

# Clearwisdom Review

## An Update on Falun Dafa Worldwide

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### Anti-Communist Forum Held in Prague

(Clearwisdom.net) On May 1, 2007, thousands of people attended a forum at Letna Park, Prague, Czech Republic, in protest of communism. The forum, entitled "Against Communism, Against Fascism, Against Totalitarianism," was organized by the Confederation of Czech Political Prisoners. Ming Zhao, a Falun Gong practitioner, and David Kilgour, former member of the Canadian Parliament, were invited to deliver speeches at the forum condemning the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) persecution of Falun Gong.



*Ming Zhao (left) from Ireland described at the forum his personal experiences in China's labor camps. Former member of the Canadian Parliament, David Kilgour, is on the right.*

Czech Prime Minister Mirek Topolánek attended the forum. He stressed that it is necessary that we let our children understand the brutal violence of communism. This way, they will not recreate the catastrophes of communism in the future and will always practice democracy.

Ming Zhao from Ireland described his personal experience in China's labor camps, where he was subjected to brutal torture for his beliefs. Mr. Zhao said, "In labor camps, various torture methods were employed to torture me, such as sleep deprivation, beatings, forced squatting for several hours in a row, and also electric shocks. These torture methods are still being used in China. The international community is so wrongly impressed with China's economic development that they forget one point -- that is, China's human rights situation hasn't improved at all, nor is there greater social freedom. It is still a communist regime there, without freedom of speech, without freedom of assembly, without freedom of association, and without freedom of the press."

Former member of the Canadian Parliament, David Kilgour, said, "Look at what that government (the CCP) is doing to its own people, including independent journalists, human rights activists, democrats, religious communities, Uyghurs, Tibetans and many others. Two of us Canadians have concluded to our dismay in our recent report [www.organharvestinvestigation.net] that the government of China is even killing Falun Gong prisoners of conscience without any form of judicial process and selling their vital organs for high prices to transplant tourists from abroad. This is the government which will host the Olympic Games in August 2008 in Beijing."

A member of the Swedish Parliament, Mr. Goran Lindblad, who drafted a resolution for the European Commission entitled, "Need for International Condemnation of the Crimes of Totalitarian Communist Regimes," also made statements at the forum.

### Introduction to Falun Dafa

Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a practice for benefiting physical health and elevating the mind. Introduced by Mr. Li Hongzhi in China, the practice consists of five gentle exercises including meditation, and diligent effort on the part of practitioners to follow the universal principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance in daily life. Falun Gong is not only beneficial to one's own health and well-being, it also benefits others. Although the practice originated in China, today it is practiced throughout the world by people of all races and walks of life. In the face of the most brutal and vicious persecution perpetrated on them by the Chinese Communist Party, Falun Gong practitioners have found the spiritual strength to resist peacefully and tirelessly by upholding the principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance.



### About Clearwisdom

Clearwisdom.net is the most authoritative source of information about the practice of Falun Gong and about the persecution of Falun Gong in China, reporting timely news and events happening inside China as well as from the more than 70 countries around the world where Falun Gong is practiced. Clearwisdom responsibly publishes the experiences and understandings of practitioners themselves, who submit the majority of the articles.

## Ms. Li Huiqi Dies After Being Paralyzed by Torture at the Shijiazhuang Labor Camp

**(Clearwisdom.net)** Falun Gong practitioner Ms. Li Huiqi of Hebei Province was paralyzed in 2002 as a result of torture at the Shijiazhuang Labor Camp. She died on April 27, 2007, at the age of 40 after enduring five years of excruciating pain. Following are the details.

Ms. Li was reported on December 2, 2001, while clarifying the facts about Falun Gong near a paint factory. She was arrested by officers from the Weiming Street Police Station in Shijiazhuang City and held at the No. 1 Detention Center of Shijiazhuang City for two months. Ms. Li was then taken to the Shijiazhuang Labor Camp on February 2, 2002, where she was held for one year. She was on the brink of death from torture several times at the labor camp. Her family demanded to see her and requested medical parole, but the camp authorities refused.

Ms. Li was taken to the Emergency Department at Hebei Province People's Hospital on April 9, 2002 when she was close to death. Her family was finally allowed to see her for the first time since she was taken to the labor camp. She was emaciated. During her hospitalization, police officers stayed inside her room and monitored her 24 hours a day. They arrested practitioners who went to visit her. Ms. Li was paralyzed and was in a coma. Her trachea was cut so she could breathe through a tube. Her husband divorced her for he couldn't stand seeing her in such a painful situation. The camp authorities turned Ms. Li over to her family on December 3, 2002, claiming that her sentence had expired. Ms. Li passed away on April 27, 2007. Her tragic death is the result of persecution at the hands of agents from the Hebei Province 610 Office and those from the Shijiazhuang Labor Camp.



*(Left) Ms. Li Huiqi before the persecution. (Right) Ms. Li Huiqi paralyzed and in a coma after being tortured in a forced labor camp. Her trachea was cut and she breathed through a tube.*

## Practitioners Celebrate Falun Dafa Day in Central London



*Practitioners celebrate Falun Dafa Day with artful performances and a demonstration of the Falun Gong exercises. Despite rain, people were attracted by the practitioners' performances.*

**(Clearwisdom.net)** At noon on May 13, 2007, London's famous Leicester Square Gardens were bright and cheerful, lit up by the colorful costumes and smiles of those celebrating Falun Dafa Day. Passersby stopped to watch and absorb the spectacle for a while before moving on again, to be replaced by newcomers attracted by the beautiful music.

Practitioners of Falun Gong had come from all over the country to participate in the celebration. They distributed leaflets and chatted with people who stopped to find out more. Each performance was introduced in Chinese and English by two announcers, who explained the significance of Falun Dafa Day to the audience and described the principles of the practice. Thousands of leaflets were given out, along with intricately folded paper lotus flowers, bearing the message: The World Needs Truthfulness, Compassion, Tolerance.

The cycle of performances included frequent demonstrations of the five Falun Gong exercises. Some people commented on the energy field they experienced as practitioners performed the slow movements, peacefully and serenely. Some of the audience spontaneously joined in with the demonstration as they watched, transfixed.

All the participants gathered together at the end of the day for a group photograph to send their heartfelt best wishes to Mr. Li Hongzhi.