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Mr. Li Shaotie Near Death from Persecution – Elderly Mother Holds a Sign on the Street to Solicit Help

(Clearwisdom.net) Falun Gong practitioner Mr. Li Shaotie from Fujin, Heilongjiang Province was arrested by officers from the Shangjieji Police Station on the evening of September 13, 2011. He was brutally tortured and has been in a coma ever since. The police sent him to Fujin Detention Center. Mr. Li has not eaten or had any water since his arrival and he is now in critical condition. He was sent to the emergency room at Fujin Hospital.

Mr. Li's 90-year-old mother, his wife, and relatives went to the Fujin City Police Department multiple times to request his release. The police refused to meet with the family, and threatened Li's mother. Unable to get help for her son, the mother resorted to standing in front of the police department with a sign to raise attention to the persecution of her son.

On the morning of September 19, a group of police officers took away the elderly mother's sign and threatened her and her daughter-in-law. That same afternoon, under orders of plainclothes police officer Zhang Guohui, a group of officers took pictures of the women and of bystanders who showed concern for the family's plight. The police forced onlookers to leave.



(left) A crowd gathers as Li Shaotie's elderly mother and wife hold a home-made sign calling attention to Li's plight. (center) Police officer takes pictures of the women's protest. (right) Two officers forcibly take away the elderly mother's sign.

Mr. Li, born in 1953, previously lived in Fujin City. Because he practices Falun Gong, three people in his family have been arrested and persecuted in prison, and Mr. Li has been arrested multiple times. He was beaten and verbally abused by guards and inmates at Jiamusi Forced Labor Camp. He was handcuffed and shackled to an iron chair around the clock every day. Only one of his hands was occasionally released, during meal times. The longest he was forced to sit on the iron chair was three weeks. When he was released from the chair, he could not walk. His legs and feet were so swollen that he could not put on shoes for days. Mr. Li was arrested again in August 2004. A month later, he was sent to Suihua Forced Labor Camp and suffered two and a half years of persecution. In January 2007, he became so weak that he was released on medical parole.



Torture re-enactment: Iron Chair

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.

Germany: A Quiet Place in the Noisy Market in Ritterhude

(Clearwisdom.net) On September 3 and 4, 2011, the weekend market in Ritterhude presented a bustling scene. Yet in the midst of the noisy market activities was an island of peacefulness, where Falun Gong practitioners introduced the practice of Falun Gong and told people about the persecution taking place in China today.

"Are you sure you really do not accept donations?" A young mother from Kosovo asked. She carefully listened to a practitioner introducing the Falun Gong exercises. The practitioner replied, "We do not accept donations and we do not collect money or goods. We do not have a membership list, nor do we charge class fees." The young mother said that she planned to register for the class and hoped to see her daughter doing the Falun Dafa exercises as well.



Visitors reading a panel exposing the persecution. A visitor signs a petition against the persecution. Two boys learning the fifth exercise of Falun Gong.

Two boys were eager to learn the exercises at the practitioners' booth. The ten-year-old boy wanted to read the book *Zhuan Falun* written by the founder of Falun Gong, Mr. Li Hongzhi. In a conversation with a practitioner, he learned that the basic principles of Falun Gong are Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance. He listened and nodded with comprehension. "If everyone could be like this, world peace would be here," the boy blurted out.

The owner of the stall next to the practitioners was very interested in Falun Gong. He took some informational materials and said that he would read them over at home carefully. Then he asked a practitioner why she practices Falun Dafa. The practitioner replied, "I suffered from migraine headaches since childhood and later practiced other qigong for two decades. Although my body became relaxed, the headaches didn't get better at all. Then I tried Western medicine, traditional Chinese medicine and natural therapies, as well as other methods, but none of them worked. The only benefit I got was that I quit drinking alcohol, but I still smoked. After I started practicing Falun Dafa, my migraine headaches were gone in just a few weeks. Though later they resurfaced several times, they were much lighter, so that I did not need to rely on painkillers any longer. The second major change was that I actually quit smoking. Before, even during my pregnancy, I did not stop. Falun Gong has tremendous power, a special energy. It can turn the impossible into the possible. It's difficult to explain—it's something that you need to experience yourself."

Eight US Representatives Co-Sponsor Bill Condemning the Chinese Regime's Persecution of Falun Gong

(Clearwisdom.net) Rep. Thaddeus G. McCotter [R-MI11] and seven other representatives in the House of Representatives co-sponsored and submitted H. Res. 416 to the House for consideration on September 23, 2011. The resolution condemns China's discrimination, harassment, imprisonment, torture, and execution of its prisoners of conscience, and supports the Tuidang [Quitting-the-CCP] movement whereby Chinese citizens renounce their ties to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

The seven other representatives are Dana Rohrabacher [R-CA46], Lynn Westmoreland [R-GA3], Gus Bilirakis [R-FL9], Walter Jones [R-NC3], James Sensenbrenner [R-WI5], Mario Diaz-Balart [R-FL21], Sue Myrick [R-NC9]. The resolution has been submitted to the Committee on Foreign Affairs in the House of Representatives. The full text of H. Res. 416 can be read at: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/billtext.xpd?bill=hr112-416>



(Left to right) Rep. McCotter, Rep. Rohrabacher, Rep. Westmoreland, Rep. Bilirakis, Rep. Jones, Rep. Sensenbrenner, Rep. Diaz-Balart, and Rep. Myrick.

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