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Ms. Tan Qi Miscarried after Being Beaten in Detention; Is Still Imprisoned

(Clearwisdom.net) On September 18, 2004, officers from the Benxi City Pingshan District 610 Office (an agency instituted specifically to carry out the persecution of Falun Gong) and the Domestic Security Division broke into the home of Ms. Tan Qi and her husband, Mr. Liang Tielong. The police ransacked the home and confiscated a computer, printer, Falun Gong information and nearly 10,000 *yuan* in cash. The officers arrested the couple and held them in the Dabailou Detention Center in Benxi City.

Even though Ms. Tan Qi was pregnant at the time, Guard Zhang Pujuan instigated detention center inmates to beat her. The inmates took turns beating and torturing Ms. Tan. They grabbed her hair and slammed her head against a wall, shocked her with electric batons, and deprived her of water and sleep. Ms. Tan was bruised severely and couldn't stand. The abuse caused her to miscarry, and she bled profusely. The guards refused to release her. Instead, they inserted a feeding tube through her nose into her stomach and force-fed her with large quantities of salt water. Ms. Tan nearly suffocated. She vomited and had watery stools afterwards.



Ms. Tan Qi (left). Torture reenactments: Shocked with electric batons (center); shackled to ground ring in fixed position (right).

In April 2005, Ms. Tan was sentenced to nine years in prison by the Benxi City Court. She has been incarcerated ever since, in Section No. 9 of Masanjia Women's Prison.

Years of Brutal Persecution

After the Chinese Communist Party started to suppress Falun Gong in July 1999, Ms. Tan Qi was arrested by the local police five times. In November 1999, police officers took Ms. Tan to the Kaiyuan Detention Center. She was held in solitary confinement with her hands and feet shackled to an iron ring affixed to the center of a bed board, in a posture in which she could neither stand up nor lie down. After two weeks in this painful position, her wrists, ankles, and buttocks turned black. On December 22, 1999, Shangfeidi Town officials and police officers arrested Ms. Tan and her father and took them to the Kaiyuan Detention Center. On January 10, 2000, Ms. Tan was taken to the Xinchengzi Forced Labor Camp. The guards locked her in a small concrete cell that measured 31 inches long by 20 inches wide by 39 inches high. For over two weeks Ms. Tan was forced to squat with her arms wrapped around her knees. She was only allowed to go to the restroom once a day and was given only a small bun each day for her meal. After several days, Ms. Tan lost the feeling in her buttocks and the flesh began to separate from the bones. This excruciating torture lasted for 16 days. Ms. Tan returned home on September 1, 2000, after being incarcerated for more than eight months.

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.

United Kingdom: Elected Officials Voice Support for Falun Gong

(Clearwisdom.net) On December 8, 2011, just before International Human Rights Day (December 10), Falun Gong practitioners in the United Kingdom held a press conference in front of the National Gallery in London, calling for joint efforts to stop the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) persecution of Falun Gong. More than a dozen Members of British Parliament and European Parliament sent letters of support for the event.

**Councilor
Lesley
Grahame at
December 8
press
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in support of
Falun Gong.**



Ms. Lesley Grahame, councilor from Norwich, attended the press conference. Having learned about the CCP's persecution of Falun Gong and the atrocities of harvesting organs from imprisoned practitioners in China, she signed the petition to support Falun Gong. Ms. Grahame said, "I cannot imagine that the removal of organs from living beings is happening in this world. So much evil is driven by profit. And organ harvesting is the most evil crime." She added that any institution or company associated with this atrocity should be identified, exposed, and boycotted.

More than a dozen Members of British Parliament and European Parliament sent letters of support for the event. Those voicing support included Councilor Brian Coleman from the City of London; Member of European Parliament (MEP) Richard Howitt from the East of England region; Rt. Hon. Andrew Smith, MP for Oxford East; Julian Huppert, Liberal Democrat MP for Cambridge; Marina Yannakoudakis, MEP, Conservative, London region; MEP Jean Lambert; MEP Nikki Sinclair for the West Midlands; MEP Fiona Hall; and MEP John Bufton.

Shen Yun Well-Received in Ottawa: "An Educational, Cultural Experience"



Ms. Marie McAdam

(Clearwisdom.net) Shen Yun Performing Arts International Company began its 2012 tour in Ottawa on December 19-23, 2011. Marie McAdam, a retired human resource analyst for the Department of National Defense in Ottawa, has been coming to see Shen Yun for the past several years, this being her fifth performance. "Shen Yun is many things to many people. There's a spiritual aspect, there's the lack of freedom [in China] aspect, and then there's the beautiful art of dancing, costumes, and choreography. So I think it's a good way to get a message out."

Ms. McAdam felt that in addition to the great skill of the performers, Shen Yun did a good job of bringing out traditional culture and values, calling the December 22 performance "poignant." "This show really is a great process for educating people. It depicts the lack of freedom in China. People can't do what they want to do, practice what they want to, especially when it's a peaceful, loving activity. And we're not used to that here in Canada, we're used to having freedom. I think that when you see it depicted in a show like this, it's very real."

I Recovered from Leukemia after Practicing Falun Gong Again

(Clearwisdom.net) In April 2011, I developed a high fever and my sputum turned yellow. On April 7, I went to a hospital to have an examination and was told that I had leukemia. On April 11, I was admitted to the hospital. I received chemotherapy twice, after which all my hair fell out and I became very weak. On July 28, my family helped me leave the hospital. The medical care cost me the equivalent of US\$25,000.

After I came home, I told my husband that I would not take any medicine but just wanted to do the Falun Gong exercises. My husband said, "Do whatever you want. I cannot restrict you any more." My husband used to be a prison guard and after the persecution started, he did not allow me to practice Falun Gong. At the end of July, after I came home from the hospital, I spent my time studying the teachings of Falun Gong and doing the exercises.

The chemotherapy had not only caused all my hair to fall out and severely weakened my health, but it also caused my head to become very swollen. On October 17, I met a fellow practitioner who offered to take me to another practitioner's home to study the teachings together. As soon as I stepped out of my home, I felt energetic. After one week, my face became rosy. Several days later, my head returned to its normal size and my hair started to grow back. Another week passed, and I was completely healthy.

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