

Tortured in Mental Hospitals

With Drugs and Electric Shocks

Ever since July 1999, at least 90 mental hospitals in China have participated in the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners. Several thousand physically and mentally fit Falun Gong practitioners are being illegally detained in mental hospitals. Every day, they are forcibly administered large doses of drugs that are harmful to the nervous system. Some known drugs include Perphenazine, Chlorpromazine, Fluphenazine, and Fluorohydroxypiperidine. In addition, they are subjected to high-voltage electric shocks as a means of torture.



Ma Yanfang, a female factory worker, walked for over 10 days to appeal in Beijing. Afterward, she was arrested and locked in her factory for several months, where she was tortured. Even though she was very healthy both physically and mentally, she was forced into a mental hospital, where she was tortured to death.

Shi Bei, a 49-year-old woman who, according to her daughter, had no mental illness but was nevertheless forced into the Seventh Hospital of Hangzhou City (a psychiatric hospital) in Zhejiang Province. She was sent there in May 2000 because she did not want to give up Falun Gong. The staff members of the hospital, under pressure from the police, gave her forced injections of sedatives in large doses. They did not give her any food for a whole week, in order to prevent her from speaking on her own behalf. In the end, Shi Bei starved to death. Officials from the hospital refused to make comments to the reporter.



Su Gang was a 32-year-old computer engineer working at the Qilu Oil Chemical Company. His family stated that he was in good health and had no mental illness. He had been repeatedly detained by the security department of his workplace for refusing to renounce Falun Gong. The *Washington Post* reported: "After traveling to Beijing on April 25th to protest for the ban on Falun Gong, he was arrested again; on May 23rd, his employer, a state-run petrochemical company, approved commitment papers that authorized the police to admit him to a mental hospital. According to Mr. Su's father, the doctors injected Mr. Su twice a day with an unknown substance. When Mr. Su emerged a week later, he could not eat or move his limbs normally." He could not remember what happened to him in the hospital and he stopped speaking. On June 10th, the previously healthy young man died.

Lu Hongfeng, 37, was the vice principal of the Number 1 Elementary School of Lingwu City, Ningxia Province. She was fired and had her rank taken away after she signed an open letter to the provincial assembly urging a stop to the persecution of Falun Gong in the spring of 2000. Her husband Qin Yuhuan, Chair of the Communist Party Committee at the Number 1 Construction Company in Lingwu City, beat Lu and threw her out of their home on May 6.



Homeless, Lu continued to publicly tell the truth about the persecution of Falun Gong. Her husband, further angered, forcibly abducted her on June 7 and had her bound to a bed in Lingwu Mental Hospital. She was held there for more than 50 days with the collaboration of hospital officials, and was forced to take high doses of drugs.

Lu was sent home in late July 2000, her health weak and precarious. Her husband continued to torture and force medication on her. Lu died on September 6.

The Committee on Misuse and Abuse of Psychiatry, the UK Royal College of Psychiatrists, and the American Psychiatric Association urged the World Psychiatric Association to investigate China's abuse of psychiatry.