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News and Events from Around the World



Practitioner Plaintiffs in US Seek Default Judgment in Lawsuit against Chinese Ministry of Public Security, National Security Bureau and Chinese Central TV



Photo Caption: On April 3, 2002, Falun Gong practitioners gathered near the Justice building in Washington D.C. to hold a press conference announcing a lawsuit against the Chinese Ministry of Public Security, the Ministry of National Security and Chinese Central TV Network--all under Jiang group's control.

More than 50 practitioners filed the lawsuit in April 2002 in Washington DC. because the Chinese Communist regime refused to accept service of the papers. The lawsuit was delayed more than three years. Recently the US State Department helped the plaintiffs to serve the papers, giving the lawsuit a breakthrough. Currently the plaintiffs are seeking a default judgment.

Suing the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) for its Crimes in the US

The practitioners claim that some of them were beaten, their apartments were broken into, their cars set on fire, and their phone conversations tapped and put on their home answering machines.

Mr. Martin F. McMahon, the lawyer for the plaintiffs said, "We tried to serve the papers in Chinese to the PRC, but they sent them back. These are our court papers. We did everything correctly under the Hague Convention: the court papers were in mandarin, and sent to them in Beijing. The Department of Justice in Beijing is supposed to serve these papers on these people in the various Chinese ministries that we have sued. They refused to do so and sent the papers back. Five times they refused to accept service of the papers."

CCP Refuses Service of Papers, US State Department Delivers the Papers

Attorney McMahon said, "After the CCP's refusal to accept the papers five times, we finally went to the State Department. In May of this year, the State Department asked William S. Laidlaw, the ambassador of US Embassy in Beijing, to go to the Chinese Foreign Ministry and deliver the court documents. Now they have to deal with the lawsuit, because the state department has actually served them properly. It is a breakthrough."

"So our next step will be to file a motion in default against these Chinese ministries, because we have proof from the State Department. We will show the judge in this case that these people have actually been served."

Plaintiffs Harassed, Attorney Writes to Attorney General Twice

Attorney McMahon said that in February of this year, there was a massive telephone harassment campaign and it affected people in eight different states here in America and twenty two different countries. It was criminal conduct here in America. The attorney believed it was initiated by the Chinese government.

Attorney McMahon said, "During the commission of this criminal act, they targeted Falun Gong practitioners, and they targeted the plaintiffs named in the lawsuit, which is also against the law. We sent a comprehensive package to the attorney general of the United States, Mr. Gonzalez, and demanded that he launch an investigation about this."

On June 29, Mr. Mitch Gerber, a student of business and international relations at Georgia State University received a call from Beijing "We know where you are and who you are. If you don't give up what you are doing, we will kill more practitioners and come after you!" Another Falun Gong practitioner living in Massachusetts received a death threat call near the end of June.

Attorney McMahon sent another letter to the attorney general of the United States on July 6 and urged him to take action to investigate this criminal conduct. The assistance of the US Congress was also enlisted.

Lawyer: "You cannot do that. This is America."

When asked about why he represents Falun Gong practitioners in the lawsuit, attorney McMahon said, "It's probably because of my Irish roots. When the practitioners first approached me about this case, I asked for proof that they had their apartments broken into three times. And three police reports were given to me. I asked for proof that somebody was beaten up in San Francisco, and they gave me the police report and hospital report. I asked for proof that somebody's phone conversation was taped. I came to believe that Falun Gong practitioners actually are being attacked, but some people still may not believe it. But when you see the lawsuit, we had 105 separate incidents occurring in eight different cities. And there has to be someone behind it. So I

always try to represent the underdog if you will because of my Irish roots. And it was quite an intellectual challenge too."

The other lawyer, Jason, is of Jewish heritage. He said that he knew Falun Gong practitioners were persecuted because of their beliefs: "During World War II there was the holocaust and millions of people were murdered. I feel like this is a similar type of activity. The government of China is deliberately murdering people for no reason other than their beliefs. And that's something I feel very proud to be able to help fight against in a small way".

Attorney McMahon said that the case is not against China. Someone must stand up to say to the criminals persecuting good people, "You cannot do that. This is America." We have a responsibility to protect American law, and citizens' and residents' rights sanctioned by the constitution.

Lawyers Call on American People to Learn the Truth

Lawyer Jason said with the progress of the case being filed, more and more people will pay attention. "American citizens will start to learn about this, and I think they'll be angry to see that a foreign government has the audacity to spy on American citizens, to harm American citizens, to threaten American citizens in their home country because of their beliefs or expressing their points of view." Just as when he started working on the lawsuit and learned about the persecution, he was shocked.

Jason said, "I think there's a basic misunderstanding among American people about who Falun Gong practitioners are. And part of the reason for that is because the Chinese government has been very effective in its propaganda campaign slandering Falun Gong." So far more than 2700 practitioners have been tortured to death in China. Tens of thousands of practitioners are in prisons, labor camps and mental hospitals. Many children have been orphaned as their parents were persecuted to death. The lawsuit plays a role in spreading the facts and it is very important for the American people to learn the truth.

Jason believes that the lawsuit not only defends Falun Gong practitioners in the U.S. but also brings attention to the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners in China.

France: Falun Gong Practitioners Invited to Speak at the 29th International Congress on Law and Mental Health

The University of Paris played host to the 29th International Congress on Law and Mental Health from July 2nd to 8th 2005. Experts, scholars and witnesses to the persecution of Falun Gong were invited to attend the mental health summit.



The seminar room

Over one thousand experts, lawyers, judges, psychologists, psychiatrists and doctors in the fields of mental health and social sciences attended 182 forums concerning mental health and human rights. The attendees came from North America, Europe, Asia and Africa.

Compared with previous congresses, this year the 29th Congress expressed more concern over human rights abuses, particularly over the topics of torture, refugees and children. Human rights abuses in China drew intense attention from all present. In China, many dissidents are being tortured in psychiatric units; forced psychiatric treatments of Falun Gong practitioners who have no problems with their mental health serve as a prominent example.

The 29th International Congress on Law and Mental Health was held under the auspices of the International Academy of Law and Mental Health (IALMH), headquartered in Montreal, Canada. David N. Weisstub, chair of the IALMH, professor of the University of Montreal and recipient of a French Honorary award, is a prominent academic in the fields of law and mental health. Mr. Weisstub stated that IALMH had been making remarkable contributions to the fields of law and mental health in its efforts to safeguard human rights. In addition, IALMH had contributed a lot to ending the Soviet abuses of psychiatry, as well as the misuse of psychiatry in other nations who violate human rights.

He told reporters, "The IALMH was the first international professional group to arrive in the Soviet Union to investigate the serious allegations of abuse and misuse of psychiatry to persecute political dissidents. At present, the IALMH centers on China. China's abuses of psychiatry to persecute dissidents, particularly Falun Gong practitioners, concern us...The human rights committee that belongs to the IALMH

offered us a plethora of material. In the next few months, we will come up with some policies to conduct a further investigation."

The host of the congress took the initiative to invite academics and experts on Falun Gong to attend the Falun Gong seminar. The IALMH has been expressing concerns over China's persecution of Falun Gong. "It is necessary to inform more international experts and academics of the facts of the persecution," David N. Weisstub was cited as saying.

He also expressed his willingness to consult those present about certain concrete projects to help bring an end to the persecution.

On the afternoon of July 7th, the following speakers made contributions to the Falun Gong seminar: spokesperson for Falun Gong, Zhang Erping, psychiatrist and Chairperson of China Mental Health Watch Viviana Galli, representative lawyer for the Global Association to Bring Jiang to Justice Theresa Chu, professor of National Taiwan University Chu-Cheng Ming and three Falun Gong practitioners who had been subjected to psychiatric persecution -- Zhao Ming from Ireland, Chen Ying from France and Liu Xioatian from Denmark.

Statements by the speakers enabled those present to further understand the reason for, the social background to and the brutality of China's persecution against Falun Gong, particularly the psychiatric persecution inflicted on Falun Gong practitioners, and global lawsuits against former Communist leader Jiang Zemin. National Taiwan University professor Chu-Cheng Ming and human rights lawyers for Falun Gong David Matas and Theresa Chu talked from various angles about China's psychiatric control over its people and the progress of global lawsuits against Jiang Zemin.

The three persecuted practitioners testified to the brutal psychiatric persecution inflicted on them by China's dictator. Their painful experiences deeply touched those present who afterward expressed their deep concern and encouragement to the persecuted practitioners.

After the seminar, Doctor Galli told a reporter, "China's mental institutions are never independent ones, but are under complete control of the government. This is the very reason why international organizations keep being denied admission to the PRC on an investigative mission...To change this situation some changes must be brought about inside China. It was Russian psychiatrists that exposed Soviet abuses of psychiatry to persecute dissidents. Here we are supporting and calling on psychiatrists of conscience and righteousness, such as the military doctor Jiang Yanyong, who exposed China's SARS cover-up, to tell the facts based on their conscience and to stand against totalitarianism with rationality."

The one-week discussion among international experts and academics raised everyone's concerns over China's persecution of Falun Gong. During a cocktail party on the evening of July 7th, Dr. Weisstub conversed with the practitioners, giving credit to their efforts to stop the persecution and promising to keep in contact with them and work together with other professionals in the field of mental health. Hopefully, more people of conscience and righteousness will also help to bring an end to the persecution.

Canada: Former Chinese Official Han Guangsheng Exposes the Chinese Communist Party's Persecution of Falun Gong

On August 5, 2005, an English Workshop on the *Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party* was held at the Bahen Center, University of Toronto. Former Canadian Member of Parliament Mrs. Sheila Copps and other government leaders spoke at the workshop. Mr. Han Guangsheng, former Director of Shenyang Judicial Bureau, Liaoning Province, China made his first public appearance and said, "Since 1999, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has been persecuting Falun Gong. It is another catastrophe. Many practitioners have been tortured to death and many families torn apart as a result."



Mr. Han Guangsheng, former Director of Shenyang Judicial Bureau

According to a Sound of Hope radio report on August 11, Mr. Han left the CCP and quit all his posts in September 2001. He recently renounced the CCP in public and stood up to expose the CCP's evil nature.

Mr. Han said in his speech, "CCP claims that the people's interests are above all others. Actually, the CCP's policy is that CCP's interests are above all others, not to mention the Cultural Revolution, and CCP crushing the democracy movement on June 4, 1989 and killing many unarmed students and others. In 1999, CCP began persecuting Falun Gong, leading to another catastrophe."

Mr. Han said, "The CCP set up a Gestapo-like 610 Office at each level, from the central committee to each city committee. It was called 610 because the office was established on June 10, 1999. The head of the 610 Office is Luo Gan, Secretary of CCP Political and Judiciary Committee. In Shenyang where I lived, the 610 Office was headed by the deputy secretary of the city's CCP committee. The Department of Public Security, Procuratorate, Court, Judiciary Bureau and Security Bureau are all under its control. Each district, county and bureau also follows the 610 Office's orders. In other words, government agencies at each level are under the direction of the CCP's 610 Office. Thus the CCP gets around the constitution and the law to persecute Falun Gong. Additionally, all related orders are conveyed by word of mouth without written

documents. Tens of thousands of practitioners were sent to labor camps without due process and deprived of freedom. They were subjected to forced brainwashing and abuse. Many people were tortured to death and many families were torn apart."

Mr. Han said, "I took charge of four labor camps housing approximately 1000 male inmates. After the persecution of Falun Gong was initiated, three of them housed practitioners too, up to 500. The torture methods used in labor camps that I know of include shocking with electric baton with as high as 15,000 volts. A 15-year-old girl was not spared. Torture included forced brainwashing, sleep deprivation for as long as three days, and piercing the thighs with needles to force practitioners to give up their belief. Those giving up under pressure were forced to persecute those who persisted in their belief. Practitioners were tortured both physically and mentally. They were forced to do slave labor. Some of the products they made were Christmas trees, small Christmas gifts, and tiny art products, which are mainly for export. Though I tried to protect the practitioners, I could do little."

Mr. Han said, "The persecution of Falun Gong is economically devastating. The cost for the four labor camps I was in charge of was generally 10 million yuan (approximately 1.5 million Canadian dollars). After the detention of practitioners, construction of new prisons, purchase of broadcasting equipment and TV for brainwashing practitioners and allowances for wards caused the costs to increase about seven to eight million yuan--a 70 to 80% increase. These costs do not include those of the Masanjia Labor Camp, which I was not in charge of. The cost of the police system in the persecution of Falun Gong is the highest, about two times the expense of the judiciary system. This is just the expense of two departments in one city in one year. In the past six years, the total expense of the persecution throughout the country is estimated at dozens of billions to hundreds of billions of yuan (tens of billions of Canadian dollars), or even more."

Mr. Han said at the end, "A few months ago, *The Epoch Times* published the *Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party*, which exposed CCP's evil nature in depth and led to large scale renunciations of the CCP. The CCP is on the verge of collapse. It is against both man and heaven and will be eliminated."

Citing Repeated Discrimination, Falun Gong Practitioners Appeal for Justice to Malaysian Human Rights Committee

On the morning of August 11, the Malaysian Falun Dafa Association submitted a memorandum to the Malaysian Human Rights Committee, calling for attention to the persistent discrimination against the Association since its establishment. The Malaysian human rights organization, "Voice of the People" and the human rights committee have both stressed that the Malaysian government should not violate the human rights of Falun Gong practitioners in order to maintain relations with the Chinese regime.

This is the second time that practitioners have contacted the Malaysian Human Rights Committee, as their freedom of association has been severely violated by the government.



Malaysian practitioners call upon Human Rights Committee to pay close attention to persistent interference with the Falun Dafa Association

When submitting the memorandum, Cai Weiqiang [phonetic], spokesman for the Malaysian practitioners, said that freedom of association for Falun Gong has been repeatedly violated. For example, the practitioners' application to form an association has been turned down three times. The practitioners then applied to the Company Registration Bureau to form the Falun Dafa Association; however, this process also met with a lot of interference.

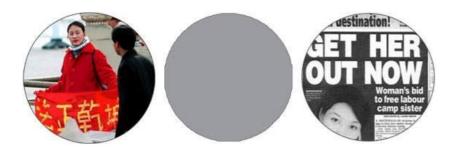
A former Deputy Minister of Interior Affairs warned practitioners of potential interference upon learning of the establishment of the Falun Dafa Association. Later on, the Chinese Embassy unreasonably requested the Bureau to terminate the Falun Dafa Association. Thereafter, practitioners received a letter from the Bureau claiming that they had the authority to terminate the association on the basis of "National Security." Then, this May, the Company Registration Bureau sued Malaysian Falun Dafa Association for 6 minor technical errors in organizational operations.

Cai said that they had sufficient reason to believe that this lawsuit is just one of many efforts to sabotage the Falun Dafa Association in order to prevent practitioners from establishing legal registration.

Zhen Likang [phonetic], a representative of "Voice of the People," said that the government should not put foreign policy above human rights, and just because another country requests it to violate a group's basic rights, it can't do so. He believed that the Malaysian government must take a clear stand on the Falun Gong issue.

A representative of the Malaysian Human Rights Committee said that the committee would pay close attention to the violation of practitioners' freedom of association. He also said that Malaysian government should not violate practitioners' rights in order to maintain relations with China.

Facts of the Persecution



Death of 98 More Falun Gong Practitioners Confirmed in July 2005

The genocidal persecution of Falun Gong by the CCP (Chinese Communist Party) and Jiang's group has spanned six years. During the past six years, at least 2,739 Falun Gong practitioners have been tortured to death. These cases have been confirmed through independent channels. At least 98 additional deaths were verified in July 2005.

Among them, 37 Falun Gong practitioners died between January and July 2005, and eight practitioners died in July. The demographics: 57 practitioners were women, representing 57% of the death toll; 47%, that is 46 practitioners, were over 55 years of age. According to preliminary statistics on the Clearwisdom website, at least 308 Falun Gong practitioners died as a result of persecution between January and July 2005.

The 98 deaths occured in 20 provinces, cities and autonomic regions: 14 deaths in Heilongjiang Province, 13 deaths in Hebei Province, 13 in Liaoning Province, 12 in Shandong Province, 7 in Sichuan Province, 7 in Beijing, 4 in Jilin Province, 4 in Hunan Province, 3 in Tianjin City, 2 in Hubei Province, 2 in Henan Province, 2 in Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, 2 in Guangdong Province, 2 in Fujian Province, 2 in Shanxi Province, 2 in Zhejiang Province, 1 in Guizhou Province, 1 in Jiangsu Province, 1 in Hainan Province, and 1 death in Shanghai. Because of the CCP's severe information blockade, the regions of another three practitioners have yet to be verified.

During the six years of persecution, the police and the 610 Office relentlessly persecuted Falun Gong practitioners under direct orders from the CCP and Jiang's group. The ages of the 98 victims range from 29 years to over 70. They were savagely tortured and mentally tormented simply because they persisted in their belief in the principles of Truth-Compassion-Forbearance, and tried to improve their moral character and become healthy.

Ms. Liu Ying Injected with Unknown Drugs at the People's Hospital in Chengdu City

Ms. Liu Ying is a Falun Gong practitioner from Chengdu City, Sichuan Province. She was subjected to cruel persecution at the Qingyang People's Hospital, where she was repeatedly injected with unidentified drugs until her health was in danger. The hospital then released her on July 19, 2005, because they were afraid of being held responsible for their crimes.

Qingyang People's Hospital, cooperating with the Chengdu City610 Office, has already systematically murdered about ten Falun Gong practitioners. The practitioners who were murdered by this hospital include Deng Jianping, Duan Shiqiong, Chen Guijun, Hu Hongyue, Huang Lisha, Shen Lizhi and other practitioners who have not been officially identified.

On June 28, 2005, plainclothes police from Qinglong Police Department arrested Ms. Liu Ying at the gate of her Qinglong apartment community. Ms. Liu shouted loudly, "Falun Dafa is good!" while the police were lifting her up and forcing her into a car. Then the police confiscated her family's personal property and sent her to the "Chengdu Legal System Class" for brainwashing.

After her arrest, Ms. Liu went on a hunger strike to refute the persecution.

Ms. Liu Ying has been arrested, persecuted and gone on hunger strikes many times. Her body has already been severely abused and injured. After the first day of her hunger strike this time, she displayed symptoms of some illness. She was therefore sent to the Chengdu City Detention Center, where she had been detained and tortured many times. Because of her severe condition, the detention center refused to admit her. She was then transferred to Qingyang People's Hospital in Chengdu City.

In this hospital, Ms. Liu was injected with an unknown substance. Later she experienced weakness, dizziness, nausea and some other adverse effects. Qingyang People's Hospital is known as the designated hospital for patients from the Chengdu City Detention Center. Many practitioners sent to this hospital were force-fed and injected with drugs, which damaged their central nervous systems. After the practitioners were dead, the hospital staff hid their corpses in the crude morgue at the Railroad Bureau Center Hospital in Chengdu City and cremated them at the Wenjiang Funeral Home without recording their identities.

Because Ms. Liu Ying refused to submit to the injections, hospital workers stretched out her arms and handcuffed them to the bed frame, immobilizing her and causing her extreme pain. On another occasion her arms were stretched out and handcuffed over her head. After a short time her hands and arms lost all sensation.

As a further humiliation, the police refused to give Ms. Liu Ying any sanitary pads during her menstrual period.

Because she had suffered persecution for such an extended period of time, she was diagnosed with anorexia, muscle atrophy, and stomach atrophy. She was deemed to be on the verge of death. The perpetrators were afraid of being held responsible for her bad health and possible death, so they released Ms. Liu on July 19.

Mr. Liu Yuhe from Huadian City, Jilin Province, Tortured on Tiger Bench and Force-fed Mustard Oil

Falun Dafa practitioner, Mr. Liu Yuhe from Huadian City, Jilin Province, was illegally arrested and sent to Jiutai Forced Labor Camp. On July 27, 2005, Liu Yuhe's family arrived at Jiutai Forced Labor Camp to visit him. His family made persistent requests to the labor camp director to see him, and were finally permitted a brief visit at 2 p.m. that afternoon, under the condition that no conversation would be allowed between the family and Liu Yuhe, and that the family only could see Liu Yuhe, Liu Yuhe could not see them. Since Liu Yuhe's family wanted to see him urgently, they agreed to these conditions.

Liu Yuhe's family arrived at the labor camp at the prearranged time, but they did not get to see Liu Yuhe until 4 p.m., and it was just for a moment. The visit took place on the second floor of the building, where Liu Yuhe was more than 10 meters away from his family and behind double glass. Liu Yuhe's face appeared waxy yellow and he had lost so much weight that he looked very different from before. The family was not even sure whether he was Liu Yuhe or not. Then he was taken away.

After leaving the labor camp, Liu Yuhe's family decided they still wanted to see Liu Yuhe, so they went back to the labor camp the next day. After numerous difficulties, the labor camp finally allowed the family to talk to Liu Yuhe through a phone. It was only then that Liu Yuhe's family found out about the torture Liu Yuhe had experienced while he was detained in Huadian: after he had been on hunger strike for eight days at the Huadian Detention Center, prison physician Li Gui and Hongshi Township police station policeman Fong Zhengshan sent Liu Yuhe to the local hospital for force-feeding through a feeding tube. With Li Gui stepping on the thumb cuffs which bound Liu Yuhe's two thumbs behind his back and Fong Zhengshan stepping on Liu Yuhe's foot shackles, a rubber tube was forced into Liu Yuhe's nostril. Soon Liu Yuhe had blood coming out of his nose. He was force-fed this way until the feeding was finished.

At the National Security Group of Huadian Police Department, policeman Liu Jingji tied Liu Yuhe to the Tiger Bench during interrogation. They made Liu Yuhe wear a metal helmet and then hit the helmet with a metal hammer continuously for four hours - this is called the "brain-shaking machine." This type of torture can leave people with severe physical impairment: quadriplegia, mental disorientation, concussion etc. Policeman Jiang Honghai also participated in inflicting this torture.

While at Huadian Detention Center, Liu Yuhe was force-fed with six bottles of mustard oil. This kind of torture can result in various stomach diseases, stomach ulcers, etc. These tortures inflicted severe physical damage to Liu Yuhe.

In addition, Liu Yuhe's motorcycle was confiscated by the Hongshi Township police station, and his cellular phone, camera and money were taken from him without issuing a receipt. Liu Yuhe had been carrying 161 yuan in cash, but policeman Liu Jingji only returned 61.1 yuan to him with no word about the remaining money or the cellular phone.

Grandma in Her 90s Seeks Help to Free Her Granddaughter

Because she was a Falun Dafa practitioner, Kong Fanrong from Shulan City, Jilin Province, was tortured to death in Shulan City Detention Center on May 11, 2003. Her husband Bian Hongxiang (also a Falun Dafa practitioner), 93-year-old mother-in-law, and daughter Bian Lingyun as well as her in-laws have been continuously harassed and arrested by police.

After 4:00 p.m. on July 21, 2005, Yan Jianhua, manager of the Huancheng Local Police Station in Shulan City, along with another police officer broke into Bian Lingyun's home and asked: "Where is your father Bian Hongxiang?" Lingyun answered: "I don't know." The police then took her away.

When Lingyun's husband Song Junfang came home, he saw that Lingyun's grandmother was holding Lingyun's son and sobbing, so he asked what had happened. Through her tears, the grandma described how Lingyun had been taken away by the police.

Bian Lingyun's mother was also arrested for practicing Falun Gong. The police tried to force Kong Fanrong to reveal the names of her fellow practitioners, but she did not cooperate and was tortured to death in the Nanshan Detention Center in Shulan City. Ms. Kong's body was covered in bruises and raised red marks from being whipped. When the grandmother heard this sad news, she fainted in the courtyard, causing cuts and bleeding to her face. From that day on, the grandmother gradually became weaker.

Bian Lingyun missed her mom and felt deep sadness for a long time. She became temporarily mentally unstable from the grief and lost a lot of weight. A previously happy family was torn apart because of the Jiang regime's persecution of Falun Gong.

On March 3, 2005, police officers from Dehui City arrested Bian Hongxiang, Lingyun's father, and cruelly tortured him. He was not released until he was at death's door on March 25. Lingyun attended to her father, but so far, he has not yet fully recovered. However, police from Shulan vainly continue to persecute him. They often harass the family in their home. When the police could not get to Bian Hongxiang, they arrested Lingyun.

On July 22, four officers from the Huancheng Local Police Station were sent to Lingyun's home to try to make her husband, Song Junfang, sign a detention notice for Lingyun. Mr. Song refused. The officer roared, "Will you sign?" Song Junfang righteously replied: "No, my wife has not violated any law or disturbed social order. She was at home, how could she disturb social order! You can ask the neighbors whether my wife is a good person. You are the ones disturbing social order!" The officer had no reply to the husband's words.

Although the elderly grandma is unable to care for herself, she goes to the Public Security Bureau every day to request the release of Lingyun. The Director General said, "If you all explain the family situation in writing, then we will release her." The documents have been handed in twice. One was given to Director General Xin He. He accepted the material but did not release Lingyun. On the 29th, Bian Lingyun's husband and grandmother went to see him. Mr. Xin said that the matter had nothing to do with him and told them to go the National Security Unit. They went to the National Security Unit, but the officers there pushed the responsibility onto the Public Security section. Staff at the Public Security section also said that it was not in their jurisdiction. Song Junfang has already lost his job and is facing financial hardship.

On Hunger Strike for More Than 110 Days in Jail - Mr. Sun Shaomin's Life is in Great Danger

Falun Gong practitioner Mr. Sun Shaomin from Wuchang City, Heilongjiang Province is being held at Hulan Prison, and has been on a hunger strike for more than 110 days. He has been subjected to brutal persecution while holding the hunger strike and his life is in great danger.

According to reliable information, Sun Shaomin's weight has dropped from 176 pounds to less than 110 pounds. During the hunger strike his persecutors have used handcuffs to secure him while they held him down and force-fed him. During the more than four month long hunger strike, a tube has been inserted into Sun Shaomin's esophagus, causing serious injury. His pharynx and larynx are also very swollen.

A doctor told the prison supervisor and a team leader, "Because the heart is so close to the esophagus, you can't force-feed him anymore. If you try to insert the feeding tube again, it could easily pierce the esophagus and penetrate the heart."

A medical examination conducted at the Second Hospital revealed poor blood flow to his heart. When his family came to visit him, he was removed from the hospital and returned to prison. Currently, Sun Shaomin is suffering from massive hemorrhages due to injuries he received while being subjected to torture. He is suffering tremendous chest pain and is unable to straighten up. His life is in great danger. During the last four months, the persecutors have used many different methods to torture him. They surround him and beat him en masse. They subject him to sleep deprivation. They also torture him with electric batons and by forcing him to sit on the tiger bench.

His family has requested that he be released on bail for medical treatment, but the team leader of the prison's fifth zone claimed, "We didn't arrest him; we are just doing our job; we can't release him. If he continues to refuse to eat, we will force-feed him. He is responsible for the consequences of the force-feeding."

Falun Gong Practitioners' Noble Actions in China



Validate Falun Dafa Openly and Nobly

By a Falun Gong practitioner in China

My eldest aunt is over 50 years old. She has been to Beijing to validate Falun Dafa four times and she participates in truth clarification work. She shows up wherever help is needed and always has a smile on her face. In six years of clarifying the truth about Falun Dafa, my aunt was only detained once for 15 days for going to Beijing to validate the Fa. She was later released without being charged. Compassion emanates from my aunt because practicing Falun Dafa has made her a kinder and more peaceful person.

On Dec 26, 2000, my aunt went to Beijing with another practitioner to clarify the truth about Falun Dafa. At a train station in northeast China, their attachment of zealotry surfaced, "Everyone says the situation is serious but see no one is stopping us." Immediately after they said this, four police officers stopped them and asked for their identification cards. They fearlessly replied that they didn't have them and started to chat with the officers instead. They told the police officers, "We have important things to do in Beijing, so do not delay us from catching the train." The officers then asked them to curse Teacher to test whether they were Falun Gong practitioners. They replied, "We don't curse anyone. Why should we?" The officers ran out of ideas and had to take them to the ticket gate. They said to my aunt and the fellow practitioner, "Just wait until you are sent back here and you'll see how we will punish you." They replied, "We won't come back here!"

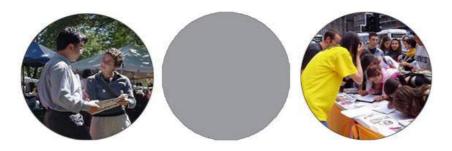
In Beijing, after she unfurled her banner, my aunt saw that the other practitioner who had come with her had been arrested and was waiting for her on the side. Due to her attachment to emotion, the police arrested my aunt as well. My aunt was sent back to her hometown and detained at a detention center. Although she was detained, she was not worried and still had a smile on her face. She was released 15 days later without having any charges laid against her.

One time, she left home with truth-clarification materials in her handbag and ran into a local police officer. The officer asked her what was in the bag and she happily replied, "Let me show you." The officer then reached over, but my aunt took back the handbag, saying, "You just want to see everything, don't you?" and walked away. She never thought the officer would do anything to her. She said, "I was never afraid. Everyone I meet is my family."

One day in 2004, while she was correcting the Chinese characters in a Dafa book, two police officers came to her home and said, "You walk everywhere with a bag. What do you do? Did you post the banners outside?" She replied, "It would be great if I was that diligent," and she clarified the truth to the police. When they saw Teacher's picture on the wall, they got scared and told my aunt, "Let's talk in another room." My aunt

continued to clarify the truth to the police and said, "I was going to go see you if you hadn't come." She told them to treat practitioners well. The police asked what she was doing and she said, "I was correcting the characters in the books." Before the police officers left, she repeatedly told them to remember that Falun Dafa is good. One of them said, "I will remember that."

People Awaken to the Truth



After Learning the Truth About Falun Gong, the Supervisor of my Workplace Resists the Persecution

In October 1999, I went to Tiananmen Square, Beijing, to clarify the truth to people. I was arrested and detained for fifteen days at a local police department. Later, the chief of the security section in my workplace brought me back to my workplace. The CCP secretary at my workplace asked me to write the Three Statements but I refused. He has held back my wages from that time on.

I began clarifying the truth to him. He said, "You were a good person at work but now you have been detained." I replied, "I used to be good at work so as to be recognized and well thought of. But now my Teacher told us to be even better and always think of others first."

In 2000, I went to Tiananmen Square and got arrested again. My supervisor brought me back from Beijing and sent me directly to a local police department, where I was imprisoned for two days, and then transferred to a detention center for another thirty-five days. Afterwards, my supervisor, collaborating with the public security department, sent me to a brainwashing center for twenty days until one day a Falun Gong practitioner was beaten to death there. Subsequently a group of my fellow practitioners worked as one body to demand that I be released.

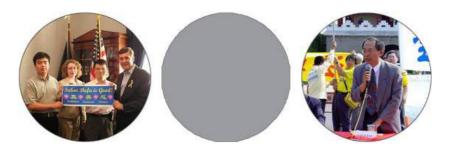
From then on, Falun Gong practitioners, in my workplace myself included started to distribute truth-clarifying material to people and talk to them about how we were persecuted. My supervisor, after understanding the whole truth about the persecution, didn't wanted to cooperate with the public security department any more. After that, whenever other practitioners from my workplace went to Beijing to appeal and got arrested, the supervisor just brought them back and sent them home directly and told the practitioners, "If you go to Beijing to appeal again just be very careful and don't get caught."

Once the police told me not leave my home or talk to anyone. I did not listen and left home. Several policemen came to my house to search for me and finding no one they went to my workplace. My supervisor did not want to see them and found some excuse to avoid them. These officers then stayed in the reception room and showed no intention of leaving. They asked the receptionist for a drink of water. But the receptionist did not pay attention to them and said, "You deserve to die of thirst. Why do you always arrest good people?" The officers then had no choice but to leave.

In 2001, I showed the people in my workplace a written statement describing my personal experience being arrested, imprisoned, beaten and punished due to the persecution of Falun Gong. After reading this statement, my supervisor told the director of payroll to return the two years' salary that had been withheld from me.

One day in June 2002, someone knocked my door. My children thought the lady they saw through the peephole was a fellow practitioner. In fact it was the Director of the Residence Committee. As soon as my children opened the door, a group of about ten policemen rushed into my home from where they had been hiding out of sight of the peephole. They turned my house upside down searching in every corner. They really frightened my children. They confiscated all of the good items from my house and then dragged me all the way to the police car and sent me to a brainwashing center. They ordered my supervisor to send them two people and five thousand yuan. But my supervisor refused and steadfastly resisted them. Because I refused to cooperate with them as well I was released unconditionally on the fourth day.

Voice of Justice



Letter from Swedish Government Offices: "The Swedish Government Can Never Accept That People Are Persecuted"

Government Offices. 13th of June 2005 Stadsradsberedningen Brevenheten Political expert Lisa Hedin

Thank you for your letter to the Prime Minister Mr. Goran Persson. The Prime Minister has given me permission to respond to your letter and first I want to apologize for my late reply.

You write about the persecution against Falun Gong practitioners in China. The Government is aware of the maltreatment of Falun Gong practitioners which in many cases seriously tramples on human rights. It is important for the international community to show its disapproval and to listen to various arguments. The goal is of course a democratic China that participates in full in global economic and political cooperation/collaboration.

The Swedish Government has repeatedly indicated its repudiation of the maltreatment of Falun Gong practitioners in China. It has been done in both direct deliberations with the Chinese government and through calls and addresses in the EU circuit. You can be sure that the Government also will continue to monitor the treatment of Falun Gong practitioners in China in the future.

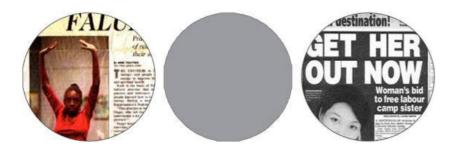
People who are persecuted because of their faith or political views, is something that the Swedish Government can never accept. We all have a responsibility to dare to stand up in the struggle for freedom of religion and human rights.

Thanks for the time you took to write to the Prime Minister.

Kind regards,

Lisa Hedin

Media Reports and Opinions



Waco Tribune Herald, TX: 6-year-old shown as example of Falun Gong persecution in China

By Tim Woods Tribune-Herald staff writer

Zhang Shanshan looked like any other carefree 6-year-old as she played near the fountain in front of Waco City Hall on Sunday afternoon. That appearance may be deceiving, though, as Shanshan and her family have faced years of persecution by the Chinese government, according to her mother and leaders of the "Rescue Falun Gong Orphans" van touring across Texas.

The weekend long van tour, which seeks to raise awareness of the Chinese Communist Party's persecution of practitioners of Falun Gong, made a stop in downtown Waco Sunday. The tour previously made stops in Austin, Houston, College Station and Dallas.

In November 2000, when Shanshan was 1 year old, her dad was sentenced to 10 years in prison for posting Internet articles critical of the Chinese Communist Party, tour organizers said.

When Shanshan was 2, her mother, Hongkin Wong, fled China for the U.S. after years of monitoring by government officials, leaving Shanshan with relatives.

Last month, Shanshan was reunited with her mother in New York and is now touring Texas with the group.

Falun Gong is a practice of meditation and exercises that bases its teachings on the principles of truthfulness, compassion and tolerance. To date, more than 2,800 Falun Gong practitioners are confirmed to have died as a result of governmental persecution in China, according to Hongyi Pan of the Epoch Times.

During the stop in Waco, Shanshan's mother spoke about her experience with persecution. Shanshan's 9-year-old brother, Wesley, who came to the U.S. with his mom, made a plea for help for his friends in China, many of whom have been orphaned.

Though the group's tour is designed to increase awareness of the plight of Falun Gong practitioners, Wong said she hopes it will indirectly lead to her family being reunited, a bittersweet process that began at John F. Kennedy Airport in New York last month.

"When I met my daughter in the airport, she didn't recognize me and she asked where her father was," she said through an interpreter. "When I saw my daughter I was very

happy, but at the same time it was painful - I had to finally tell her that her father was in prison."

Pan said support for the CCP in China is waning, with more than 3.8 million people having already resigned from the party. He said more people would resign if they either knew how or were not afraid of the CCP.

The tour was to conclude with a stop in Crawford, in hopes that attention will be brought to the group's cause before Chinese Communist leader Hu Jintao visits President Bush's ranch in mid-September. Falun Gong practitioners demonstrated against Chinese President Jiang Zemin during his visit to Bush's ranch in October 2002.

"The persecution against Falun Gong and Chinese children is unacceptable and must be stopped," Pan said.

Oneonta Daily Star, NY: Man Pleads for Parents' Release



Wenli Zheng of Cooperstown demonstrates one of the meditative exercises used by those who practice Falun Gong, a spiritual practice with many Chinese adherents.

Wenli Zheng, a software engineer who lives in Cooperstown, is trying to get his parents out of a Chinese detention center.

His father, Ruihuan Zheng, and mother, Yinglan Liu, were arrested July 8 in Shandong Province, China, because they practice Falun Gong, a spiritual discipline that emphasizes truthfulness, compassion and forbearance, said Wenli, 36.

"I am very worried about them, because they are old and many people have been killed by the communists for practicing Falun Gong," he said Friday.

The Falun Gong movement became popular in China in the 1990s.

Adherents learn to clear their minds and focus on what is truly important through meditative exercises, he said.

Introduced by Li Hongzhi in 1992, the spiritual practice consists of five exercises and the study of Li's teachings.

The Chinese government outlawed Falun Gong in 1999, concerned that the practice had become so widespread.

"You have to understand that in China, the communist government controls people's minds," he said. "They control all media, and they are very upset when there is something they cannot control."

For example, in 1989, when Chinese students were killed in a student revolt, the Chinese government and its media denied the killings, he said.

"It was only after I came here in 1994 that I learned the truth about that and saw the pictures of the tanks on Tiananmen Square," he said.

In recent years, China has continued to crack down on those who practice Falun Gong. Wenli said his parents were arrested weeks ago because they failed to renounce the practice.

"They've found that it improves their health and they want to continue with the exercises," he said.

He has not had contact with them since their arrest.

On Aug. 3, Wenli asked the Otsego County Board of Representatives for help in freeing his parents.

Laura Child, Clerk of the Board, said Friday that the board has sent letters to New York's two Democratic senators, Hillary Clinton and Charles Schumer, and Rep. Sherwood Boehlert, R-New Hartford, asking that they intercede on Wenli's parents' behalf.

Jeanne Donalty, District Director on Boehert's staff, said Friday that the congressman has sent a letter seeking the prisoners' release to officials in Shandong Province.

Members of Clinton's and Schumer's staffs were unable to track the status of the county board's request Friday afternoon, but said they would do so soon.

Wenli, who moved to Cooperstown last month so that his wife, Jing Luan, could accept a residency at Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital, said he is thankful for all the help he has received.

Life in the United States is much better than what he has seen in China, he said.

"Here, you can believe what you want to believe," he said.

Diario de Ferrol (Spain) Published an Article about Falun Gong and the Persecution in China



This millenary oriental art of relaxation is being persecuted by the Chinese government

During the professional Finnish model's visit to Ferrol as the international spokesperson for a cosmetic brand, she took the opportunity to raise awareness about the situation of over 70 million Chinese people that are being persecuted in their country for practicing a discipline similar to yoga.

Three words summarize the philosophy of Falun Dafa or Falun Gong: Truthfulness, Compassion and Tolerance, principles that in some way synthesize the conceptual aspect of similar practices such as yoga, for example. Falun Dafa, a millenary practice that surged in China and started to become popular in the country in 1992 thanks to Master Li Hongzhi, who publicized one of the various self-cultivation disciplines of mind and body which just a few years ago started to come from the Orient and which are generically grouped under the name of qigong.

Something so healthy and inoffensive, established already in more than 70 countries around the world, was all of a sudden prohibited from one day to the next almost 6 years ago by the Chinese government, then presided by Jiang Zemin. The reasons for this persecution, according to organizations that defend this large collective, point to the harsh control that the dictatorship exerts over everything that does not follow the regime's principles. In barely six years, the number of people murdered, tortured to death, persecuted and incarcerated has not ceased to grow, a circumstance that has led

the NGO Global Mission to Rescue to defend and call out for the rights of so many Chinese people.

One of its members is the ex-model Pia-Maria I. Sandas, international spokesperson for a cosmetic label, who in her visit to Ferrol also took the opportunity to make known the situation that these people are in, included among which is one of her good friends, Jane Dai, -on the photo - whose husband was murdered for committing the "terrible crime" of simply practicing an Art that relaxes.

PHOTO In the Article Image

Pia-Maria was in Ferrol on Tuesday to generate awareness about this situation.

PHOTO JANE DAI

The persecution has taken more than 2,000 lives.

Hong Kong: Widespread Concern Over the Arrest of Journalist's Family Members in China

Hong Kong resident and Chinese-American Ms. Liang Xiaofeng's (NTDTV reporter Liang Zhen) mother Ms. Yuan Yuju and elder brother Liang Jinhui were illegally arrested and detained in Luzhou City, Sichuan Province on July 19. The incident aroused attention and concern from many people in Hong Kong. A number of media outlets including *Apple Daily, Mingpao, Chengpao*, APTN, AFP, BBC, and Hong Kong Radio reported on the incident.



The Apple Daily Report

According to an *Apple Daily* report on July 28, NTDTV reporter Liang Zhen's mother and elder brother in Mainland China were arrested on criminal charges by local police on July 19. President of *Hong Kong Residents Supporting China Democratic Movement Union* Situ Hua stated that countless people in Mainland China, including journalist Cheng Xiang, are imprisoned. Some have even been tortured to death. If their family members were to worry about retaliatory measures and would not dare to make their voices heard, it would only encourage similar incidents to take place. As long as outside people keep paying attention to such incidents, the detained people will eventually be able to get out of detention alive.

Liang Zhen is in charge of gathering political news in Hong Kong. Her mother Yuan Yuju and brother Liang Jinhui are currently detained in a detention center in Luzhou City, Sichuan Province for their practice of Falun Gong. More than 10 practitioners and other citizens marched from Charter Garden to the Chinese Liaison Office to demand that the Chinese communist regime release all imprisoned dissidents and Falun Gong

practitioners. Although Situ Hua did not participate in the march, he went to Charter Garden to show his support.

"If your family members encounter trouble, you must stand up for them. Some people might question, what will you do if they [the Communist Party] take revenge on your family members? However, if you stand up, at least your family members will not quietly disappear from the world. Therefore, you should not only expose their situation, but you also need to arouse attention from both within China and countries outside China. Eventually, the imprisoned people will get out of detention alive." Situ Hua hoped that those Chinese Communist Party members who have not yet quit the party will awaken their conscience and show concern for the imprisoned dissidents.

Chengpao Reports on the Situation

According to a *Chengpao* report on July 28, Hong Kong resident and journalist Liang Zhen's mother and brother were arrested by Mainland police on a trumped up "criminal charge" on July 19 for their practice of Falun Gong. The police have not currently disclosed anything about the two detainees' current situation. *Chengpao* reported that Hong Kong Falun Gong practitioners marched to the Chinese Liaison Office to urge the Chinese communist regime to release all imprisoned Falun Gong practitioners.

NTDTV correspondent in Hong Kong, Liang Zhen, moved to Hong Kong in 1999. Her 62-year-old mother Yuan Yuju and 36-year-old brother Liang Jinhui, as well as more than 10 other practitioners of Falun Gong, were forcibly arrested by local police on July 19 in Luzhou City, Sichuan Province. They are now detained in a detention center. Liang Zhen's nearly-70-year-old father, who is suffering from high blood pressure, is left at home with no one looking after him. Liang Zhen urged the police to allow her to visit her mother and brother and her father, but her request was denied. Because of her brother's health, he needs to take medicine periodically. "What I can do here is to stand up and expose the incident and demand that the Chinese communist regime release my family members unconditionally." President of *Hong Kong Residents Supporting China Democratic Movement Union* Situ Hua said that the Chinese communist authorities arrested Liang Zhen's family members without providing any evidence or going through an open trial. He said that people must bravely oppose the suppression and persecution. Hong Kong Falun Dafa Association spokesperson Zhang Qixian said that the police arrested more than 10 Falun Gong practitioners in Luzhou on July 19.

Liang Zhen and about 30 Falun Gong practitioners marched to the Chinese Liaison Office and read out their statements calling for the release of the practitioners. The Liaison Office did not send staff members to accept their letters.

The Mingpao Report

According to a *Mingpao* report on July 28, President of *Hong Kong Residents Supporting China Democratic Movement Union* Situ Hua attended the Falun Gong activity and spoke at the press conference in support of NTDTV journalist Liang Zhen's mother and brother, who are imprisoned in Mainland China. Situ Hua said, "All organizations suppressed by the Chinese communist regime support each other."

Liang Zhen's mother Yuan Yuju and brother Liang Jinhui are practitioners of Falun Gong. They were arrested on July 19 on false criminal charges. Situ Hua expressed that Liang Zhen's revealing the facts would at least prevent her family members from quietly disappearing from the world. He hoped that those Chinese Communist Party members who had not quit the party would not assist the evildoers in the persecution of Falun Gong or other groups.

Falun Gong Practitioners' Personal Experiences



Tens of Thousands in Medical Expenses Saved -- Femur Necrosis Cured by Falun Gong

I'm a peasant in Li County, Hebei Province, and am now in my seventies. I previously had many illnesses, including stomach problems, dizziness, and a bad heart. In particular, I had femur necrosis, which made it difficult for me to move around, sit, or lie down. When I slept, I had to slowly sit up in order to turn. I was in excruciating pain. I felt like I would rather die than live. I suffered a lot.

The doctor said that femur necrosis is a non-fatal form of cancer, and the only treatment is hip replacement surgery. The domestic replacements cost twenty thousand yuan, and the imported ones cost even more. Including hospitalization, the total cost would be about fifty to sixty thousand yuan. I told the doctor jokingly, "I'm a peasant in my seventies. Am I still worth that much money?"

I thought and thought. I didn't have the money for an operation. So I took a lot of medicine, but the effect was not good at all. One of our villagers told me, "What about practicing Falun Gong? I've been practicing Falun Gong for almost 10 years, and all my illnesses have disappeared. I've not taken any medicine so far, and I'm almost 70, too. See how good my health is!" After listening to what he said, I didn't quite believe him at the time. I thought to myself, "If it is so good to practice Falun Gong, why does the central government make such a big effort to suppress it?"

When the *Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party* was published at the end of last year, I carefully went through it. The *Nine Commentaries* very systematically evaluates the CCP and offers a complete analysis and revelation of the CCP's nature and origin, the party culture, its tyrannical regime and history of killing, its gangster nature, and its malicious opposition of the benevolent characteristic of the universe. It made me see clearly the party's evil nature. Consequently, I decided to withdraw from the CCP.

Then I thought about my fellow villager's words. In January of 2005, I sincerely took up the practice of Falun Gong. I've read through Zhuan Falun and other lectures by Teacher Li. After repeatedly reading *Zhuan Falun*, I understood the purpose of living in the world as a human being.

Not long after I started practicing Falun Gong, all my illnesses disappeared. I no longer have any soreness or pain anywhere in my body. I'm able to move about freely. After being examined at a hospital, the doctors confirmed that the femur necrosis had

completely disappeared. Now I don't have difficulty when I ride my bicycle, even for long distances. I thank Teacher and I thank Falun Dafa!