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High School Teacher Ms. Yu Changli from Jilin Province Dies from Persecution



Ms. Yu Changli

(Clearwisdom.net) Falun Gong practitioner Ms. Yu Changli was a math teacher at the Fourth High School in Nongan County, Jilin Province, China. On May 2, 2011, Ms. Yu, who was illegally detained in the Nongan County Detention Center, was rushed to the emergency room at the Second Hospital of Jilin University in Changchun City. Ms. Yu Changli passed away that same day. She was 44 years old.

Ms. Yu began practicing Falun Dafa in May 1999. She enjoyed good health and also gained the appreciation of teachers and parents for the positive influence Dafa had on her students. After the Chinese Communist Party started its persecution of Falun Gong, Ms. Yu went to the National Appeals Office in Beijing in February 2000 to appeal for justice. She was arrested and detained in the Nongan County Detention Center. After Ms. Yu went on a ten-day hunger strike, her family finally got her released.

In the summer of 2002, Ms. Yu was arrested again while posting informational materials about Falun Dafa and was detained for one month in the Nongan Detention Center. After she was released, her school administration ordered her to write a statement renouncing Falun Gong. She refused and the school authorities told her that she could no longer teach. Ms. Yu contested the decision and continued teaching, but the school authorities refused to pay her salary. In 2003, she was dismissed.



*Torture re-enactment:
Handcuffed and shackled*

On May 31, 2010, while Ms. Yu and another practitioner, Ms. Zhang Danfeng, were talking to tourists about the persecution of Falun Dafa, they were arrested. On March 5, 2011, Ms. Yu was taken to the Nongan County Detention Center. She and two other practitioners, Ms. Yang Shumei and Ms. Zhang Danfeng, held a hunger strike to protest the persecution. According to eyewitnesses, in late April 2011, Ms. Yu was sent to Nongan County Chinese Medicine Hospital in handcuffs and foot shackles for lab tests. She was unable to walk and had to be carried by two people. She weighed only sixty pounds and had kidney damage, but the Nongan County Public Security Bureau still refused to release her. On May 2, 2011, Ms. Yu was admitted to the emergency room of the Second Hospital of Jilin University in Changchun City. She passed away on the same day.

Several other practitioners in Nongan County have been persecuted to death, including Mr. Zhang Yuanming, Mr. Liu Chengjun, and Mr. Wang Qibo. They were all law abiding, productive citizens, but because they adhered to their faith and spoke to others about the unlawful persecution of Falun Dafa, they were arrested and tortured. Two other practitioners, Ms. Yang Shumei and Ms. Zhang Danfeng, are in critical condition.

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 100 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.

Falun Gong Welcomed at the City of Dortmund International Arts & Culture Week

(Clearwisdom.net) On May 28, 2011, the city of Dortmund in West Germany began a week-long series of events celebrating International Arts & Culture Week. During the day, Münster Street was full of people from around the world displaying their folk cultures. Diverse cuisines, music, and dance were highlighted.

Falun Gong practitioners from China, Germany, and Russia introduced the practice of Falun Gong, an ancient cultivation practice for mind and body, to the visitors. A variety of informational materials were displayed on the table at one side of the booth. Everyone interested in Falun Gong received a beautiful handmade paper lotus flower. On the other side of the booth was a large display board with a collection of pictures illustrating the practice of Falun Gong both in China and worldwide. Many people inquired, took photographs, and gathered to watch or follow along with the Falun Gong exercise demonstrations.



Falun Gong exercise demonstration



Photo and article about Falun Gong in the Ruhr Nachrichten

Two teenagers stayed near the Falun Gong booth for the duration of the day's event. They learned the exercises, read the displays, and enjoyed the balloons and paper lotus flowers. A woman who works in a school stopped by to visit as soon as the booth was set up. She was seeking a way that could help her feel peaceful and felt that Falun Gong was exactly what she was looking for.

In the afternoon, practitioners demonstrated the exercises on the central stage. With the serene exercise music in the background, a large crowd carefully listened to an explanation of each of the five exercises.

On May 30, the *Ruhr Nachrichten*, the second largest daily newspaper in Dortmund, carried a large photo of Falun Gong practitioners on its front page, with a story introducing the practice of Falun Gong.

Falun Dafa Cured My Terminal Cancer

(Clearwisdom.net) I am from Hebei Province, China and was honored as an outstanding teacher at the provincial level. I was forced to retire at the age of 49 because I had cancer. Numerous treatments and several operations failed to cure my illness. I was on the verge of death. The chemotherapy and the radiation therapy weakened my bones and resulted in hair loss. The radiation burned my chest and back. I was paralyzed and couldn't take care of myself. The physical trauma and the psychological suffering left me in total despair.

In the spring of 1997, my cousin brought me a copy of *Zhuan Falun*, the principal book of Falun Gong. I began to read the book and listened to Master Li's lectures in Guangzhou with a mentality of giving it a go. Not long after listening to Teacher's lectures I decided to become a practitioner. All of a sudden I was unable to move and I could not even open my eyes. Right at that time I felt something sweep through the area where I had had surgery. I felt as if I was charged by electric shocks all the way down to my toes. Shortly after, I felt that my hip swept up and I had exactly the same feeling. I knew clearly in my heart that my body was being purified. I could not restrain my tears, but I knew that these were tears of happiness. A few minutes later I awakened. I then found that I could stand up and walk. My excitement at the time was beyond description. I took out a towel and repeatedly said "Thank you Teacher!" while wiping away my tears. Falun Gong saved me from death.

People in my hometown were amazed to learn the news of my recovery. Word spread that Falun Gong was really miraculous. As a result, many people began to learn Falun Gong.