

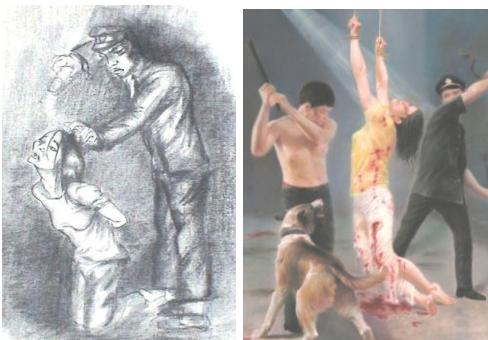
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Ms. Zhao Yanxia Dead after 23 Days of Imprisonment

(Clearwisdom.net) On October 7, 2011, Falun Gong practitioner Ms. Zhao Yanxia died after being beaten severely in the Jilin Province Women's Prison (also called Heizuizi Prison). Ms. Zhao, a retired worker from China's Environmental Protection Agency, had been transferred to the prison only 23 days before. During a visit the month before she died, Ms. Zhao's family noted that she was in good health despite the prison's attempts to force her to renounce her practice of Falun Gong. Examination of her body after death revealed bruises that clearly resulted from beatings.



Illustrations of tortures experienced by Falun Gong practitioners in Chinese prisons; based on first-hand accounts of survivors and witnesses.

Over the course of the persecution of Falun Gong, Zhao Yanxia was incarcerated in forced labor camps twice, the first time for one year and later for three years. On May 31, 2011, Ms. Zhao and fellow practitioner Ms. Feng Na were arrested by officers from the Lishu County Domestic Security Division while they were distributing materials about Falun Gong and exposing the persecution. The police took Ms. Zhao's keys and ransacked her home, then took both women to the Siping Detention Center.

Several days later, police officer Wang Dejun returned the keys to Ms. Zhao's brother. Ms. Zhao's brother went to her home and saw that it was a mess, and her son's computer and cell phone had disappeared. On September 10, 2011, Ms. Zhao's family went to Siping Detention Center to visit her. She was physically well and told them that she refused to renounce Falun Gong despite threats and brainwashing attempts. She was later sentenced to three and a half years in prison because she would not renounce her belief. On September 14, 2011, Ms. Zhao was taken to the Jilin Province Women's Prison without her family being notified.

At 11:58 p.m. on October 7, 2011, Ms. Zhao's parents received a phone call from the prison, saying that Zhao Yanxia had died suddenly. Her family went to the prison the next day. Ms. Zhao had died at 7:30 p.m. on October 7, but her family was not notified until almost midnight. What the authorities did in those four hours remains unknown. Ms. Zhao's family was only allowed to see her body at the funeral parlor, after lodging a firm demand. Her eyes were black and blue and she had many bruises on her body.

Ms. Zhao's family requested an autopsy. The prison authorities tried to stall for time using various tactics. The authorities also tried to stop the medical examiner from performing the autopsy.

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 Float Makes Elegant Appearance at Chicago Thanksgiving Parade



Practitioners demonstrate the Falun Gong exercises on a Thanksgiving Day Parade float. Photograph from the Chicago Tribune website (right).

(Clearwisdom.net) The McDonald's Thanksgiving Parade was held on the morning of November 24, 2011, on State Street in downtown Chicago. Thousands of spectators lined the streets to take in the annual holiday event. Falun Gong practitioners participated in the parade for the ninth consecutive year, with a beautiful float decorated with large lotus flowers. A *Chicago Tribune* report on the parade included photos of the Falun Gong float.

Mr. Yang Sen, president of the Mid-U.S. Falun Dafa Association, said, "This year, we got a Falun Gong parade float dazzled spectators with a similar design."

inspiration from the Hollywood Parade in Los Angeles. In 2005, a Falun Gong contingent decided to adopt a similar design."

There were also differently-colored small lotus blossoms on the float, on which practitioners demonstrated the Falun Gong exercises. The *Chicago Tribune* published a photo of the Falun Gong float on its website, and several hundred thousand television viewers saw the practitioners via live TV broadcasts.

Hawaiian News Website Civil Beat Publishes Three Articles Drawing Attention to Falun Gong Protests Held during APEC Summit

(Clearwisdom.net) The *Civil Beat* website (*Civilbeat.com*) describes itself as the largest news organization dedicated exclusively to civic affairs in Hawaii. The website recently featured three articles about Falun Gong protests during the recent APEC Summit in Honolulu. Brief descriptions of the articles are presented below.

The screenshot shows the Civil Beat website homepage with a banner for the APEC summit. Headlines include "Falun Gong Delivers APEC Message to China" and "They came from Taiwan and Japan, San Francisco and Millani, and they all have the same message for Chinese President Hu Jintao: Stop oppressing us." Below the main content is a video thumbnail titled "Want to tell him to stop the persecution of Falun Gong".

[CivilBeat article about Falun Gong demonstration near APEC meeting](#) - A group of Falun Gong practitioners assemble to protest the persecution the group faces in China during the APEC Summit in Honolulu.

[Chinese Journalists Won't Report on Falun Gong Protests](#) - An ethnic Chinese journalist living in Hawaii discusses the issue of journalists from China not reporting on Falun Gong protests.

[CivilBeat video of Falun Gong demonstration near APEC meeting](#) - Video footage shot during the recent APEC Summit in Honolulu showing a group of Falun Gong practitioners assembled to protest the persecution the group faces in China.

Uterine Cancer Disappears after Practicing Falun Gong for Seven Days

(Clearwisdom.net) In February 2011, Lao Zhang was diagnosed with late stage uterine cancer. She received radiation treatment for two months in the hospital at a cost of 20,000 yuan, but her condition did not improve. The doctor recommended more advanced radiation treatments but said that there was no guarantee that she would be cured. Upon hearing this, her family was distraught.

A Falun Gong practitioner heard about Lao Zhang's diagnosis and went to the hospital to visit her. She told her about the health benefits of Falun Dafa, how many have been healed of life-threatening illnesses after practicing Falun Dafa. She suggested that Lao Zhang say to herself, "Falun Dafa is good" and "Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance is good." After reciting the two phrases for several days, Lao Zhang felt much better. She chose to go home despite the doctor's disapproval. The Falun Gong practitioner gave her the recordings of Falun Dafa lectures. Lao Zhang listened to the lectures and also learned to do the five sets of exercises.

Lao Zhang was determined to practice Falun Dafa. A week later, the severe symptoms of the cancer disappeared. Her legs felt very light and her appetite improved. Seven days later, Lao Zhang went to the hospital for a checkup. The doctor was amazed and asked her how everything had returned to normal. Lao Zhang told him that she was practicing Falun Dafa. She continues to practice Dafa daily and tells everyone she meets about her miracle.