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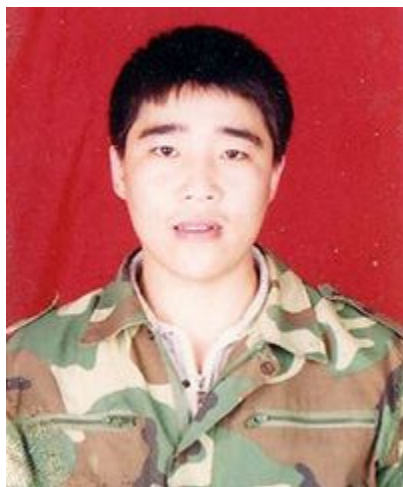
Cao Guozhen Sentenced to Eight Years in Prison in Junan County, Shandong Province

(Clearwisdom.net) Mr. Cao Guozhen, 36 years old, is a Falun Gong practitioner from Junan County, Linyi City, Shandong Province. On October 12, 2007, police officers from Junan County and the Zhulu Town Police Station entered Mr. Cao's home and confiscated personal property including a TV, DVD player, satellite receiver, laptop, and Falun Gong literature. They took Mr. Cao's little auto-taxi and arrested Mr. Cao.

Initially, Cao Guozhen's family was told that he was being held at the Junan County Detention Center. They heard nothing else because the Junan County police denied the family's requests to visit Mr. Cao, and also refused to forward any clothes or money to him. They simply claimed that Mr. Cao was holding a hunger strike as a form of protest.

Mr. Cao's family visited the Junan County Police Department many times asking for permission to visit him. They also asked for his unconditional release, but without any results. Mr. Cao's parents spent all their savings on these efforts. They are both in their seventies and had to travel over thirty miles each way with their little grandson, to plead with the authorities. On one occasion they were even brutally beaten by someone on the way.

In June 2008, Cao Guozhen's family received a notice saying that Mr. Cao had been sentenced to eight years in prison by the Junan County Court. He was taken to the Jinan City Prison on June 11, 2008. The return address on the notice was: Drawer 11, P.O. Box 210, Jinan City Prison, 91 Industry South Road (Qingqi Road), Jinan City.



Mr. Cao Guozhen

It is strange that in March 2008, Mr. Cao's family had received another prison admission notice from the Tai'an Prison. This notice made no mention of the duration of Mr. Cao's term. Since the admission notice from June 2008 was sent from the Jinan City Prison, the family was left to wonder which notice was correct and where Mr. Cao was actually being held.

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.

European Parliamentary Officials Participate in Joint News Conference about the Forced Shutdown of NTDTV Broadcasts into China



NTDTV, Reporters Without Borders, International Press Alliance, and Members of the European Parliament hold a joint news conference

(Clearwisdom.net) On July 15, 2008, New Tang Dynasty Television (NTDTV), Reporters Without Borders, the International Press Alliance, and Members of the European Parliament held a joint news conference. They condemned satellite company Eutelsat's termination of NTDTV broadcasts in Asia, particularly at this time right before the Beijing Olympics, and asked the European Union and the Government of France to put pressure on the French satellite company to comply with European human rights standards, democracy, and law, and to restore the NTDTV signal as soon as possible. Many officials in the European Parliament and media participated in the conference.

Amazing Things Happened to Me and My Friend

(Clearwisdom.net) A friend of mine suffered from late stage hepatitis in 1999. He became so thin that he looked like a skeleton, and his back bent as he walked. He saw many doctors and they tried every kind of medication, but to no avail. He was then told by the doctor that he had only three months to live. His friends made arrangements for his funeral and were waiting for the end of the three months when he was expected to die. At the time, I had only known him for a few days. Seeing him in so much pain, I asked him about his situation. He told me that he had spent all his savings seeking a cure but the doctors could no longer help him. All he could do was go home and await his death. He was very depressed, because he was still young and had elderly parents and children to care for.

I told him that I, too, used to be ill. I had a major operation to remove a lung. After the operation, I was in so much pain that I cried out all night long and disturbed the entire ward. I had to ask the nurse to give me a shot of pain medicine. A few days later, the chief doctor examined me and discovered that I had a heart murmur. After a careful examination, he noticed that my incision was oozing. Because of that, I had to stay in the hospital for three more months and spent an additional thirty thousand yuan (approximately 4,365 USD), but I was still not better. The doctor discharged me, and I went home to rest. My father went to different doctors to find help for me at home, and we spent another ten thousand yuan on this medical care. But it was all like pouring water down the drain – nothing helped.

In 1997, my aunt came to my house and saw that my mother looked very worried and depressed. She told my mother how good Falun Gong was, which I did not believe. My aunt said, "Don't be so skeptical. Why don't you take a closer look and ask around yourself." Out of curiosity, I went online and listened to Master Li Hongzhi's lectures. I was moved as soon as I listened to them. Within two hours of listening, I became energetic. I went home and put all my medications together into a big basket and threw them away. The next day, my wife found out about it and scolded me, saying, "Now that you have stopped all the medications, how am I going to live if you die?" I said, "I have seen many doctors and have taken lots of medicines and I never improved. You know all this. This time, why don't you just pretend that you don't know anything and let me give it a try." My wife kept at me for over a month, but I was not affected. Finally, she let it go when I told her, "Don't you see that I have not taken any shots or medication for over a month and I am fine." My illness went away miraculously. My family witnessed this, and twenty of them began practicing Falun Gong.

After listening to my story, my friend wanted to read *Zhuan Falun* (the principal text of Falun Gong) right away, so I gave him my copy. He could not do the exercises, but his health recovered after he finished reading *Zhuan Falun* just once.