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Song Caihong, Arrested for Distributing Falun Gong Materials, Dies after Severe Beating in Detention



Ms. Song Caihong

(Clearwisdom.net) Falun Gong practitioner Ms. Song Caihong, 41, was a beautiful, vivacious young woman. Among the most recent victims of persecution in China, Ms. Song was arrested because she gave people calendars with information about Falun Gong. During 10 days of brutal interrogation in December 2011, the deputy director of the Huludao City Detention Center beat Ms. Song severely. She died on January 15, 2012, as a result of internal injuries.

Ms. Song Caihong, a resident of the Zhaojiawan area of Xingcheng City, has suffered persecution for more than twelve years. After the persecution of Falun Gong escalated in July 1999, Song Caihong went to Beijing to appeal to the government. She was arrested and sentenced to three years of forced labor and was detained at the notorious Masanjia Forced Labor Camp. The guards beat her because she refused to renounce Falun Gong. When Ms. Song's term expired in July 2002, the authorities extended it for another five years and sent her to Dabei Prison in Shenyang City.



Torture re-enactment: Electric baton shocks

In prison, Song Caihong was often confined in a solitary cell, sometimes continuously for more than two months. The cell was freezing in winter and the windows were kept open, but she was not allowed to wear warm clothes. Her hands and feet were cuffed to rings on the ground, to completely immobilize her. She was only allowed to use the restroom once each day. When she occasionally cried out, "Falun Dafa is good!" the prison guards shocked her mouth with electric batons. Her teeth became loose as a result.

On December 30, 2011, Ms. Song was arrested again for distributing Falun Dafa materials and sent to the Diaoyutai Police Station. Since she refused to tell the police her name, they beat her and sent her to the Huludao Detention Center. *[Note: Due to the Chinese Communist Party's policy of implication, Falun Gong practitioners often refuse to give their names after being arrested, in order to protect family members, friends and coworkers from threats and harassment by the authorities.]*

Despite the pressure, Ms. Song still refused to tell the police her name. At 8:00 a.m. on December 31, 2011, she cried out, "Falun Dafa is good!" Deputy Director Zhang Junfeng and four guards pushed her to the ground and beat her for a long time. After Ms. Song returned to her cell, she began to vomit blood. Afterwards, she was unable to eat, as the severe beating had damaged her internal organs. On January 6, 2012, Ms. Song began to lose consciousness. She was sent to the Huludao Central Hospital. The doctor required her to be admitted to the hospital but the police refused, so she was sent back to the detention center. On January 8, 2012, Ms. Song's condition worsened and she drifted in and out of consciousness. The detention center officials finally informed Ms. Song's family, and she was sent directly to the hospital. Ms. Song was diagnosed with acute uremia. She was transferred to another hospital, but by then it was too late for medical help. At about 7:00 a.m. on January 15, Ms. Song passed away.

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.

Former Canadian Secretary of State and Human Rights Lawyer Urge Canadian Prime Minister to Stop China's Export of Products of Slave Labour



David Kilgour at press conference on January 31, 2012

(Clearwisdom.net) On January 31, 2012, former Canadian Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific Region) David Kilgour and international human rights lawyer David Matas jointly wrote Prime Minister Stephen Harper, urging him to ask the Government of China to stop the export of products of slave labor to Canada. Harper has accepted an invitation to visit China.

The letter stated, "Falun Gong adherents constitute at least half of the 250,000 officially recorded inmates in the country's re-education-through-labour camps. ... Chinese arbitrary detention facilities are not just forced labour camps. They are also vast forced organ donor banks."

In the letter, Matas and Kilgour wrote, "On your trade mission to China in February, we urge you ask the Government of China to stop the export of products of slave labour to Canada and to shut down the extensive network of slave labour camps in China.

"China engages systematically in forced labour in all forms of detention facilities - prisons which house sentenced criminals, administrative detention for those not yet charged, and re-education through labour camps. A 1998 declaration of the International Labour Organization (ILO) commits all member states, including China, to eliminate forced labour. The Government of China reported to the ILO that its constitution prohibits forced labour and that there is a national policy of eliminating all forms of forced labour."

However, the Chinese Communist Party hasn't kept its promise. The letter pointed out, "Yet, forced labour in detention is not an abuse of Chinese law. It is the law. Article 58 of the Chinese Law on Prisons stipulates that prisons may punish a prisoner who is able-bodied but refuses to work.

"Most of the people in Chinese slave labour camps are practitioners of Falun Gong, a spiritually based set of exercises which the Communist Party banned in 1999 out of fear that the ideological supremacy of the Party was threatened by its popularity. The US State Department's 2005 country report on China indicated that its police run hundreds of detention centres, with the 340 re-education-through-labour ones alone having a holding capacity of about 300,000 persons. The Department of State's Country Reports for 2008 stated: 'Some foreign observers estimated that Falun Gong adherents constituted at least half of the 250,000 officially recorded inmates in the country's re-education-through-labour camps....'"

Falun Dafa Saves Bone Cancer and Stroke Patients

(Clearwisdom.net) Wei Shan, in his forties, is a farmer from Hebei Province. He was recently diagnosed with bone cancer. After a period of chemotherapy, Wei Shan's condition was still very poor. The family spent all their savings and also borrowed a lot of money for medical treatments. Finally, Wei had no option but to go home and wait to die.

At this point, one of his relatives who practices Falun Gong heard about Wei Shan's situation and went to visit him. He said to Wei, "You can truly benefit as long as you believe in the goodness of Falun Gong and sincerely recite 'Falun Dafa is good' and 'Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance is good.'" He also helped Wei to withdraw from the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and its affiliated organizations.

After a few days, Wei Shan's condition greatly improved. His practitioner relative sent him a copy of the book *Zhuan Falun*, the principal book of Falun Dafa, and he started to learn Dafa while still confined to bed. Gradually, Wei Shan could sit up and get out of bed. His health quickly improved. He is now fully recovered and has again become the main breadwinner in the family. He even took on a second job when the farm work was not very busy. Wei Shan told everyone he met, "Falun Dafa saved my life. Falun Dafa is a righteous practice."

Another man in his sixties, called Lu, lives in Shenzhou City. He suffered from a stroke and femoral head necrosis. At first he could only walk with the help of a cane, but later he could no longer walk and became bedridden. One of Lu's relatives, a Falun Gong practitioner, went to visit him. He helped Lu withdraw from the CCP and its affiliated organizations. He also asked him to believe in the teachings of Dafa and to sincerely recite, "Falun Dafa is good."

Despite the CCP's propaganda against Falun Gong, Lu believed in the goodness of Dafa. He recited those words every day. Gradually, the symptoms of femoral head necrosis disappeared. He can now walk without aid. Lu told his neighbors, "I recovered because I believed that Falun Dafa is good!" He is also reading the book *Zhuan Falun*.