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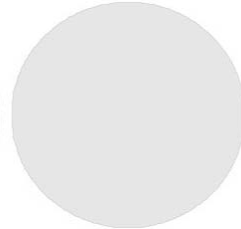
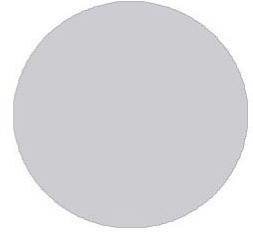
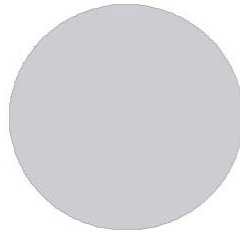
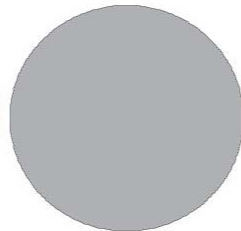
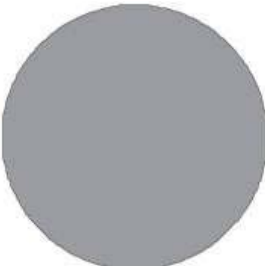


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News and Events from Around the World



2006 New York Falun Dafa Cultivation Experience Sharing Conference Grandly Held

On Sunday March 26, 2006, the New York Falun Dafa Cultivation Experience Sharing Conference was held at Madison Square Garden's (MSG) Theatre. More than four thousand practitioners gathered there and shared cultivation experiences. At 3:15 p.m., compassionate Master arrived and spoke for about one hour. Practitioners applauded warmly for lengthy periods throughout the lecture.



2006 New York Falun Dafa Cultivation Experience Sharing Conference Venue

Capable of holding 5,500 people the MSG Theatre in Manhattan is one of the most famous large theatres in New York. Two large vertical banners reading "Compassion can harmonize heaven and earth as spring", "Righteous thoughts can save the world's people" were hung on either side of the stage to encourage practitioners. Master's photo and Falun emblems with the words "Truthfulness, Compassion, Forbearance" and "Falun Forever Rotates" were hung above the stage. Several floral arrangements were placed on the stage. At center stage, there was a square table with the golden words "Truthfulness, Compassion, Forbearance" in front of it. Practitioners' speeches on stage could be heard clearly in every corner of the theatre. More than four thousand practitioners listened attentively to the speeches.

Twelve Falun Gong practitioners shared their cultivation experiences, including those from their work and personal life, preparation for the Chinese New Year Gala, truth-clarification in Manhattan, protesting in front of the Chinese embassy or consulate, clarifying the truth about the [*Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party*](#) in the Chinese community, and in media distribution and reporting.

The first speaker was a young Western practitioner who came to New York with his family and settled down north of New York City. He started to spread the facts of Falun Gong to the community. Along with his effort, local residents appreciated his principles and elected him a city councilor. Recently he became a father. With concrete actions, he behaved as a Dafa practitioner toward his colleagues and family members and helped them to better understand Falun Gong.

Since last March, a group of practitioners have continued to spread the *Nine Commentaries* in Chinatown in Flushing, New York. They shared their experiences at the conference. Senior ladies stood in the cold wind for 5 hours every day. A driver delivering the materials got rid of the attachment of fear and strengthened his righteous thoughts. Countless people learned the facts at the truth-clarification site for. Some predestined people sent CDs of the *Nine Commentaries* to China. When facing interference, some passers-by stepped forward courageously to support the practitioners.

Another Western practitioner shared his experience of moving to New York and participating in media and the Chinese New Year gala. He talked about how to improve from the standpoint of Dafa, and how to stress Dafa in actual tribulations and conflicts between practitioners.

A Chinese practitioner from Canada narrated her experience participating in [truth-clarification](#) in front of the Chinese Consulate in New York. She expressed her feelings of delight after seeing people understand the facts, her grievance after being insulted, and more important, her understanding of the significant meaning of truth-clarification in front of the Chinese Consulates to save sentient beings. Later she returned to Vancouver, set up a banner in front of the Chinese Consulate there and started truth-clarification.

A Western practitioner from Canada shared his experience in truth-clarification while participating in a candidate's meetings during the elections. He felt the importance of righteous thoughts as a practitioner. It can eliminate the evil and rectify any environment. He also shared his experience of a truth-clarification activity, and the good results that came from the cooperation of all practitioners. He witnessed the power of cooperation among practitioners and was touched.

Some practitioners also shared how they overcame various difficulties in running media for truth-clarification and improved in cultivation in the process of saving sentient beings. Each speaker's cultivation experience won warm applause.

The conference came to a successful conclusion at 5 p.m.

Australia: Bo Xilai Visits Australia and is Sued for Torture

Falun Gong practitioners in Australia sued the Chinese Communist Party's Commerce Minister Bo Xilai, who is accompanying Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao to Australia, for torture and genocide. This is yet another lawsuit filed against Bo following the lawsuits against him in the U.S., the UK, Ireland and Russia.

On March 31, 2006, Falun Gong practitioner Pan Yu filed a lawsuit against Chinese Commerce Minister Bo Xilai, who plans to visit Australia, accusing him of committing crimes of torture and genocide. The Sydney Supreme Court officially accepted his submission according to International law and Australian law, and will hold the first hearing on April 10, 2006.

Defendant Bo Xilai has been actively following Jiang's regime to persecute Falun Gong practitioners since July 20, 1999. When he was the mayor of Dalian City, deputy secretary of Liaoning Provincial Party committee and governor of Liaoning Province, he discussed and arranged the persecution of Falun Gong in many meetings. When he was governor of Liaoning Province from January 2001 to February 2004, Bo Xilai actively planned and built large prison facilities, and invested 1 billion [yuan](#) reconstructing prisons within the province. Masanjia Forced Labor Camp, notorious for its brutality and ruthlessness in the persecution of Falun Gong, was allotted over 500 million yuan. Liaoning Province is one of the provinces where the persecution of Falun Gong has been the most severe. The recently disclosed secret concentration camp in the Sujiatun District, Shenyang City, Liaoning Province held about 6,000 Falun Gong practitioners from northeast area of China at a time. Witnesses revealed that there is usually a large number of doctors there, and it also contains a crematorium. Falun Gong practitioners have had their organs harvested while still alive and their murdered bodies cremated immediately to destroy the evidence.

Bo Xilai transferred responsibilities to his subordinates in the persecution of Falun Gong so that local governments are incited to blatantly employ torture on Falun Gong practitioners. The cases of torture deaths of practitioners increased sharply. Therefore, Bo Xilai cannot shirk his responsibilities in this persecution.



Plaintiff Pan Yu speaks at press conference

Plaintiff Pan Yu traveled to Beijing to appeal for Falun Gong on February 1, 2000 and was forcibly sent to Shenyang City's Danan Custody Center. Without going through any legal procedures, he was detained for six months. During that time, he was subjected to all kinds of torture. Pan Yu used his personal experience to accuse the follower of Jiang's regime, Bo Xilai, of committing huge crimes against Falun Gong practitioners and all of humanity.

Bo Xilai tried hard to avoid Falun Gong practitioners during his stay in Australia. Practitioners had to deliver the subpoena from the Sydney Supreme Court to his retinue. Though the retinue threw the subpoena on the ground, the court held that the subpoena had been delivered to the defendant.

San Francisco: Practitioners March to Expose the Sujiatun Atrocities

Practitioners marched in San Francisco to expose Sujiatun Concentration Camp and call for an end to the persecution on April 1, 2006. They clarified the truth to the local people, especially those in Chinatown. The march exposed the CCP's barbaric crimes in Sujiatun Concentration Camp harvesting organs from living practitioners for profit. While condemning the CCP's atrocities, the practitioners called for justice and conscience to bring the persecution to an end.



Reenactment of the CCP's Sujiatun atrocities



In the morning, Falun Gong practitioners arrived at the starting location. Some of them demonstrated the Falun Gong exercises and some got ready to march. When the Celestial Band from New York started playing, the music caught the attention of many passers-by and tourists, who accepted truth-clarification literature to read. After learning about the inhuman crimes committed at the CCP's Sujiatun Concentration Camp, many people expressed their outrage.

Ms. Hong Zhang, one of the organizers, said that the march consisted of three themes. The first theme was to introduce Falun Gong. The second was to expose the CCP's brutal persecution during the last six plus years. The third theme was the practitioners' peaceful protest against the persecution, voicing their support for people quitting the CCP and calling on everyone to help stop the CCP's crimes.

At noon, the procession started and walked around Chinatown. The march ended at 1:30 p.m. on Union Square.

The most eye-catching parts of the march were the Celestial Band, composed of more than 150 members in blue attire with the words "Falun Dafa" and cream-colored trousers, and a truth-clarification float and posters exposing the Sujiatun Concentration Camp. Passersby, tourists, and shoppers watched intently.

Garden Corner is the place where many older Chinese people gather and chat. Since the CCP's persecution of Falun Gong began, a majority of the Chinese here was deceived by the CCP's propaganda and misunderstood the practitioners. In recent years, practitioners in the Bay Area have held truth-clarification photo exhibitions, rallies, and other events, but a lot of these Chinese people either ignore it or reacted negatively.

Today, with the approach of the Celestial Band's music, the older Chinese people stood by the street to watch. Like other Chinese in Chinatown, many of them smiled at us. A practitioner demonstrating the exercises on a float said, "I saw an older lady that we often met in Garden Corner. She never gave a position on the persecution. Today she smiled and held up her thumbs to encourage us."

When the procession passed by shopping centers, many patrons took photos. A western man thanked us enthusiastically for holding the event.

Dr. Alejandro Centurion is a neurologist working in Monterey. He said that he was shocked upon hearing that organs are harvested from living practitioners. He said that the U.S. and many other countries ban organ harvesting from prisoners. In the U.S., organ transplants require extensive checks and reviews. His mother had to wait for two years for a kidney transplant. He said that as a doctor, he cannot imagine how those surgeons can conduct such brutal surgery to remove organs from living people.

Another western gentleman said, "I know the Nazis' history. I think that anyone standing here would be shocked after seeing the photos and will help to stop the brutality."

Mr. Rutang Chen, director of Celestial Band from New Jersey, said, "The weather is very nice today. There were many people in Chinatown and many waited for the march before the arrival of our procession. Many of them were smiling. Our music transmits a strong signal: Falun Dafa is great. The CCP's persecution is wrong."

Mr. Chen said that his son was brutally tortured in China and rescued to the U.S. by overseas practitioners' continuous efforts. He thought that there were more similar camps in China. He said, "Let's call on everyone to oppose the CCP's persecution of Falun Gong."

After the march, some practitioners held a rally on Union Square and continued to collect signatures. The Celestial Band and some other practitioners went to the new Chinatown and conducted a second march to help more people know Falun Gong, expose the CCP's brutal persecution, and call for help to stop the persecution. The second march in the afternoon of the same day was also very successful in clarifying the truth.

FGHRWG Appeals to UN Regarding Sujiatun Concentration Camp; UN Launches Investigation

On March 15, the Falun Gong Human Rights Working Group (FGHRWG) filed appeals to a number of human rights institutions at the United Nations regarding the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP's) atrocities in killing Falun Gong practitioners and harvesting their organs in the Sujiatun Concentration Camp. Many UN officials said that they were shocked by the atrocities and would take action to investigate. While the CCP's persecution of Falun Gong is well known, this inhuman practice of harvesting organs for sale is being exposed to the international community for the first time. Meanwhile, FGHRWG also filed an appeal to the European Parliament.

Professor Manfred Nowak, the UN's Special Rapporteur, said that an appeal alleged that at least 6,000 Falun Gong practitioners had been killed in Sujiatun and their organs were sold for transplants. He said such a practice severely violated all international human rights covenants: It is not just torture, it deprives people of their right to live.

In an interview with Reuters, Professor Nowak said, "I am presently in the process of investigating as far as I can these allegations ... If I come to the conclusion that it is a serious and well-founded allegation, then I will officially submit it to the attention of the Chinese government."

Professor Nowak conducted a two-week torture investigation in China last December. He is the first UN Special Rapporteur who has ever been to China to investigate torture claims. The investigation report was published last week in Geneva. The report not only points out that torture is widespread in China but also stressed that there is a culture of fear and that the persecution of Falun Gong is very severe. The report also enumerates many of the torture methods used by the CCP. Among the torture cases collected in the report, 66% were Falun Gong cases.

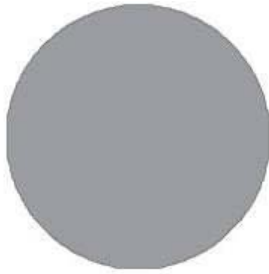
Professor Nowak pointed out in the report that China has the largest prison facility in the world, and he called on the Chinese Communist government to rescind the Laogai (labor reeducation) system and release all detainees.

In its appeal, FGHRWG also listed several cases in which practitioners were killed by the CCP and had organs stolen. They are Ren Pengwu of Harbin, Sun Ruijian of Ningde, Fujian Province, Hao Runjuan of Guangzhou, and Zuo Zhigang of Shijiazhuang.

Since the persecution of Falun Gong started in 1999, under the genocidal policy of the CCP, a large number of practitioners have disappeared. FGHRWG provided background information of several missing practitioners, including relatives of overseas

practitioners, Hong Xiong, brother of Huang Wanqing, and Hu Zhiming, brother of Hu Zihua.

Facts of the Persecution



New Witness: There Are Dozens of Similar Concentration Camps

After the first two witnesses exposed the Sujiatun atrocities, another witness who identified himself as "a veteran military doctor in the General Logistics Department of the Shenyang Military Region" stepped forward to point out that the Sujiatun Concentration Camp indeed exists, organ harvesting and cremation of bodies is done routinely there, and some are even cremated while still alive. He stated that the Sujiatun hospital is only one of 36 similar concentration camps. Findings from the World Organization to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong point to a similar situation.

The Hospital in Sujiatun is Only One of 36 Similar Concentration Camps in China

According to this witness from the military system, the hospital in Sujiatun District is only one of 36 similar concentration camps across China. At present, the majority of detained Falun Gong practitioners are in prisons, forced labor camps and detention centers. They are transferred elsewhere on a large scale only when needed.

This witness said that Heilongjiang, Jilin and Liaoning provinces imprison the largest number of Falun Gong practitioners. The concentration camp in the Jiutai Area, Jilin Province is the 5th largest camp imprisoning Falun Gong practitioners in China. This camp alone detains over 14,000 Falun Gong practitioners.

Jilin Concentration Camp, Code Named 672-S, Imprisons over 120,000 People

The veteran military doctor indicated, "From the information I have access to, the largest concentration camp is in Jilin Province. The concentration camp code named 672-S imprisons over 120,000 people. A large number of Falun Gong practitioners, felons and prisoners of conscience from all over China are there, but I do not know its address."

There Were Indeed over 10,000 People Detained in the Underground Concentration Camp of the Sujiatun District Hospital Prior to 2005 and in Early 2005

The witness said, "In the underground concentration camp of the Sujiatun District Hospital, there were indeed over 10,000 people kept there in early 2005, but at the present time, the number of detainees there is maintained at 600-750. Many detainees have been transferred to other concentration camps."

It Takes Only One Day to Transfer 5,000 People

He continued, "You can't find much evidence even if you enter Sujiatun District to investigate. It takes only one day to transfer 5,000 people in a closed freight train on a special route. I have witnessed a specially dispatched freight train transferring over

7,000 people in one trip from Tianjin to the Jilin area. It ran at night, guarded by the army. Everyone on the train was handcuffed to specially designed handrails like rotisserie chickens."

The World Organization to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong (WOIPFG) Found that Many Cities Have Participated in the Crimes

After the Sujiatun atrocities were exposed, WOIPFG launched an urgent investigation across China. Results show that the crime of harvesting Falun Gong practitioners' organs exists and is still happening in at least Beijing, Tianjin, Shanghai, Hunan, Shandong, Liaoning, and Guangdong.

The excerpts of several investigative telephone conversations are as below.

(An Undisclosed Hospital in Guangzhou City)

Caller: How long will I have to wait for a kidney?

Doctor: About a week after you check into the hospital.

Caller: But I have to have a fresh and healthy kidney, and I want one from a live donor. You are not going to give me a kidney from a dead person, are you?

Doctor: Of course we will give you a high-quality kidney!

Caller: Do you have one like the ones I hear about from Falun Gong people?

Doctor: What we have in our hospital are all this kind.

(An Undisclosed Medical College in Tianjin)

Caller: The doctor said the kidney is very good and came from someone who practices qigong. I asked what type of qigong, and he told me the man practices Falun Gong. I heard that those who practice Falun Gong are healthier.

Doctor: Of course. We also have kidneys from Falun Gong practitioners here. We harvest kidneys from people who are still breathing or have a heartbeat. So far we have had about a dozen such cases this year (2006)... Of course, the supplier's health is a very important factor. The supplier has to be young and healthy. Moreover, the time period where the warm blood supply to the kidney is cut off has to be reduced to a minimum or even to none. In this case, there was no lack of warm blood supply.

(An Undisclosed Hospital in Shandong Province)

Caller: I want a kidney from those who practice Falun Gong, one that's totally healthy.

Doctor: Well...We will definitely have a lot of suppliers like that in April. The number of those suppliers is gradually increasing.

Caller: Why are you going to have more in April?

Doctor: I cannot tell you that because this involves... Anyway, there is no need to go into that. I cannot go into that with you.

The Chinese Communist Party's Top Level Leadership Agreed to Deal With Class Enemies With Any Means

According to witness, the Chinese Communist Party has openly declared Falun Gong to be "class enemies", turning Falun Gong practitioners into the target of its most severe suppression. The witness said that according to the latest decisions, the Chinese Communist Party's Central Committee agreed to treat Falun Gong practitioners as "class enemies" and to handle them in any economically beneficial manner without having to report to higher authorities. In other words, Falun Gong practitioners, like many felons in China, are no longer regarded as human beings, but as raw materials for commercial products. They have become commodities.

According to the witness from the military system, according to "the country's regulations," the provincial government has the authority to establish "recycling organizations" to process felons under the supervision of the military region in the province. This practice was established by a legal document that the Chinese Communist Party's Central Military Committee established as early as 1962. This practice continues to this day. According the regulations in the document, death penalty prisoners and felons convicted of serious crimes may be processed according to the development needs of the state or of socialism. During the Great Cultural Revolution (1966-1976), the most extreme way to process these prisoners was to use their bodies for food. The second was to use them as slave labor for construction or line production work.

According to the witness, after a 1984 amendment, it became legal to harvest organs from felons. The police and judicial departments perform organ harvesting on living prisoners before cremating their bodies. Sometimes, they injure the prisoners in a show execution before they perform harvest the organs of the injured prisoners. They then cremate their bodies. Since 1992, such a practice has become public. Due to the development of many related businesses, human bodies, live or dead, have become profitable raw materials.

Persecution-Related Deaths of Twenty-four More Practitioners Verified in February 2006

Civil channels in February 2006 have verified the torture deaths of twenty-four Falun Gong practitioners from Mainland China. Since the Chinese Communist Regime under Jiang's directions began persecuting Falun Gong on July 20, 1999, a total of 2,838 practitioners have been verified as being tortured to death.

Among these 24 death cases, eight of them took place in February alone. The victims' ages ranged from 35 to 64. Eleven of the 24 practitioners (46%) were women.

The 24 victims were in ten provinces and cities and are thus distributed: four deaths each in Hebei and Liaoning Provinces; three in Heilongjiang, Jilin, and Sichuan Provinces each, two in Chongqing City and Shandong Province, and one death in each of Guangdong, Henan, and Jiangxi provinces.

These latest death cases once again reveal the CCP's bloodthirsty nature. The CCP used all possible methods in their genocidal persecution of Falun Gong, such as beating, injections with toxic substances, force-feeding toxins, highly demanding physical labor and more. Falun Gong practitioners are tortured and even killed in the forced labor camps, detention centers, and brainwashing centers established by the [610 Office](#), the CCP's special branch for persecuting Falun Gong. In those places, death as a result of torture is not infrequent and happens in considerable numbers. Even when practitioners were tortured to the verge of death, the officials still refused to inform practitioners' families or to send them to a hospital for treatment. They instruct the practitioners' families to come get their loved ones when they have no hope for recovery. Thus most of them died not long after they were returned home.

The Arrest of Rape Victim Liu Jizhi and Her Daughter by CCP Police

Around 11:00 a.m. on March 7, 2006, officers from the Beijing National Security Bureau and Hebei Police Department arrived in two police cars with over ten policemen to arrest practitioner Ms. Liu Jizhi, who was raped last year while in police custody, and her 19-year-old daughter Wei Meiling. They were arrested at the gate of the Air Force Research Institute Logistics Department near Haiding District, Beijing City.

After Ms. Liu Jizhi bravely exposed the rape that occurred on November 25, 2005 in Zhuozhou City, Hebei Province, the Chinese Communist regime delayed the trial of policeman He Xuejian, who had committed the rape, and tried to sweep the crime under the rug. They offered a reward for Liu Jizhi's arrest and put a tracer on Ms. Liu and others who stood by her side and exposed the evil persecution. On February 23, 2006, Baoding City officials held a meeting in Zhuozhou. They decided to arrest the victims Liu Jizhi and Han Yuzhi before the trial of policeman He Xuejian. He had threatened to "kill the witnesses," because "the dead can't give witness." This would have effectively ended the trial.

Ms. Liu had to leave home to avoid further persecution and she became homeless. Due to severe mental and physical trauma as a result of the rape and the lack of justice afterwards, Liu Jizhi even displayed symptoms of mental collapse at one time. In order to take care of her mother her eldest daughter Wei Meiling who studied at Zhuozhou City Geology Bureau High School had to halt her studies one day before the beginning of the term. She became homeless with her mother, and they concealed their identities. Liu Jizhi's alias became "Shan Yuzhen."



Air Force Research Institute Laundromat -- Liu Jizhi and her daughter worked here. Two days after Liu Jizhi and her daughter were arrested, the Laundromat was closed, and the owner disappeared without a trace

On February 16, Liu Jizhi and her daughter came to work at the privately-owned Laundromat at the Air Force Research Institute near Xisanqi of Haiding District, Beijing

City. Four people, including Ms. Liu and her daughter operated an ironing machine. Liu Jizhi carried the clothes to the next person and Wei Meiling folded the clothes. They worked eight to nine hours a day. They did not go out. They did not expect the authorities to look for them and find them within four months after the rape. Ms. Liu's daughter was not cautious in using her cell phone, which resulted in their being found and arrested.

At 8:00 a.m. on March 7, the two women finished work, washed themselves, and ate and slept as usual. At that time, two police cars quietly drove to the courtyard in front of the Air Force Institute. The vehicle license plates indicated that they were from the State National Security Bureau in Shijiazhuang. According to eyewitnesses, there were over ten people. Their facial expressions were very serious. It looked as if they were facing an enemy. People passing by felt a very intense and choking atmosphere, and thought that something big was going to happen. As expected, the area was searched thoroughly. They searched through the supermarkets, small stores, telephone booths, the Laundromat and all non-residential areas. Two military officers of the Air Force Institute security office were in charge of checking the Laundromat. The person who ran the Laundromat is surnamed Zhang, and is over 40 years old, from Beijing.

Around 10:00 a.m., three of the police officers came to the Laundromat. The person in charge woke the women up and said, "No big deal, we just need to register the two newcomers." Someone asked, "Didn't we register last time?" The boss said, "It is fine if you have already registered, it's just Xiao Wei (Meiling) and her mother." The boss found the bed of Wei Meiling, "Xiao Wei, do you have an ID?" Wei Meiling replied, "Yes." Then the boss asked Liu Jizhi whether she had ID, she answered, "I do not have one." The security officer questioned closely, "You do not have an ID, where are you from? What's your name?" Liu Jizhi said, "I am from Hebei, and my name is Shan Yuzhen." The security officer asked again, "Then where is your ID?" Liu Jizhi repeated, "I don't have an ID." Then he told them, "You two get up and get dressed, and go register." Then three of them took Liu Jizhi and her daughter to the gate of the Air Force Institute, and the mother and daughter never returned.

At around 11:00 a.m., at the doorway of the Air Force Institute, a witness saw this scene: A young girl stubbornly held an older woman. She would not let her be taken away by the police, and bleakly cried and begged a middle-aged away man standing on the side, "Boss Zhang, are you going to just let them take my mother away?" That man was shocked by what he saw and felt helpless. At last, an official gave the order to forcibly take her away. Before they left, the police changed the license plates from Shijiazhuang to Beijing. The witness said, "There was a big pile of vehicle plates." (She gestured with her hands and it looked like a few dozens plates.) "They brought lots of people. This woman certainly must be an important criminal. It looks like a big case."

After half an hour, boss Zhang returned to the Laundromat. He was like a totally different person. He looked pale and fearful. Sweat ran down his face, and he had not yet recovered from a fright, "What's going on? What's going on?"

Between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m., two officers from the security section came again, and said, "The two (Liu Jizhi and daughter) do not have ID. They were evicted from the Institute."

They also ordered the person in charge and other workers not to tell anyone that the mother and daughter had worked there. They also took their luggage. Two days later, the Laundromat was closed and the people disappeared without trace. According to insiders at the Air Force Institute, two generals were punished because of this incident.

The Tortures of Falun Gong Practitioners in Mudanjiang City Prison in February 2006

Since the 2006 Chinese New Year, Mudanjiang City Prison's Eighth District wardens, Zhang Shengli, Wu Xuejun and Song Junpiao have intensified the persecution of illegally incarcerated Falun Gong practitioners. These wardens are persecuting Falun Gong under the direction of Tang Xiaohui, head warden of the Eighth District, and Chen Zhanfeng, the political instructor.

On February 17, 2006, Song Junpiao, leader of the third squadron, demanded that Falun Gong practitioner Huang Guodong, who is over 60, perform intensive labor. Huang refused Song's demand, so Song ordered inmate Cheng Yonghe to forcibly drag Huang to a corner in the prison sweatshop. Falun Gong practitioners Guan Wenlong, Liu Tieren, Liu Jun, Xu Xiangdong, Zhang Shijiang, and Shen Jinxiang were also forcibly dragged to this corner. Song and Cheng did not allow these practitioners to talk.

At 8:00 a.m. on February 22, jail warden Wu Xuejun brutally assaulted Falun Gong practitioner Xu Xiangdong, when the latter showed up for forced labor. Wu then threatened to put Mr. Xu in solitary confinement for his refusal to sign the so-called [repentance statement](#). Wu failed to make Xu Xuejun renounce his belief in Falun Gong.

In the afternoon, Wu abused Falun Gong practitioner Liu Tieren, who was illegally put into the third prison squadron. Wu also ordered jail warden Li Xiaowei to abuse Falun Gong practitioner Zhang Shijiang. Wu threatened to have these practitioners stand upright for eleven hours straight every day.

On February 23, jail warden Song put practitioner Huang Guodong in solitary confinement, because Huang refused to perform forced labor.

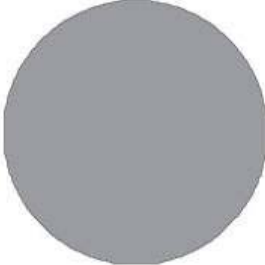
Falun Gong practitioner Guan Wenlong refused to perform any forced labor. The prison's policy, known as the chain of responsibility, assigns inmates to practitioners, and whenever a practitioner refuses to submit to persecution, the associated inmate will also be blamed. Inmate Guan Zhenli, who is in charge of Guan Wenlong, feared that Wenlong would not submit to persecution, so Guan brutally assaulted Wenlong. The beating disfigured Wenlong's face and severely bruised his back, shoulders, and arms. Wenlong's body swelled from the beating.

On the morning of February 23, jail wardens Chen Zhanfeng and Wu Xuejun used electric batons to beat practitioner Guan Wenlong in the sweatshop office. These wardens also deprived Wenlong of any sleep. Wu also used an awl to poke holes in Guan Wenlong's back and right leg. At noon, the wardens denied Wenlong lunch and beat him in the bathroom. They did not release Wenlong until all other inmates had finished eating. Wenlong's face was bloody and swollen.

On the morning of February 24, jail wardens Wu Xuejun and Liu Bo used electric batons to beat practitioner Liu Jun. Liu's hands were severely injured. These wardens were not satisfied with the results, so they dragged Liu into the bathroom and resumed the beating with electric batons and rubber clubs. After being beaten for more than an hour, Liu Bo had to be carried out of the bathroom by two inmates. He could neither walk nor turn to the left or right. His right leg went lame.

On February 25, warden Wu started torturing practitioners as soon as he came to work. Wu used an awl to stab Guan Wenlong again and tortured him in the bathroom for half an hour. On the same morning, practitioner Zhang Shijiang refused to perform forced labor, so wardens Zhang Shengli and Cheng Zhanfeng used four electric batons to beat him until the batteries were depleted. Zhang Lijiang's heart almost stopped beating from the electric shocks, and his whole body convulsed. Mr. Zhang suffered excruciating pain. He had to be carried back to the cell by other inmates, yet wardens dragged Zhang back to the sweatshop the very next day.

People Awaken to the Truth



My Chinese Friends Shed Tears When They Heard About Sujiatun Concentration Camp

By Xiaohong

I recorded the organ removal horror story, the story about organs being removed from live Falun Gong practitioners inside the Sujiatun Concentration Camp, and sent it to my friends in Mainland China. Everyone was shocked and shed tears. One of my friends told me, "The CCP (Chinese Communist Party) without doubt are demons! They are evil monsters! It is the most dishonorable and cruel persecution that has ever occurred in the history of China. I sent the Sujiatun news to my Internet friends, too. Those evil persecutors will be cast down into hell!" Another friend told me, "Xiaohong, I received your file. I will let more people know this news. I will let them know the truth."

A friend confided in me about her marital problems. I consoled her and then had her listen to the news. She sent me back a picture of her tearful expression after she listened to that information. She told me, "I couldn't help crying after hearing this news. My suffering is too small in comparison to this."

I also sent the file to another friend who said, after listening to this information, "Why doesn't the CCP persecute other religions besides Falun Gong?"

I told him that if he could get through the information blockade, it is not difficult to search for information about persecutions of other religions. The Mainland Committee exposed them. There were 1,222,000 religious practitioners tortured by the CCP since the "open-door" policy began. According to statistics from the "Committee Investigating Persecution of Religions in China," there were at least 2.7 million among more the sixty million Family Church Christians illegally arrested. Of these, 440,000 were sentenced to forced labor "re-education," and the authorities fined 1,120,000 at will. The Chinese media reported that there were at least ten or twenty thousand Falun Gong practitioners practicing Falun Gong in the square in just one city. The environment was very peaceful. Unfortunately, Jiang's regime claimed it would eradicate Falun Gong within 3 months. However, during the 6 years of persecution, it has been proven that only firm cultivators can face this severe persecution peacefully, without violent protests. My friend agreed that time has proven my contention.

He asked again, "But why did those practitioners commit suicide?"

I showed him the video of the Tiananmen Immolation Incident. There are so many weaknesses in the incident. We can discover the flaws by slowing the video with the help of technology. I also told him that true Falun Gong practitioners could not commit suicide. I told him that the Falun Gong books explain that suicide is a grave sin.

My friend understood gradually and believed what I told him. Later, he told me he was a standing official's son and chairman of the student committee. I told him the importance and meaning of quitting the CCP. He definitely agreed. He said he would send me an announcement the next day and he needed to discuss the issue with his parents. I questioned him: "Of course, you should discuss it with your parents and you have a responsibility to tell them the importance of quitting CCP. But do you need to discuss it with others when you should be responsible for yourself?"

He told me that someone was coming into the room. He said it was not convenient to talk to me and he would contact me the next day. I deeply hope that most people who live under this ruthless CCP regime can read the [*Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party*](#), which is a great antidote to the CCP's poison.

The Confession of a 610 Office Director

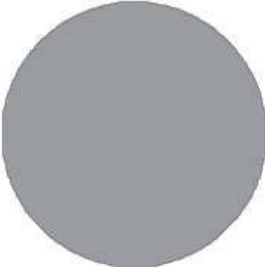
I am the head of a county [610 Office](#). I truly regret what I did before. The Jiang clique cajoled me and I was lured by fame and gain, and committed many crimes in persecuting Falun Dafa practitioners. I have been afraid since the events took place. After long-term contact with practitioners, I finally understood that they are very good people who don't hit back when beaten or answer back when insulted. They have innocently suffered injustice and persisted in [clarifying the facts](#) to awaken people deceived by the anti-Falun Gong propaganda.

Currently, I recite, "Falun Dafa is good" silently every day. After practitioners clarified the facts to me unremittingly, if I had not repented, changed my evil thoughts, and still persecuted Falun Gong practitioners, I probably would have suffered severe retribution and would not have a chance to confess now.

I declare solemnly that I will never again be involved in the persecution of Falun Dafa practitioners. I advise the personnel in the 610 Offices and police departments who are still persecuting practitioners to stop doing evil and to consider your own future and that of your family, so as not to suffer retribution.

Note: For the safety of the chief of the 610 Office who is determined to make a clean break with his past, Clearwisdom Net's editors concealed his real name here. After practitioners clarified the facts about Dafa to him, he has completely repented. He will alert the practitioners of any danger as soon as he is able. Also, he tried his best to alleviate the sentences of practitioners who were sent to forced labor camps or prisons, or had them released on bail beforehand.

Voice of Justice



Manhattan: New Yorkers' Responses to the CCP's Barbaric Crimes at the Sujiatun Concentration Camp

On March 25, 2006, more than four thousand Falun Gong practitioners from around the world gathered in Manhattan and held a march to further expose the Chinese Communist Party (CCP)'s crimes at the Sujiatun Concentration Camp. In the camp, body organs are harvested from living practitioners and their remains are cremated to destroy evidence. The march also supported nine million withdrawals from the CCP. The large-scale activity impacted Manhattan and countless tourists and residents of the financial capital of the world.

CCP Regime Commits Crimes!

Bob, a student from Africa studying Computer Science, said that the march was very successful. It helped people understand what Falun Gong is and what the persecution of Falun Gong by the CCP in China is about.

Bob said, "I was very impressed with the exposure of crimes in Sujiatun in harvesting and trading practitioners' body organs. It is horrible and the CCP is committing crimes! Anyone can see it is a crime! This must be stopped immediately."

Bob said that the American people should help Chinese people and each one should take actions for the future of Chinese people. Such crimes should not occur in China or anywhere in the world.

"I know why they are holding such a large-scale activity"

While eating lunch, Robert, a manager of a tour-guide company watched the whole march. He said, "I know why they hold a such large-scale activity--because the CCP persecutes and tortures them."

Robert said that his company is located near the Chinese Consulate in New York. There are practitioners meditating and protesting there often. He often reads the *Epoch Times* to obtain first-hand news about China.

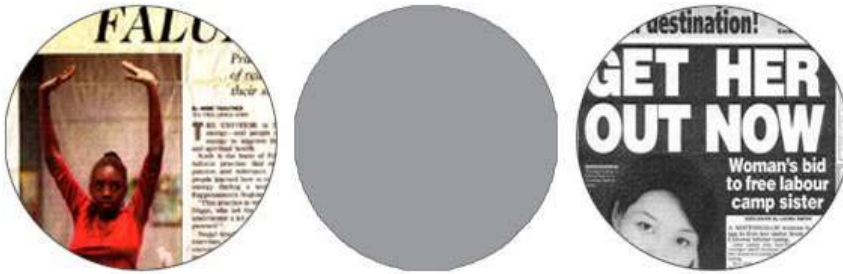
"Waiting for Evidence" and Killing

A professor at a Christian university and a local Chinese resident said, "I see so many people in the march and information shown there is a death camp in China. Body organs are harvested from living people. I believe it is true because they behave righteously."

The professor pointed out that such a situation occurred in World War II. The German Nazis were killing Jews and western countries, including the USA did not pay attention to the matter. They delayed for 2 to 3 three years with the excuse of waiting for evidence. But during this period, 2.5 million more Jews were killed.

"Seeing Falun Gong practitioners' march, I thought that if 60 years ago so many righteous people had stood out to speak for the Jewish people, far fewer people would have been killed and at least the persecution could have been minimized. I think that these people stepping out today are admirable. They are determined and commit so much effort to seek justice and stop the crimes. If today we were to appease China or remain numb and wait for more evidence, a similar tragedy to that of 60 years ago would be reproduced."

Media Reports and Opinions



AFP: U.S. presses China for probe on Falun Gong organ harvesting claim

The United States pressed China Friday for a probe into claims by the Falun Gong spiritual group that thousands of its followers at Chinese concentration camps have been killed and their organs harvested and sold.

"The Chinese have publicly denied the allegations. We've made the point that a further investigation would be helpful. We urge that it be done," Deputy State Department spokesman Adam Ereli told reporters.

"Well, obviously, any such reports are taken very seriously by us. We haven't been able to confirm them. We have contacted the government of China about them," Ereli said.

Asked whether the United States had suggested any international investigation, he said: "No, we've raised it with the Chinese and urged them to investigate."

The Falun Gong spiritual movement had alleged that as many as 75 percent of its 6,000 followers held in a state-run camp in the Sujiatun district of the northern Chinese city of Shenyang had been cremated after they were killed and their organs harvested and sold.

In a statement Friday, the movement, quoting "a veteran medical doctor who has served in the Shenyang military zone," said there were 36 such camps and that "the scope of the problem far exceeds that previously imagined."

The largest camp, codenamed "672-S," is said to hold over 120,000 people, among them are Falun Gong and other "prisoners of conscience," it said.

There has been no independent confirmation of the Falun Gong reports.

The Chinese communist leadership considers the rise of Falun Gong as a mass movement and a threat to its power, rights groups have said.

Since the banning of the Falun Gong in 1999, estimates of adherents who died in custody due to torture, abuse and neglect ranged from several hundred to a few thousand, according to the State Department's annual human rights report released in early March.

In addition to being sentenced to reeducation-through-labor camps, some Falun Gong members were sent to detention facilities specifically established to "rehabilitate" practitioners who refused to recant their belief voluntarily after release from the camps, it said.

Reuters: U.N. envoy looks at Falun Gong torture allegations

GENEVA - The United Nations torture investigator said on Thursday he was looking into allegations by the Falun Gong group that thousands of its followers were being held at a Chinese "concentration camp" and some had been killed.

The banned spiritual movement alleged this month that up to 6,000 people at a time were kept at a state-run camp in the Sujiatun district in the northern city of Shenyang, where it said some had been killed and their organs sold.

"The allegation is Falun Gong practitioners are being used for the sale of organs and human tissue ... According to the allegation nobody has so far left this concentration camp," said Manfred Nowak, U.N. special rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

"I am presently in the process of investigating as far as I can these allegations ... If I come to the conclusion that it is a serious and well-founded allegation, then I will officially submit it to the attention of the Chinese government," he told a news briefing.

Nowak, who visited China late last year after a decade of negotiations, reported last week he found torture widespread in the country, home to the world's biggest prison population.

China has denied earlier abuse and torture charges made by Nowak and asked the U.N. envoy to think again.

The Falun Gong bulletin said the allegations were based on "testimony from an insider and formal journalist from China", who also alleged the camp had a crematorium and many doctors.

Nowak, an Austrian law professor, said if the allegations proved true it would be a serious violation of many basic human rights, including the right to life and the right not to be subjected to torture or ill treatment.

In his report last week he called on China to abolish its "re-education through labor" system and urged authorities to release all political prisoners and people held for exercising their right to freedom of speech, assembly and religion.

This included imprisoned practitioners of Falun Gong, banned in 1999 as a "[Chinese communist regime's slanderous words]" that threatens the government.

NewsMax: China Selling Prisoners' Body Parts

Chinese doctors are "harvesting" kidneys, corneas and other organs from live concentration camp inmates and selling them for up to \$100,000 apiece.

That's the shocking report from a former employee at Liaoning Provincial Thrombosis Hospital of Integrated Chinese and Western Medicine, where the organ removal has allegedly been taking place.

In an interview with The Epoch Times, the ex-employee said the Sujiatun Concentration Camp in Shenyang City is part of the hospital and since 2001 has secretly detained approximately 6,000 Falun Gong practitioners - none of whom has left the camp alive.

"Many kidneys, livers, and corneas have been removed from the practitioners at the hospital," according to The Epoch Times, a New York-based news organization specializing in Chinese coverage.

"After the organ removal, the practitioners were thrown into an incinerator, which was converted from a boiler. Their ashes were dumped together with burned charcoal."

The Chinese Communist Party persecutes Falun Gong, but medical personnel were told Falun Gong practitioners were facing death because [*slander omitted*], the former staff member at the hospital said.

The Epoch Times ran a transcript of the interview with the ex-staffer. Her comments read in part:

"Organs harvested from live bodies are worth far more than organs taken from dead bodies. Many Falun Gong practitioners were still alive when their organs were taken. After their organs were cut out, some of these people were thrown directly into the crematorium to be burnt, thus leaving no evidence.

"For some others, after their organs were stolen, the doctor sewed up the wound and asked the family or family representative to give a signature for cremation. Family members did not know that the dead had their organs removed...

"It is also said by the employees in the hospital [that] some were still alive when being thrown into the boiler...

"Three-quarters of these 6,000 people have died, having their hearts, kidneys, retinas, and skin harvested and their bodies disposed of. I think now about 2,000 Falun Gong practitioners are still in this hospital."

The harvested organs "are mainly sold to Thailand, but I believe they are also sold to other regions of the world. Nowadays, there are many patients in China who need human skin, corneas, and kidneys for organ transplant surgeries."

Currently, a kidney can be sold for \$30,000 to \$100,000, the former employee added.

"The profit from selling organs is simply too great. The people who benefit from this are not only the top leaders of hospitals and the officials of the Chinese Communist Party's Health Department ... People ranging from government officials to doctors to organ sellers are all involved in this and are profiting greatly.

"I am not a Falun Gong practitioner. But as a former staff member of the hospital, I have a responsibility to expose the truth, and let the world save those Falun Gong practitioners who are still alive."

Toronto Sun: For sale: \$25,000 for a liver

For sale: \$25,000 for a liver

It's long been known that China "harvests" the organs of people it executes, for sale to those who need transplants and can afford to pay.

The Chinese government from time to time denies this is being done. At other times it soft-pedals allegations by declaring the sale of organs is illegal.

That's true -- for citizens, but not the state. Some difference!

Considering that China "officially" executes up to 4,500 people a year (critics claim the number is closer to 10,000) for some 68 "crimes" that carry the death penalty, it means lots of organs.

Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and the U.S. State Department are some that consistently deplore the Chinese practice. While dozens of countries have the death penalty, none apply it as enthusiastically as China.

As much as 90% of all "legal" executions in the world are carried out in China -- with the victim's family even paying for the bullet and for the person's accommodation on death row.

If there's money to be made from an ethically questionable practice, communist China will find a way to profit from it.

Human rights investigators say China's sale of human organs -- hearts, lungs, livers, corneas -- to needy visitors nets up to \$30,000 US dollars each.

The Sunday Telegraph reports that human rights activist Harry Wu, a former Chinese citizen, was informed that the organs of 50 prisoners on death row would be available during the year: \$25,000 for livers, \$20,000 for kidneys, \$5,000 for corneas.

A U.S. human rights subcommittee was told that "anecdotal and circumstantial evidence" regarding the removal of organs from executed prisoners for sale to foreigners and wealthy Chinese "is substantial, credible and growing."

There are also first-hand reports of removing organs from living prisoners.

During "Strike Hard" campaigns against crime, the Chinese execute up to 800 people a month; the time between arrest and execution may be a few days or even less. Sometimes prisoners go from the courtroom to the execution grounds. Appeals rarely reverse the verdict.

Recently the Washington Post reported babies are being kidnapped in China and sold to orphanages, which adopt them out to foreigners who pay \$10,000 to \$20,000 per child. (This is not to suggest all babies adopted in China have been kidnapped. With a population of 1.2 billion, China has no shortage of abandoned kids, especially unwanted girls.)

A more grisly practice has recently come to light. The Epoch Times, which specializes in reporting human rights abuses, recently ran accounts from an unidentified Chinese reporter who penetrated the secret underground Sujiatun Prison, in the northeastern city of Shenyang, where 6,000 Falun Gong practitioners are confined.

Falun Gong is a [practice system] that believes in meditation and good works.

Its unforgivable sin is that it's often more popular than the Communist party, thus invoking persecution by Chinese authorities.

The prison is directly connected to a hospital where prospective organ buyers have been told there's only a two-day wait for organs -- unheard of unless the "donor" is about to be killed. Of the thousands who've been sent to Sujiatun prison, no one is known ever to have returned.

China often convicts Falun Gong people for their beliefs, and apparently executes them for their organs.

In prisons, there's pressure on inmates to donate their organs before they are executed. But shortcuts are taken.

China's use of prisoners as guinea pigs, or as a supply to meet world demand makes Nazi medical experimentation seem almost benign comparison.

***Orillia Packet & Times (Ontario): Falun Gong brings message to Orillia:
Religion's adherents shine light on abuses by Chinese government***

Teviah Moro, The Packet & Times

Wendy Guo has been arrested four times.

Authorities took the 30-year-old to a stadium in Beijing along with thousands of other freedom-seeking Falun Gong protesters seven years ago.

Her first brush with Chinese authorities that day in October paints a stark contrast to the peaceful religion.

"I was beaten, kicked to the ground by police, and they stepped on my face," said the five-foot-tall Guo, who brought a gruesome message to Orillia yesterday with the help of two fellow practitioners holding up a white banner in front of city hall.

The banner called attention to what the group describes as a government-run death camp in China that's killing Falun Gong practitioners and selling their organs.

Guo, the director of the Global Mission to Rescue Persecuted Falun Gong Practitioners, bellowed the group's complaint through a megaphone while a handful of passersby signed a petition.

The trio would later leave a letter for Mayor Ron Stevens before heading off to Midland to finish up a daylong awareness tour that also included a stop in Barrie.

Since its public introduction in 1992, Falun Gong, [...] has surged in popularity in China. It garnered international attention when the Chinese government started suppressing practitioners in 1999; the same year thousands staged a mass protest against the persecutions.

Guo, who now lives in Toronto and is pursuing a master's degree, came to Canada in 2004 and was astonished by her new home's religious freedom.

Equally surprising to her was just how far Chinese authorities would go to crack down on her faith.

"I never imagined the persecution in China would go beyond control."

Guo has been arrested for what she believes is telling the truth about Falun Gong and how the government has treated its adherents.

"I produced some videos telling the truth about Falun Gong."

With her four arrests, she's accumulated about nine months of detention, Guo figured, noting during those times, she was subject to sleep deprivation and brainwashing.

Guo said knowing people in Singapore likely saved her from a harsher fate: "They can torture you to death and nobody will ever know."

Guo and her colleagues want the Canadian government to put more pressure on China to stop the persecution.

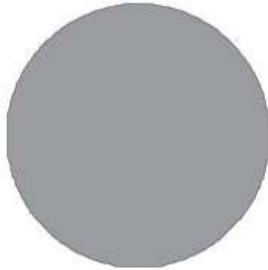
The federal government has raised concerns about the treatment of Falun Gong practitioners with Chinese authorities on several occasions, a foreign affairs spokeswoman said yesterday.

"We remain concerned about ongoing reports of the suppression of freedoms of expression and association in China, including the treatment of members of Falun Gong," said Pamela Greenwell.

The group is planning a rally on Parliament Hill.

"I have the right to persist in what I believe," Guo said.

Falun Gong Practitioners' Personal Experiences



From Two New Practitioners in Hebei Province: "Falun Gong Gave Me a New Lease on Life"

Getting a new lease on life because of Falun Gong

I am a resident of Wei County, Hebei Province. I had the enormous good fortune to obtain the Fa at the end of 2004. It was Falun Gong and compassionate Teacher that gave me a new lease on life.

Before I started practicing Falun Gong, my health had been deteriorating. In the summer of 2004, I was diagnosed with breast cancer and had to undergo surgery. My family and I were shocked when we heard the bad news. As Chinese farmers, we are already poor. The medical expenses would take a toll on our finances. Later I agreed to have my breasts removed on the advice of the medical doctor, my family, my relatives, and my friends. Afterwards, I underwent several radiation and chemotherapy treatments. Consequently, I lost all of my hair.

I was in the depths of despair because of the accompanying physical and psychological agony, which was beyond description. When I was feeling without hope, a good friend of mine came to visit me and told me about Falun Gong, its miraculous healing power, and the importance of improving one's character. That was when I started to understand what Falun Gong really is and when I decided to start my journey to return to my true self.

My health and character underwent enormous improvements after I started to read [Zhuan Falun](#) and practice the Falun Gong exercises. In fact, I am a completely changed woman! I used to be a very narrow-minded, unforgiving woman that held grudges forever, but now I have become very thoughtful of others. Once I started to conduct myself according to the universal principle of "Truthfulness, Compassion, Forbearance," my health drastically improved. All of my ailments disappeared. I know it is Teacher and Falun Gong that have saved my life. I cannot possibly do justice to describing my joy with words.

As for those who still misunderstand Falun Gong and have fallen prey to the evil Chinese Communist Party's lies, please try to understand Falun Gong, talk to Falun Gong practitioners and read *Zhuan Falun*. The book *Zhuan Falun* will resolve all your doubts and questions and teach you how to become a better person. I truly feel as though joy and peace have landed from Heaven.

Falun Gong gave me a new lease on life

I am a resident of Zhuolu County, Hebei Province. I had the good fortune to obtain the Fa in the spring of 2005. Falun Gong has given me a new lease on life. I am forever determined to practice Falun Gong and follow Teacher to the end.

Before I started practicing Falun Gong, I suffered from severe chronic bronchitis. I was tormented by it since my early 50s. In fact, I was so ill that I couldn't continue farming. Every cloudy or rainy day, I would pant and gasp for air. For the past few years, I continued to suffer even though I took medicine up to six times a day. I had to carry the medicine bottle with me at all times. I even put the bottle next to my pillow when I went to bed so that I could reach it when my bronchitis surfaced.

In addition, I suffered from hemorrhoids and prostatitis. I was prone to heat exhaustion in the summer and colds in the winter. I also frequently suffered from nasal congestion. These ailments had been tormenting me for years. I felt I was struggling with death and often felt I was on the verge of a nervous breakdown.

As I said I obtained the Fa in the spring of 2005, just when I was in complete despair. Because of Falun Gong cultivation practice, the ailments that had been tormenting me subsided little by little. In less than two months, I could go without any medicine because I had become completely healthy. From the bottom of my heart, I feel the magnificence and miracle of Falun Gong. It is Falun Gong that has saved my life. More importantly, I now have a completely different view on life and worldly pursuits. Because of Falun Gong, I now know the truth of life. I am able to see the light and hope of life.

This is a brief summary of my cultivation practice over the past year. I am telling the truth. I would be violating the principle of Truthfulness if I were to lie in any way. During the past year of cultivation practice, my health and character have been greatly enhanced. I am unable to describe my gratitude for Teacher, who has given me a new lease on life. There is nothing greater than Falun Gong in the universe. It is capable of transforming a depraved man into a good one. It is capable of turning a dying man such as myself into a healthy person. There is nothing more righteous than Falun Gong. The evil CCP's persecution of Falun Gong is completely wrong. I hope that those who have misunderstandings about Falun Gong will hurry to learn the truth about Falun Gong. If you believe that Falun Gong is good, you shall have a wonderful future.

Glossary

Falun Gong (also called **Falun Dafa**) is an ancient form of *qigong*; the practice of refining the body and mind through special exercises and meditation. Like *tai chi*, *qigong* is a vital part of many people's lives in Asia; almost every Chinese park is brimming by the break of dawn with people practicing these arts.

Only a few years after its public introduction in 1992, Falun Dafa quickly grew to become the most popular form of *qigong* ever in Chinese history. The major reason for this is that Falun Dafa distinguishes itself from other *qigong* practices by emphasizing not only physical cultivation, but also cultivation of one's moral character in daily life according to higher principles taught by Mr. Li Hongzhi, Falun Dafa's founder. The practice involves slow, gentle movements and meditation. It is easy to learn, enjoyable to practice, and free of charge. Its principles are based on Truth, Compassion, and Tolerance. Falun Gong is practiced by over 100 million people in 60 countries. The main works of Falun Gong are available in over 30 languages.

Zhuan Falun: This book comprises the principal teachings of Falun Dafa.

"April 25": This refers to the "sensitive" anniversary of April 25, 1999, on which date ten thousand Falun Gong practitioners peacefully gathered outside the Zhongnanhai compound (China's central government building) and successfully appealed for the release of forty-five practitioners who had been illegally arrested in Tianjin City.

Clarifying the Truth: Because of the persecution in China and the unrelenting hate campaign carried out by China's state-controlled media, Falun Gong practitioners have been actively "clarifying the truth" -- explaining to the public the facts about Falun Gong and exposing the persecution. Truth clarification activities include face-to-face conversations with people, posting notices and posters, handing out flyers, and hanging banners. Outside of China, where Falun Gong is freely practiced, practitioners further expose the persecution through anti-torture reenactments, art exhibits, Internet websites, books, magazines, newspapers, movies and letter writing. The goal of clarifying the truth is to help people understand Falun Gong, to dispel the lies of the communist regime in China and to raise public support to end the persecution. (Variations: "clarifying the truth", "truth clarifying", "truth-clarifying", "truth clarification", "truth-clarification", "clarifying the facts", "clarified the truth", and "clarified the facts")

Death Bed torture: A practitioner is tied to a bed with his hands handcuffed above his head to the bed rails, and his legs tied with thin nylon ropes. The rope is then tightly

wrapped around the practitioner's body and the bed, from his legs to his chest. The rope is wrapped so tightly that the practitioner has difficulty breathing and eventually loses consciousness.

The 610 Office is an agency specifically created to persecute Falun Gong, with absolute power over each level of administration in the Party and all other political and judiciary systems. It was established on June 10th hence it's name.

Illegally arrested: Contrary to what former Chinese leader Jiang Zemin, who initiated the persecution, and the Chinese Communist Party would like the world to believe, practicing Falun Gong is NOT illegal in China. Although the Public Security Department issued an unconstitutional set of restraints on the practice at the onset of the persecution in 1999, no laws have been passed by the only legislative body in China, the People's Congress, banning Falun Gong or granting the police the authority to arrest Falun Gong practitioners for practicing the exercises or distributing flyers.

Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party is a series of essays published in late 2004 that reveal the true nature of the Communist Party. The *Nine Commentaries* have led millions of people to renounce their membership in the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). It is "A book that has shocked all Chinese around the world. A book that is disintegrating the Communist Party." (<http://ninecommentaries.com>)

"Reform or Transform": Implementation of brainwashing and torture in order to force a practitioner to renounce Falun Gong. (Variations: "**reform**", "**transform**", "**reformed**", "**reforming**", "**transformed**", "**transforming**", and "**transformation**")

Three Statements: Practitioners are coerced under brainwashing and torture to write a "Repentance Statement," "Guarantee Statement" or "Dissociation Statement" as proof that they have given up their belief. In the statement, the practitioner is forced to admit remorse for practicing Falun Gong, promise to give up Falun Gong, and never again associate with other practitioners or go to Beijing to appeal for Falun Gong.

Yuan is the Chinese currency; 500 yuan is equal to the average monthly income of an urban worker in China.