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Falun Gong Practitioners Brutally Tortured in Prisons in China

(Clearwisdom.net) Ms. Zhang Yaqin Dies after Being Tortured - Ms. Zhang Yaqin, 64, from Daqing City was arrested and sentenced to seven years in prison because of her practice of Falun Dafa. She was tortured in Heilongjiang Women's Prison until her health deteriorated. In May 2010, she was released. Over the next six months, Ms. Zhang was sent to the hospital for emergency treatment many times. On November 26, 2010, she died in Daqing People's Hospital, another victim of the persecution.



Ms. Zhang Yaqin

Before Ms. Zhang started to practice Falun Gong, she had many ailments, including mitral stenosis, rheumatism, and stomach problems. After she began practicing Falun Gong, all of her health problems were cured. She got along well with her family, neighbors and colleagues.

In October 2007, the police arrested Ms. Zhang and ransacked her house. They stole 900 yuan in cash (almost a month's wages) and her bank deposit book, as well as all her Falun Gong books and her computer.

On January 24, 2008, the Longnan Court in Daqing City held a hearing regarding Ms. Zhang. Only her family members were allowed to attend the hearing. Ms. Zhang was sentenced to seven years of incarceration and was sent to the Heilongjinag Women's Prison.

It was reported that Ms. Zhang was injected with an unknown drug while she was in prison.

Ms. Bai Gendi Tortured During Four and a Half Years of Illegal Imprisonment - The police arrested Ms. Bai Gendi in Shanghai in May 2006 because she practices Falun Dafa. In 2007, after being detained for 10 months, Ms. Bai was sentenced to four and a half years in prison by Shanghai's Xuhui District Court.



Ms. Bai Gendi

In the Songjiang Women's Prison, Ms. Bai was placed in a cell by herself and monitored by five people around the clock for over four years. During the first eight months, she was frequently beaten, handcuffed, and tied up with ropes. She was given very little food and water, deprived of sleep and kept in isolation. She was not allowed to wash her hair for 11 months, not allowed to change clothes (including underwear) for nine months, and not allowed to wash her bedding during her entire prison stay. Sometimes she was also not allowed to drink water or use the restroom.

The guards put urine and unknown medical substances into her food. They also used torture instruments on her, tied her up and beat her at will until two months before her release. Ms. Bai was released from the Songjiang Women's Prison in Shanghai on November 22, 2010.

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.

I Am the Luckiest Person

(Clearwisdom.net) I worked for years in a printing factory. The long-term contact with lead powder caused me to develop anemia, high blood-pressure, and extra bone growth around my spinal column in my lower back. I suffered two miscarriages. In addition, allergies (allergic rhinitis) affected me greatly, causing a constantly runny nose and teary eyes all day long.

I was fortunate to learn Falun Dafa at the end of 1998. In the spring of 1999, I was doing the exercises at our practice site. My nose kept running and I was sneezing almost continuously. A fellow practitioner said that this was a sign that my body was being purified. While I was practicing the second exercise, my back and the back of my neck felt warm. Since then, all my pain has been gone. Falun Gong is so wonderful!

On April 4, 2006, I had a stroke. The doctor told me that I had arrived too late to be helped. As soon as my fellow practitioners heard about my situation, they encouraged me to not be afraid. I reminded myself that I was a Falun Gong practitioner and I would be taken care of. I immediately sat up on the bed and determined not to give in to the symptoms of the stroke. Gradually I was able to straighten my fingers. Eventually I could stand up and walk. I looked up at Master Li's picture with tears running down my face, and thanked Falun Dafa for saving my life one more time.

London: Falun Dafa Divine Marching Band Appears in New Year's Day Parade



European Divine Land Marching Band participates in London's 2011 New Year's Day Parade.



Peter, Margaret and Ann.



The Lucas family from the US enjoy the band's performance.

(Clearwisdom.net) On January 1, 2011, the European Divine Land Marching Band participated in London's 25th annual New Year's Day Parade. The band's performance brought an enchanting dimension to London's long-established tradition and celebration.

This New Year's Day Parade included a number of colorful floats and over 10,000 performers from over 20 countries. The parade passed through some of London's major attractions such as Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, No. 10 Downing Street and Parliament Square. It was estimated that the crowd exceeded 500,000 spectators.

On the first day of 2011, the Divine Land Marching Band played spirited songs including "Falun Dafa Is Good," "Delivering Treasures," and "Ode to Joy." British citizen Ann, and her new friends Peter and Margaret, a couple touring London, enjoyed the band's performance. The three agreed, "We like their costumes. They look beautiful. The music was also a good choice, bringing a sense of hope."

Brenda is a retiree living in London. She came to watch the parade with several friends. She said, "This is a great band. They play very well and the costumes are nice."

The Lucas family, from the US, was also eager to compliment the Divine Land Marching Band. Mr. Lucas said, "It's excellent, very good. It brings us lots of joy to have watched this band on New Year's Day." His wife added, "I also like the costumes."

Ms. Zhou, a student from northern China, traveled from Southampton to watch the parade. She said, "This is such a grand parade. I noticed that the only Chinese culture representatives were the Falun Dafa group. I was in the audience and saw many foreign tourists who were listening to it with curiosity. This music makes people feel peaceful."

Ms. Chen is studying education in the UK. She loved the band's performance. She remarked, "The whole atmosphere is just like Chinese New Year! It has the feeling of home. The band allows Westerners to gain a better understanding of our Chinese culture."