should not be restricted and yet it is. And so like you I feel that the United States should exert our international influence, our leadership to express strong disapproval of China's actions against Falun Dafa practitioners.

Freedom of religion, freedom of personal practice is a basic human right. We're not asking for any special protections; we're not asking for any special consideration. It is what every human is due. I only wish that all Americans were able to see the terrible displays of torture, imprisonment and persecution and harassment that your brothers and sisters, the peaceful Falun Gong practitioners, are facing. I also wish that they could see you here today. This is an impressive display.

And I think you are helping greatly in the communication of human rights. I believe time is on your side, I just hope we can speed up the clock. The clock on our vote is

ticking and with that we bring our best wishes to you, to all of those millions of people you represent, and thank you very much for what you're doing.

Speech by Michael Horowitz of Hudson Institute at the July 21, 2005 Anti-Persecution Rally in Washington, D.C



Michael Horowitz

I come here to offer thanks to you and your brave colleagues, more than I do the little support I can offer. You know in military units the bravest of the brave are the scouts. They're the ones to march first; they're the ones to have the greatest casualties; but they clear the path for those that come and without them success on the battlefield or success anywhere would not be possible for those who follow in their path. And you are the pathfinders. Not just for China but for all of us everywhere seeking democracy and rights throughout the world. I'm in such awe. I'm so grateful for the bravery, for the path-finding work of your practitioners. You clear the path in China for artists, for house church Christians, for political dissidents, because you are the scapegoats; you're people of the battleground on which the battle for freedom in China is being fought. Your television [programming], one of the miracles I've seen of energy, effort and ingenuity, sends messages of freedom and hope to little villages in China; where people gather the little bits of money they have to buy, secretly buy, receivers to receive [your] broadcast. My God, you stand for freedom for all of us, and thank you so very much.

And yet there is in some ways an even larger dimension; the great issue of the 21st century will be in all probability the competition between the United States and China and the great question is where that competition will be: to see who can make better cars or television sets, or a competition in blood or war? The answer to that question is the answer to whether the 21st century will be a century of peace for my grandchildren or the bloodbath that the 20th century has been for the people of the world. And the key question that will determine the competition between the United States and China will be a peaceful productive competition or a bloody war; will be if China is moved to democracy. God knows it is not there but we also know that there are people within China and people putting pressure on China to move it in the direction of democracy because we all know and Mark Palmer has written so eloquently that democracies don't wage war with each other. So the path-finding work is done by the Falun Gong, as you

stand there for freedom of expression and freedom of religion and freedom to express ones thoughts. You are the pathfinders for democracy in China and therefore keepers of the hope for the world and for the 21st century. Thank you for that, thank you for that so very much. And the blood of every one of those 2,711 people [who have died from the persecution] and the more who are suffering torture in prisons are the blood and suffering that offers hope to my grandchildren for a peaceful 21st century. I will do whatever I can for them and for you and again I thank you so very, very much for your courage.

Coming here [to this rally] every year is one of the honors and high points. This is, I think the third year that I have come, yet I will tell you this: with every ounce of energy I have, an effort to match which I never will, the courage of those 2,711, I will work to see that next year's meeting is a celebration of victory for freedom and democracy. And if, no, *when* it is, I will again say thank you, and thank you for my grandchildren and thank you for all of us on this earth. Thank you very much.

Speech by Rev. Dr. Clark Lobenstine of the InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington at the July 21, 2005 Anti-Persecution Rally

Good Afternoon. I take off my hat to you for the amazing strength you demonstrate with your brothers and sisters in China in the face of terrible persecution.



Rev. Dr. Clark Lobenstine

It is wonderful to see so many people gathered here today and it reminds me of a promise of Jesus in my Christian tradition that says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Of course today we are gathered in the name of pluralism, tolerance, and religious freedom. As I look around, it is clear to me that these tenets are born and nurtured among us.

My name is Dr. Rev. Clark Lobenstine, Executive Director of the Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington (the IFC). The IFC is a twenty-six-year-old organization that unites the Baha'i, Hindu, Islamic, Jain, Jewish, Latter-day Saints, Protestant, Roman Catholic, Sikh, and Zoroastrian faith communities in this region. We come together to celebrate both our similarities and our differences and to affirm the autonomy of the individual, equal before God, and to join hands as a voice in this world that cannot be broken down into historical, dogmatic, or geographical differences. We join hands as a voice for social justice.

The persecution of the Falun Gong movement in China is something that is dear to my heart and to the heart of the IFC. Personally, my father grew up in China, the son of a Presbyterian missionary there for nearly 40 years who was the Foreign Secretary of the National Christian Council of China from 1915 when it was founded to 1935 when he left China.

For IFC, all of the faith traditions that we represent have experienced persecution at some time and in some place. We empathize with the Falun Gong practitioners who are being unjustly persecuted in China. We share the challenges that this community faces,

for an attack on one individual's freedom of religious or spiritual choice is an attack on all of us.

We understand that the persecution of the Falun Gong community may threaten the fabric of this community, but as I look around here at this gathering in Washington, DC, it is clear that this threat is in vain. What the Chinese government and those responsible for this persecution do not realize is that the attempts to suffocate a community and practice that is grounded in principles of peace, wholeness, and self-improvement only lead to a stronger unity and the publicity of the Falun Gong movement.

As witnessed by the growing support for the Falun Gong cause throughout the world, this persecution has stimulated the practice of universal life energy, not stifled it. We pray that Falun Gong practitioners and others will continue to use this injustice to deepen the practice of qigong.

I would like to commend the U.S. Congress for its unanimous support of resolutions that criticized the Chinese government for its oppression of Falun Gong. China has signed onto the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights and it is our responsibility as fellow citizens of the world, as legislators, and as practitioners of religious freedom to hold the Chinese government accountable to this declaration. This is not a matter of China's autonomy, but a matter of inherent rights granted to, and deserved by, all individuals. We call on our legislators, our Congressional representatives and Senators, to continue to urge our government to persuade the Chinese government to end this terrible persecution and to support the grassroots efforts that have made this movement grow into the success that it has become. Again, many thanks for the privilege of joining you today.

Rev. Dr. Keith Roderick of Christian Solidarity International Speaks at the July 21, 2005 Washington DC Anti-Persecution Rally

Every year, human rights organizations like Christian Solidarity International, and the others who will speak with you today, join with you in protest of the Chinese government's oppressive policy towards freedom, especially religious liberty. Each year we hope it will improve, but each year it is increasingly more deplorable. Nevertheless, the practitioners of Falun Gong, Christians and others defy these policies by exposing themselves to arrests, beatings, torture and even death. And again we stand in solidarity with you, as you press forward for the great inspiring effort to bring freedom and religious liberty to China.



Rev. Dr. Keith Roderick of Christian Solidarity International

The Chinese government is able to block websites that use the word "freedom"; it is able to arrest those expressing their first human right to free exercise of conscience. It is unable, though, to read the minds and the hearts of the Chinese people, for if it could, it would see that freedom enlivens the people's imagination and inflames a passion for liberty that is irresistible and cannot be conquered by violence and oppression.

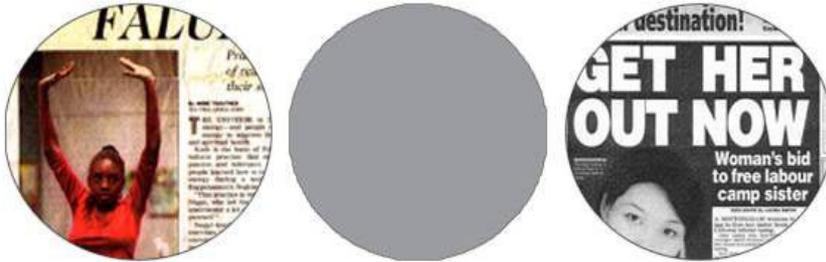
So what you are doing here today is very important. It's significant not only for you, but for all believers. You are supporting those who are suffering today and those who will suffer tomorrow, in the future, for the right to practice the dictates of conscience. And this is a struggle that takes great courage.

The courageous person is not the one who is exceptionally strong or powerful or clever. The truly courageous person is the one exceptionally devoted to doing the right thing and risking all in order to achieve that effort.

So today I leave you with this: continue to be courageous as you seek justice. Be courageous by showing the best of human nature, even as that which arises from man's worst nature is directed against you. And if you don't achieve liberty in the near future,

be assured that I and all these friends who join you up front today will be here next year and we'll bring more people to join your effort. Thank you.

Media Reports and Opinions



European News Agency: Falun Gong Exposes the Crimes of Genocide in China

On Wednesday, about twenty Falun Gong practitioners gathered at the Chinese Embassy in Madrid to expose the crimes of the Chinese Communist Party and the cruel punishments committed in this Asian country for the last six years.

The demonstrators declared in front of the banners and pictures of the cruel punishment methods, "We will use our voice to tell the people and the media that what is happening in China is the most savage and brutal crime of genocide in human history. Hundreds of thousand of people are persecuted because of their belief."



Mr. Iglesias, a human rights lawyer, said, "Today is the sixth anniversary of what the former president of China Jiang Zemin started, and that is the brutal persecution of Falun Gong practitioners."

Iglesias said that yesterday they handed in a letter to the Spanish Prime Minister, Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, who is going to visit China. They hoped that he will pay attention to the persecution and the cruel abuse of human rights in China. "Do not forget that protecting human rights, lives and dignity will always be above the pacts of the economy and culture," Iglesias said in conclusion.

Voice of America: Editorials: China's Human Rights Record

Gretchen Birkle is U.S. Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. In recent testimony before the U.S. Congress, she said that the Chinese government's repression of citizens seeking to exercise their fundamental rights remains a systemic problem.

Ms. Birkle said the Chinese authorities have committed numerous and serious human rights abuses, including torture, mistreatment of prisoners, detention without notification and communication, and denial of due process of law. Freedom of assembly and association is severely restricted, and repression of unregistered religious groups has increased. Internationally recognized worker rights are denied to Chinese workers. Forced labor in prisons remains widespread. And violence against women is a serious problem, including forced abortion and sterilization resulting from a Chinese government-imposed coercive birth control policy.

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Birkle pointed out that the Chinese government at times appears to use the global war on terror as a pretext to crack down on Ughur Muslims in northwestern China who seek to practice their faith and express dissidence peacefully. The level of repression in Tibet remains high, especially of activities perceived by the Chinese government to be advocating Tibetan independence. The practitioners of Falun Gong, a spiritual movement banned in China since 1999, have been targeted for harsh crackdowns and imprisonment.

Many Chinese citizens who openly express dissidence are harassed, detained, or imprisoned. Ms. Birkle said the Chinese leadership launched a campaign in late 2004 that targeted writers, religious activists, political dissidents, and petitioners to the Chinese central government. Chinese authorities have meted out especially harsh punishment to those who sought to publish information or express their political views in the media or on the internet.

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Birkle said that the U. S. believes that international pressure can encourage China to take steps to bring its human rights practices into compliance with international standards, and support those within China who see structural reform to be in China's best interest.

The preceding was an editorial reflecting the views of the United States Government.

***RFA: The World Organization for Human Rights Sues Xu Guangchun,
Secretary of Henan Provincial Committee of the Communist Party***

On July 21, 2005, Xu Guangchun, Secretary of Henan Provincial Committee of the Communist Party, was sued by the World Organization for Human Rights when he visited San Francisco, CA. The lawsuit charged Xu with slandering Falun Gong and molding public opinion to persecute Falun Gong.

After being sued, Xu was not visible at scheduled occasions.

RFA reported on July 25 that human rights organizations pointed out that Xu Guangchun had committed serious crimes in the persecution of Falun Gong when he was Deputy Minister of the Publicity Department and concurrent Director of Broadcasting and TV Bureau, and Secretary of Henan Provincial Committee of the Communist Party.

The report stated that from July 20 to 25, Xu led a delegation of over 100 people to visit San Francisco for a "Henan Week" activity.

Last weekend, Xu and Mayor Gavin Newsom of San Francisco signed an agreement in City Hall. Outside City Hall, the World Organization for Human Rights, USA held a press conference to announce the lawsuit in a California District Court filed by Morton Sklar, Executive Director of the organization.

The petition stated that since Xu became Secretary of Henan Provincial Committee of the Communist Party, 1140 Falun Gong practitioners in Henan were persecuted and so far there have been 95 documented deaths due to torture. When Xu was Deputy Minister of the Publicity Department and concurrent Director of Broadcasting and TV Bureau, he was responsible for slandering Falun Gong and molding public opinion to facilitate the persecution of Falun Gong.

The director of the World Organization for Human Rights San Francisco recounted the severity of the persecution in Henan Province. He said that many practitioners were continuously abused and the victims in some cases were beaten or burned to death. These crimes were brutal. Based on U.S. criminal law, the U.S. judicial department is entitled to prosecute those committing the crime of torture outside the U.S. when they enter the country.

After the ceremony at San Francisco's City Hall was over, Xu realized that he had been sued and left in a hurry in the company of security personnel. Later he did not attend other scheduled events.

Before the ceremony was held, as dozens of officials from the Henan delegation came to City Hall by bus, Falun Gong practitioners stood beside the bus door and distributed flyers exposing the crimes of the Chinese Communist Party.

Spain's Largest News Agency EFE: Falun Gong Appeals to Stop Genocide of People Asking for Freedom of Belief

More than twenty people from the Spanish Falun Gong Association and their legal team peacefully protested at the Chinese Embassy in Madrid. They urged that the genocide, persecution and torture of hundreds of thousands of innocent people who have a right to freedom of belief in China be stopped.

The organizer said that to commemorate the sixth anniversary of the persecution against Falun Gong was the purpose of the day's gathering. The former president of the Chinese Communist Party, Jiang Zemin, initiated the comprehensive persecution of Falun Gong practitioners, the followers of an ancient Chinese spiritual practice, with the policy of defaming their reputations, bankrupting them financially, and destroying them physically.

From the protesters' banners, we saw the following messages. "A Peaceful Practice Persecuted in China," "Genocide and Torture in China," "Genocide: More than Eighty Million People Killed since the CCP's Rule."

The president of the association, Pan Jie, and a Falun Gong practitioner, Shao Jingbiao, both urged the Chinese Embassy to return their passports. They said that the Chinese Embassy had refused to extend their visas because they were Falun Gong practitioners and had threatened them with arrest if they returned to China.

Human rights lawyer Carlos Iglesias told EFE that the group had delivered a letter to the Spanish Prime Minister, Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, and had described to him the extent of the persecution in China. They hoped that the Prime Minister would talk with officials of the Chinese Communist Party and remember that safe-guarding human rights, lives and human dignity should always take precedence over economic benefits.

The photos of the victims of torture told the true story; there were between seventy to one hundred million Chinese persecuted for practicing Falun Gong. Falun Gong practitioners told EFE, "In the hundreds of labor camps, practitioners were tortured with electric batons, female practitioners were stripped naked and thrown into male cells to be raped and many were tortured to death."