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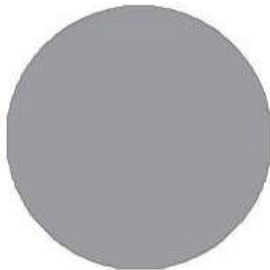
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News and Events from Around the World



UK 2006 Human Rights Report Critical of Regime in China

The UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office published its 2006 Human Rights Report in October. The report states: "The Chinese authorities continue to violate a range of basic human rights. The use of the death penalty remains extensive and non-transparent; torture is widespread; there is a lack of judicial independence; obstacles to fair trials include administrative detention and re-education through labor (RTL); prison conditions are poor and prisoners are treated badly; human rights defenders, worshippers and Falun Gong adherents face harassment and detention; human rights violations occur frequently in Xinjiang and Tibet; and there are increased restrictions on freedom of expression and severe restrictions on freedom of association."

The report highlighted recent developments. "The Chinese government has taken an increasingly hard-line approach to freedom of expression, introducing restrictive new regulations on print media, closely controlling Internet use, closing newspapers and detaining journalists and online writers. Lawyers who defended them faced harassment and detention.

"Some demonstrations were dealt with violently. In December 2005, three villagers died after police reportedly shot at protesters in Dongzhou village, Guangdong province.... Mainland media were banned from reporting on these incidents.

"Petitioners are periodically detained, sent home and, in some cases, assaulted."

The report also examined the communist regime's human rights records in specific areas, pointing out that "in most areas progress is either slow or non-existent." Regarding respect for freedom of religion and belief, the report concludes, "There has been no progress on this issue," and referred to UK concerns about "the narrow definition of officially sanctioned religious groups in China; the prohibition of some religious and spiritual groups; the restriction and harassment of others; and reports of the mistreatment of Falun Gong members in detention."

San Francisco, California: Falun Gong Group Holds Parade and Calls to Help Stop the Persecution

On October 21, 2006, more than one thousand Falun Gong practitioners from across the world held a grand parade in San Francisco to demonstrate the grace of Falun Gong and Chinese traditional culture, expose the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) brutal persecution of Falun Gong practitioners, spread the [*Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party*](#) and promote the ongoing withdrawals from the CCP. They also called on the international community to help stop the CCP's persecution and killing.



Group Practice in front of the City Hall



Passing through Chinatown



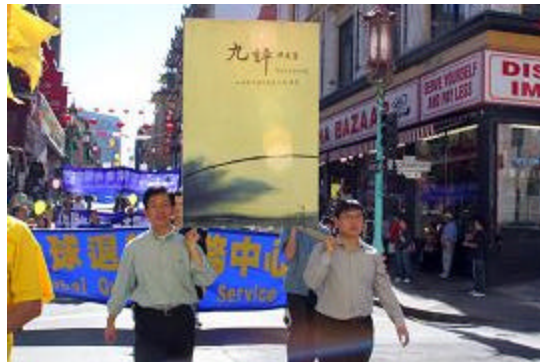
Powerful marching band



Reenactment of the CCP's organ harvesting from living Falun Gong practitioners



Commemorating fellow practitioners tortured to death by CCP



The Nine Commentaries have sparked large-scale withdrawals from the CCP

The parade started from the square in front of City Hall, passed through the downtown shopping center and Chinatown, and spanned over a dozen blocks. The entire parade route was 2.2 miles long. Three police officers led the parade and several police vehicles followed at the end of the parade. The parade ended at Garden Corner Square.

The Divine Land Marching Band led the procession. The great music of the band could be heard far and wide. Coordinator Zhan Qing said that the band was organized in April of this year and had already participated in several large community events. The band played "Falun Dafa is Good," and other compositions.

Following the band was a beautifully decorated float, Chinese traditional dancing and a martial arts performance. Next, was an introduction of the wide spread of Falun Gong, followed by the CCP's persecution of Falun Gong and practitioners' anti-persecution procession. The Falun Gong exercises were demonstrated on a float. Many spectators followed along with the exercise demonstration. One man said, "Wonderful!" while imitating the exercises.

Falun Gong was introduced to the public in 1992 and has spread to over 80 countries and regions. Countless practitioners have benefited from the practice. However, since July 1999, the CCP has brutally persecuted Falun Gong. During the past seven years,

practitioners have persisted in peaceful clarification of the facts and exposure of the CCP's persecution.

Falun Gong spokesperson Xuerong Zhang said, "Over the past seven years, Falun Gong practitioners have persisted in a peaceful and rational manner to [clarify the truth](#) and awaken people's conscience. Now, Chinese people are renouncing the CCP. The CCP advocates violence, but never thought that a group of kind-hearted people could survive for as long as seven years under extreme persecution. Falun Gong has spread to more and more countries in the world. The founder of Falun Gong once said, 'Never in history has someone who persecuted those with upright faiths ever succeeded.' (*Coercion Cannot Change People's Hearts*, 2001). Our continuous efforts against the seven-year-long persecution demonstrate that righteousness will prevail. We hope that Chinese people of conscience and the international community will work together to stop the persecution of Falun Gong."

After the parade, a rally was held at Garden Corner Square. A "Quit the CCP" rally organized by the Global Service Center for Quitting the CCP was held at 2:00 p.m. on the square, to support the 14 million withdrawals from the CCP and its affiliated organizations.

Sydney, Australia: Parade and Rally Held to Condemn the CCP's Atrocities

On October 4, 2006, Sydney was in radiant and charming spring with brilliant sunshine. Hundreds of people from all circles and representatives from different groups in Sydney held a large parade and rally in downtown Sydney, celebrating 14 million Chinese people quitting the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and its affiliated organizations. They also supported Yuan Sheng and Gao Zhisheng. The grand parade procession set off from the city square, passing through Chinatown and ended in Belmore Park in Central Railway Station. They held a rally in Belmore Park, which included speeches and singing and dancing performances to support the grand withdrawals from the CCP and its affiliated organizations.



Parade supporting 14 million people quitting the CCP

The parade procession was divided into several sections. The Majestic Divine Land Marching Band took the lead, next in line was the wide spread of the [*Nine Commentaries*](#) and the Three Withdrawals. The eye-catching huge book of the *Nine Commentaries* vividly expressed the grand trend of the three withdrawals inspired by the *Nine Commentaries*. The third section was exposing the abuses that people have suffered under the CCP's tyranny. On a big truck was the reenactment of the CCP's harvesting of organs from living Falun Gong practitioners for profit. The reenactment exposed this extremely horrific atrocity. Accompanying the anti-torture exhibit was an introduction in both Chinese and English. The final segment was the waist drum group. The group brought a jubilant atmosphere to the celebration, and conveyed a message that after the end of the CCP's tyranny, Chinese people will obtain a new lease on life.



Exposing the CCP's crime of live organ harvesting

With police protection and a police car clearing the way, the grand parade procession marched gracefully, attracting and shocking countless people in Sydney. Particularly the reenactment of the CCP's harvesting organs from living Falun Gong practitioners for profit shocked the hearts of anyone who saw it. Many people took pictures to record such special historical scenes. Chinese tourists, in particular, had their photos taken with the parade procession in the background.

After the parade, people came to Belmore Park in downtown Sydney to hold a rally to give speeches and watch singing and dancing performances to celebrate the 14 million people quitting the CCP and its affiliated organizations. Speakers included representatives from the Sydney Service Center for Quitting the CCP, Free China and other groups. Several Chinese people also gave speeches. They talked about how they have thoroughly got rid of the shackles of the CCP culture from the bottom of their hearts, awakened their morality and conscience and have become upright and noble free people. They exposed the CCP's crimes committed against the Chinese people, and supported the Chinese people abandoning the CCP regime by means of quitting the CCP and its affiliated organizations, such a method that is peaceful and full of moral strength.

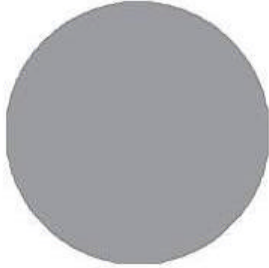
Former PhD tutor at the Chinese Academy of Science Mr. Li Gaoqing gave a speech exposing how the CCP's Party culture has poisoned and eroded Chinese people's hearts and consciences. The education sector is a heavily hit area. As an intellectual, he has personally witnessed that many Chinese intellectuals have given up their pursuit for the truth and safeguarding morality and conscience under the brainwashing of the CCP's Party culture and its tyrannical rule. Instead, they pursue titles for technical posts and promotions, and even sing praises of the CCP in order to defend its rule. They have become tools of the CCP in its political rule. Mr. Li Baoqing expressed that the *Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party* and *Disintegration of Party Culture* (a series of articles published by the *Epoch Times*) have truly inspired him and many Chinese people to awaken, and realize the poisoning nature of the CCP's Party Culture. Mr. Li also expressed that only by seeing clearly the CCP's Party culture brainwashing and therefore resigning from the CCP and its affiliated organizations, can we find a true

path to restore traditional Chinese culture and Chinese intellectuals' benevolent traditions.

Falun Gong practitioner Mr. Luo Minqiang revealed with his personal experience that his father had unfortunately passed away several days ago. He urgently applied for a visa to return to China for his father's funeral, but the Chinese Consulate tried to coerce him to guarantee to no longer practice Falun Gong or take part in Falun Gong activities. After Mr. Luo refused to go against his conscience, the Chinese Consulate rejected his visa application. Mr. Luo expressed that showing filial piety for one's parents is a normal human feeling, and also a virtue of the Chinese nation, however, the CCP has completely no regard for overseas Chinese dutiful feelings, and attempted to make use of this normal human act to coerce him to go against his conscience. The CCP is really destroying traditional Chinese thought, morals and ethics.

Representative from the Service Center for Quitting the CCP, Ms. Zhang Licheng, expressed that quitting the CCP has become a general trend and people's hope. The number of withdrawals increased from 11 million to 12 million in over two months, and it took over one month for the number to go from 12 million to 13 million, while it took less than one month to increase from 13 million to 14 million. This has fully explained that more and more Chinese people have had awakened their conscience, and chose their own future. Now, more and more Chinese people requested help in quitting the CCP. Due to the CCP's tight blockade, many requests for quitting the CCP were unable to be received outside of China.

Facts of the Persecution



Ms. Chen Suxiang Tortured to Death - Family Threatened Upon Seeking Justice

On September 12, 2006, Falun Gong practitioner Chen Suxiang, from Dongyaoxia Village, Kaiping District in Tangshan City, was illegally arrested by the Qianquzhuang Security chief Li Zhiqiang. After the security people beat her badly, officers took her to the Kaiping Police Station in the afternoon. They chained her hands and feet with handcuffs and shackles and tortured her for twenty-four hours. Chen Suxiang died the next day, on September 13.

After her tragic death while in police detention, her family members were devastated. Chen Suxiang's mother, while mourning her daughter's death, went to the Kaiping Police Station to appeal for justice. She was accompanied by other family members. They demanded that the culprits be punished according to the law. Police officers from the Kaiping Police Station used deceitful tactics to lure them into a small room. They also chased away the bystanders who were drawn to the crowd. Some police officers said that their leaders were in the middle of a meeting, and that they would inform them when the meeting was over. Not long after that, Ma Fengtang, the party secretary in Jia-Anzi Village where Ms. Chen's mother lives and Chen Yujuan, the Women's Committee director arrived. At that moment, a police officer said, "Why don't you go home, this issue will be solved in a couple of days." Chen's mother and relatives returned home and waited for new information.

When they did not get an answer several days later, Chen's mother and family went back to the police station in order to appeal for justice again. Chen Suxiang's younger sister cried, "My sister was killed by police officers here." A male and female officer there threatened them, "How dare you accuse us? Your sister was not killed. She died of an illness."

A while later, security chief Zhao Kexian from the Jia-Anzi Village, and Women's Committee director Chen Yujuan came to the police station. They persuaded the family to go home. Someone in the police station promised that they would resolve the issue the next day.

The next day, the Kaiping police chief Hao came to the Jia-Anzi Village office with some police officers and tried to close the case. They wanted to pay a 40,000 [yuan](#) bribe to the family for this murder case, but refused to explain why they wanted to pay the family. Chen Suxiang's mother refused the money.

After that, Chen Suxiang's family visited the Kaiping [Procuratorate](#) asking for justice. Meng Linghua, a staff member from the Section of Power-abuse and Rights Violation, gave the following explanation:

- 1) Chen Suxiang was guilty of practicing Falun Gong;
- 2) The Kaiping Police Station did nothing wrong when executing its law enforcement;
- 3) The police officers committed no mistakes.

Disappointed and desperate, the family members went to the Kaiping District Government office to appeal. But police officers from the Kaiping police station jumped out of nowhere and blocked the entrance. They threatened them, saying, "You know you are in trouble." Some of Chen's family members are also Falun Gong practitioners. The Jia-Anzi Village Security chief Zhao Kexian also showed up. The management from Chen Suxiang's husband Liu Yushun's company, the Tangshan City Water Company, also came and tried to force him to go home.

As a result, they did not see any officials in the District Government. To this day, the case is still open. During their appeal process, the Zheng-Zhuangzi Police Station also sent some police officers to Chen Suxiang's sister's house and threatened her, saying, "If you practice at home, we don't care, but you are not allowed to clarify the truth."

Chen Suxiang was making an effort to let more people know about the truth of Falun Gong. She was helping people to see through the lies of the Chinese Communist Party. She also spread the truth in order to save people. For this, she was brutalized and died within one day. Her family members are trying to get an answer for her death, but the communist party officials from different agencies are covering for each other.

Mr. Zhao Jucai, Almost Disabled from Abuse, Sentenced to Seven Years Imprisonment

Zhao Jucai, a Falun Gong practitioner in Yidu City, Hubei Province, was arrested in March 2006 at his home and was detained in the Yidu City's 1st Detention Center. In the beginning of July 2006, Zhao Jucai was sentenced to a five-year prison term. However, another court trial was held on August 31, 2006, in which his term was extended for another two years.

Before the second trial, Zhao Jucai was almost disabled. He had trouble walking because he was so weak as a result of severe persecution. During the trial, he was accused of the crime of "Destroying Law Implements" by Yichang City Intermediate Court, Yidu City Court and Yidu City's prosecutor. Zhao Jucai denied all accusations. However, he was told that his "crime" was underestimated in the first trial, and the total term would be extended to seven years. Nearly ten judges and court staff were involved in the sentencing, most of whom came from the National Security Group and the local [610 Office](#), while only Zhao Jucai's wife and his five-year-old son were allowed to sit in the public gallery.

As a result of persecution, Mr. Zhao Jucai suffers from edema all over his body and is partially disabled. He vomited all of the food he tried to eat, so he now lives on intravenous injections and is on the verge of death. He looks like he's in his sixties, although he's only in his forties. Mr. Zhao Jucai applied for a medical release, but was rejected by Yidu City's 610 Office, the National Security Group, and the jail authorities.

Zhao Jucai is from Zhoujiahe Village, Honghuatao Town, in Yidu City. Since the persecution began on July 20, 1999, he has been arrested five times. He was taken into custody three times and sent to forced labor camps twice for three years in total. In April 2001, when he was in the notorious Shayang Forced Labor Camp in Hubei Province, Mr. Zhao was tortured by the guards in Team 5 with the "Carrying a Sword" torture method and was then forced to kneel down and was beaten. Later, he was taken to a cell and was tortured with electric batons, and the guards banged his head against the wall. Yang, the section head of the 610 Office, who was present, said, "We are taking advantage of loopholes in the law system to beat you. What can you do to me?"

Owing to the torture in Shayang Forced Labor Camp, Mr. Zhao's legs were disabled. He frequently fell to the ground, but he was still forced to run by the guards. Therefore, his legs were seriously injured, and did not fully recover after he was released.

Late at night on September 23, 2005, Zhao Jucai's home was once again searched by the police from Honghuatao Town Police Station. He was wanted by the police, so he had to become homeless to avoid arrest and further persecution. In February 2006, when Mr. Zhao came back to see his family, the police broke into his home and took him

away. He was detained in the Yidu City's 1st Detention Center, where the police tortured him to force him to make a confession.

Mr. Zhao Jucai's wife went to the National Security Group several times to apply for family visits, but every time she was rejected by the police.

Currently, Mr. Zhao's family is having financial difficulties. His oldest daughter, who graduated from high school, went away to work since they cannot afford to send her to college. His wife, a peasant, works at home, while his son just began elementary school.

New Round of Arrests of Falun Gong Practitioners in Yantai City, Shandong Province

Agents from the Yantai City [610 Office](#) in Shandong Province and from several police departments recently began arresting many Falun Gong practitioners. Reviews and investigations into previously published incidents lead us to conclude that this round of arrests is a premeditated action. These arrests by 610 Office agents and police are taking place in Yantai City, Weifang, Weihai, Rongcheng, Jiaozhou, Longkou, Mouping and other counties, cities and districts.

Beginning September 27, 2006, the *Yantai City Radio and TV Newspaper* in Shandong Province published a series of articles containing much Falun Gong-slandering content. The paper advertised rewards to encourage people to read the series. Wang Bo and others from Mouping City gathered about 300 [collaborators](#) from various parts of the country, and held a "Chinese Acupuncture and Health Forum" on the second floor of the Yingerle Hotel in Yantai City. They deceived some Falun Gong practitioners into attending the conference, and tried to spread their twisted theories and interfere with Falun Gong.

The above-mentioned arrests in Yantai City, Weifang, Weihai, Rongcheng, Jiaozhou, Longkou, Mouping and other counties, cities and districts happened almost at the same time on October 15, 2006. The persecutors destroyed many Falun Gong [truth-clarification](#) materials production sites. Numerous practitioners were [illegally arrested](#) at 7:00 p.m. on October 15. Several plainclothes officers arrested practitioners Zhang Shufeng and Cao Caifeng at Zhang Shufeng's home and took them to Fenghuangtai Police Station. Falun Gong practitioners Sun Min, his wife Chen Liqing and another practitioner surnamed Wang from Yangjiataizi in the Development District were secretly arrested. Participating in this arrest were several officers from the development district's National Security Branch. Because the police feared exposure of their crimes, none of them wore uniforms during the arrests. They quietly took Falun Gong practitioners' belongings, including computers, printers and CD burners. Practitioners Li Zegang, Chen Qiwei, Yu Yonglan and others were also arrested that same evening. Mr. Li Xuebin from Laishan District was arrested at work by officers from Binhai Police Station. His wife Ms. Luo Yunyan and their five-year-old daughter Tong Tong, were arrested at their home.

It has been learned that the 610 Office has rented out Binhai Hotel in Wanguang Community, Laishan District, Yantai City, and is using it to hold some of the arrested Falun Gong practitioners. Many practitioners held at the hotel were transferred out one morning several days ago, and their current whereabouts are unknown. Chinese Communist Party officials are still inside the hotel.

Mr. Li Yuzhang Dies as a Result of Persecution on October 5, 2006

Falun Gong practitioner Mr. Li Yuzhang from Hegang City, Heilongjiang Province was arrested on September 22, 2005, and was sent to the Suihua Labor Camp in March 2006. He died on October 5, 2006.

Mr. Li Yuzhang, 58, lived on Xishan Street, in Nanshan District, Hegang City, Heilongjiang Province. He went to Beijing in 2001 to appeal on behalf of Falun Gong, and was later sentenced to three years of forced labor. He served it in the Hegang City Labor Camp. He said to the guards that it was too crowded when he slept, so the guards beat him, fractured his finger, and left big bumps on his head. Even after he was released from the camp, the bumps were still there.

At around 5:00 a.m., on September 23, 2005, more than ten policemen surrounded Mr. Li Yuzhang's home, ransacked it, arrested him, and took him to the Tiexi Police Station. They even took his wife and son to the station, and forced them to admit that they had a notebook computer at home, otherwise they would not let them eat.

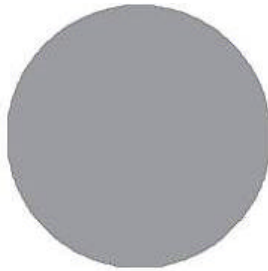
Mr. Li's wife and son were released after they were held in custody for one day, and Mr. Li Yuzhang was sent to the Hegang City Second Detention Center after he was held for four days. The police did not allow them to eat anything during the time they were in the station. His family members said that they would sue the police, and those officers said, "Go ahead!"

When Mr. Li Yuzhang entered the detention center, he was not able to walk steadily due to being starved for four full days. His physical health was severely damaged due to this torture. His condition worsened when he was sent to the Suihua Labor Camp in March 2006. He had difficulty walking, and his abdomen was swollen. He told the camp administration that he could not do labor, but guards said that he had to provide a doctor's orders to be excused from labor.

Mr. Li Yuzhang had no choice and was forced to do labor and daily physical drills. He was dying by August 2006, so his family members were permitted to pick him up.

Only one month after he returned home, he died on October 5, 2006.

People Awaken to the Truth



From Fearing Falun Gong to Bravely Withdrawing from the CCP

In March 2006, my daughter's friend, whose husband once worked for the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) military, came to visit my family. As soon as she sat down, she started to tell us what she experienced when she visited Hong Kong. She said, "Wherever I went, I saw Falun Gong practitioners handing out [truth-clarification](#) materials to people." She also told us that a practitioner tried to hand several truth-materials to her, but she was so afraid that she only took one booklet. When she took the booklet, her hand was shaking and she immediately put it in her bag without daring to read it. She was frightened to death. She said the only reason she took it was because my daughter had told her that Falun Gong was very good.

I asked her, "What were you afraid of? Falun Gong is good. You have a good predestined relationship with Dafa and therefore had a chance to receive the truthful material. Reading the truth-clarifying material can be good for you. Please read it." I also told her, "Don't be afraid of Falun Gong. Falun Dafa is a righteous Fa and it is great. Whatever you have heard about Falun Gong from CCP is only hate propaganda used to deceive people. Let me share with you my experiences of practicing Falun Gong. It has been 10 years since I first began practicing in 1996. Before that, my health was very poor. I suffered from all kinds of diseases, including gastritis that made it difficult to eat. Everyday I was fatigued. Look at me now! Not only am I healthy, but I'm also in very good spirits. I turned into a completely different person from before. These are the benefits that I have experienced since I started to practice Falun Gong."

She asked me, "Why were the programs about Falun Gong on television so scary? Are they true?" I told her that the Tiananmen Square Self-immolation Incident she saw on television was false. It was created by the former dictator, Jiang Zemin, and his gang, Luo Gan and Zeng Qinghong, in order to deceive people and carry out their persecution of Falun Gong practitioners. A practitioner cannot kill a life, not to mention committing suicide. Many people have been deceived by the "self-immolation incident" and think that it was real. Therefore, they hate and are afraid of Falun Gong.

She said, "That is true. We all thought the 'self-immolation incident' was real because it was a live broadcast on China Central Television (CCTV)." I told her, "You have been deceived by the lies. The people who self-immolated were not Falun Gong practitioners. The CCP used the incident to frame Falun Gong. We practitioners have been persecuted for seven years now. Let me tell you that Falun Dafa is the Buddha Fa. Falun Gong practitioners cultivate according to 'Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance.' Jiang's gang and all the people who have participated in the persecution will meet with retribution. It is a rule of heaven that evil will be punished while kindness will be rewarded."

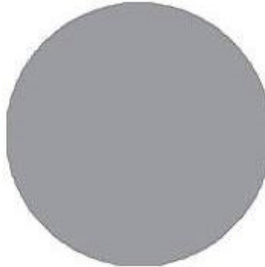
I later changed the topic to the corruption and degeneration of CCP. I asked her if she had read the [*Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party*](#). She replied that she had never heard of it. I told her, "The *Nine Commentaries* was published on *The Epoch Times* website in 2004 and has been translated into many different languages. Many people around the world have read it, including many of our Chinese people. I can give you one. This is a great book that explains everything that the common people haven't dared to say. You young people have not experienced any of CCP's "movements," such as the Great Cultural Revolution, where landlords, capitalists, and others were killed; the massacre of students during the June 4 Tiananmen Democratic Movement in 1989; and now the persecution of Falun Gong. The CCP kills people without blinking an eye. Over 80 million people have been persecuted to death since CCP came into power. In order to carry out this persecution of Falun Gong, Jiang Zemin took 8.5 billion [yuan](#) from the state treasury. Whether the government officials are of high or low rank, most are corrupt. They take the state's money and put it into their own pockets. The crimes committed by the CCP have reached a peak. Now Heaven wants to eliminate it. Whoever is still a member of the CCP and its organizations must withdraw from them. They need to remove any mark that the CCP has put on them."

She told me that she was no longer a member of the Young Pioneers. She had joined it when she was very young. I said, "You never announced your withdrawal from the Young Pioneers, so you are still a particle of the Communist Party. It is very dangerous if you don't withdraw from CCP. Is it worth it to be buried with Jiang Zemin just because you are still a member of the Young Pioneers!" As soon as I finished what I had to say, she said, "I am withdrawing from it now." I then said, "Please remember that Falun Dafa is good, and Truthfulness, Compassion, Forbearance is good. If you always remember this in your heart, you will have a wonderful future."

In order to further clarify the truth, I also let her watch the VCDs "Traveling Between Heaven and Earth Through Wind and Rain" and New Tang Dynasty's Global Chinese New Year Gala. After watching the videos, she completely woke up and knew the truth. She said, "The CCP is so evil. What it has said are all lies. It has deceived many of us." When she left, she also took a copy of the *Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party* with her.

When she visited my family again in April, she actually asked me for some truth-clarification materials. During that time, the senior military doctor in Shenyang City was exposing the crimes of the CCP's harvesting of organs from living Falun Gong practitioners. I printed out many pages of information from the Internet to let her read. After reading them, she started to severely condemn the evil crimes committed by the CCP. Later, she told me that she had also persuaded her husband to withdraw from the CCP. I told her, "That is great! People will have a wonderful future after they learn the truth."

Voice of Justice



***European Parliament Vice President Writes to Chinese Ambassador
Strongly Urging the Immediate Release of Cao Dong and Gao Zhisheng***

On October 27, 2006, Mr. Edward McMillan-Scott, European Parliament Vice President, wrote a letter to the Chinese Ambassador in Belgium, strongly urging the immediate release of Cao Dong and Gao Zhisheng. Vice President McMillan-Scott firmly states that he will refer this matter to the United Nations in person when he visits the United Nations on November 8-9, 2006.

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MR. CAO DONG
MR. GAO ZHISHENG

I first wrote to you in the matter of Mr Cao Dong on 5 June 2006 and again on 16 June 2006. I have yet to receive a response.

On 21 May in Beijing I held a meeting with Mr Cao Dong, a Falun Gong practitioner, who had been 'administratively detained' for his religious beliefs. He had discharged his sentence and was guilty of no crime. Following this meeting, he was arrested.

I have recently learned that he is still being detained by the Chinese public authorities, has been transferred to Gansu province and is being held in the Public Security Bureau detention center. An arrest warrant for 'producing Falun Gong material' was issued on September 29, 2006. I now insist that your superiors release him immediately: I am about to refer this matter to the United Nations in person.

On 4 June I spoke at some length on the telephone to Mr Gao Zhisheng in Beijing. As you know, he is a distinguished human rights lawyer. Your regime has arrested him and charged him with 'subversion'. Unless he too is released forthwith I shall also refer his case personally to the United Nations, which I visit on 8-9 November.

Edward McMillan-Scott

Australian State Premier: Persecution of Falun Gong Is Against the Values Respected in the 21st Century

The Member of the Australian Labor Party Dr. Carmen Lawrence attended the rally entitled "Join Together to Stop the CCP from Harvesting Organs of Living Falun Gong Practitioners" held in front of the Parliament House in Canberra on October 17, 2006. She said that the persecution of Falun Gong is against the values respected in the 21st century. Dr. Lawrence was the first woman to be elected Premier of Western Australia in 1990, a Federal Member in 1994, and the first well-received Labor Party member when she was the President of the Australian Labor Party in 2003. She has devoted herself to refugee policies and democracy reform.



Dr. Lawrence speaks at the rally

Dr. Lawrence said in an interview that the persecution of Falun Gong is completely against the values respected by humanity in the 21st century. She said that the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners has been completely verified. By persecuting the Falun Gong group and other groups, it is indisputable that the CCP government is completely against the values we respect in the 21st century. There is no such thing as safeguarding human rights in China, and the more serious accusation is that they tortured Falun Gong practitioners to death when the practitioners were detained. The worrying facts have been verified by credible human rights organizations.

Dr. Lawrence further added that the international community should put pressure on the CCP government prior to the Olympic Games. She said that it is even more worrying regarding the accusation of harvesting organs from Falun Gong practitioners. CCP government officials have enhanced the reliability of the accusation against it, because they have admitted to trading in organs of executed prisoners for profit. Though they have denied the crimes committed against Falun Gong, there has been sufficient evidence to evoke people's deep concerns and desire for further, urgent investigation. Whether the CCP government acknowledges it or not, the international community should take this accusation seriously. They should put pressure on the CCP government prior to the Olympic Games, and ensure there will be an independent investigation on this serious allegation prior their inauguration.

As for what Australia should do, Dr. Lawrence said that there should be a human rights standard when endorsing trade agreements. She said, "I think we should point out to the Chinese government and the Chinese people that the Australian people are deeply disturbed by this incident. We will continue do what we should do."

A French Mayor: "What you are Defending is Also What We are Safeguarding"

Falun Gong practitioners held a "Truth-Compassion-Tolerance Art Exhibition" in Ceyrat, near Clermont-Ferrand, a town of military importance in central France. This activity was organized by the Ceyrat City Council.



Mr. Alain Brochee, the Mayor of Ceyrat City, watched the performance by the Heavenly Maidens Dancing Group during the unveiling ceremony of this art exhibition, and also made a speech.

He said, "When Mr. Sirvins (a local Falun Gong practitioner) came to see me, I found out that we had many things in common. I saw this young man was devoted in what he tried to do and he caught my attention immediately. Our city of Ceyrat is a hospitable place where the persecuted are provided with asylum. I am very happy for Ceyrat to welcome such an art exhibition.

Today, what you are defending is also what we are safeguarding: freedom - that people in the world should all have the freedom of expression. Unfortunately it is a pity that this is not the case.

I agreed with his ideas immediately when Mr. Sirvins came to see me, since we have the same hope. We all know that the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is not democratic. In fact, we know almost nothing about what has really been happening in China.

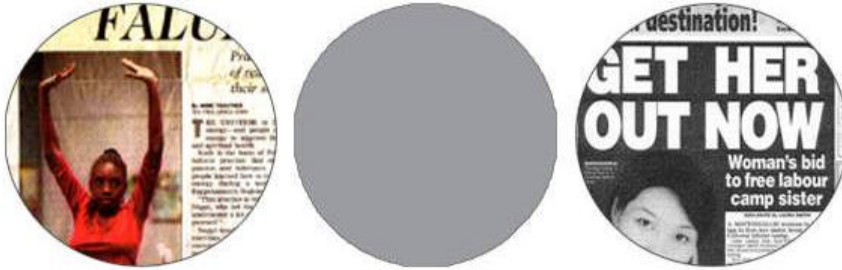
Also due to this, when another fellow suggested that our Ceyrat City participate in rescuing someone imprisoned for the peaceful expression of his conscience in a prison in China and becoming his guardians, our municipal counselors held a meeting and passed through a proposal to support him. We are therefore going to try our best to free him by means of persuasion and compassion.

As expected, after we made this decision, a representative on behalf of the Republic of France's Government asked us to withdraw this decision. The reason they gave was to say that our local authority at the town level does not have this kind of privilege. Moreover, the decision may affect the relationship between France and China. Afterwards, my municipal colleagues and I submitted this proposal to a City Council

ballot vote once more. Again this proposal was passed unanimously. I do know that there are chances for a dismissal by the representative if I continue to do this, like the case during Vehe Government Time in 1939-1945. However, now I am still the Mayor, and my colleagues also continue to work as the counselors and deputy Mayor of Ceyrat City. In order to support this prisoner of conscience, we again took disobedient action. I have seen nearby towns and cities change their decisions under such pressure.

I think there will be a big change effected by tiny victories like ours, one by one, such small efforts one after another for freedom. It is this effort that gives us hope. Everyone will have freedom of thought and freedom of expression in the future."

Media Reports and Opinions



Agence Telegraphique Suisse (ATS, Switzerland): United Nations to Investigate CCP Organ Trade

On September 26, 2006, Agence Telegraphique Suisse (ATS) of Switzerland published an article entitled "The United Nations to Investigate China's Organ Trade."

The article said that China was not able to stop the discussion at the UN Human Rights Commission about the allegation that it harvested organs from Falun Gong practitioners. The current meeting of commission members ended on October 6. The UN rapporteur will look into the allegation and report back to the UN.

Canadian Human Rights lawyer David Matas and former Canadian [Secretary of State] responsible for the Asian Pacific region, David Kilgour, wrote an investigative report on the Chinese regime's organ harvesting from Falun Gong practitioners. On Tuesday, Matas said in Geneva that the response from the Chinese regime was disappointing and empty. The regime did not reject the facts in the report, but instead chose to attack its authors. This made us very concerned about the events occurring there.

In the name of the International Multi Belief organization, Mr. Kilgour demanded of the Chinese Ambassador at the meeting that before the Beijing Olympics, China should answer to the allegations of deprivation of freedom, torture and disappearance of Falun Gong practitioners.

Mr. Matas said that a report into the problems of torture, arbitrary sentencing, religious freedom and disappearance had been passed to the UN rapporteur. The UN rapporteur on torture Mr. Manfred Nowak visited China last year. He agreed to join the current investigation.

China didn't release any information about its organ trade. But the trade is extremely lucrative due to large demands from Taiwan and Hong Kong. For example, a kidney goes for \$62,000, a liver for \$130,000, a lung for more than \$150,000, and a heart from \$160,000.

The Jerusalem Post: The Search for Truth

By Ruth Eglash

Visiting Falun Gong practitioner Charles Li prefers not to say what he does for a living "because," he says, "there are Communist spies everywhere." Even though he was released more than ten months ago and has returned to live in the U.S., Li is clearly still traumatized by the last three years he spent in a Chinese prison.

[...]

In an interview with The Jerusalem Post, Li spoke out about what he termed "a genocide" by the ruling Chinese Communist Party against [practitioners] of the ancient Chinese practice that claims to refine the body and mind through exercises and meditation, and said the purpose of his trip was to make all Israelis aware of his movement's struggle in the Asian nation.

"The important thing here is to know the right from the wrong, everybody needs to stand up for what is happening in China to the Falun Gong," says the Chinese-born American citizen, who has been involved in the practice for almost a decade.

"I think the crimes going on are against humanity as a whole and not just against the Falun Gong in China. It is a genocide, it is just like what happened during World War II when the Jewish people were persecuted by the Nazis," says Li.

Li joined local practitioners of Falun Gong last week in a series of rallies countrywide, including a silent protest outside the Knesset in Jerusalem on Thursday and opposite the Chinese embassy in Tel Aviv on Friday.

Also known as Falun Dafa, local Falun Gong followers estimate that there are close to 500 people here in Israel who loosely follow the exercise and meditation regimen and up to 100 people who live their lives according to the Falun Gong philosophy of "Truthfulness," "Compassion" and "Forbearance."

"It is a very loose association of people," says Dalia Harpaz-Amit, editor of the Hebrew language website on the subject, www.falunnews.org.il. She says that practitioners here meet regularly to study new developments, organize non-violent demonstrations outside the Chinese Embassy in Tel Aviv and rally opposite the Knesset to raise awareness of the Falun Gong plight in the People's Republic of China.

Local practitioners also hand out flyers on Saturday afternoons on the Tel Aviv beachfront and at the old central bus station location, where many Chinese foreign workers in Israel reside, she says.

A practitioner herself for the past six years, Harpaz-Amit adds that the Chinese Embassy tried to put a stop to Falun Gong activities in Israel but, she says, since the United Nations, U.S. Congress and European Union have begun to take an interest in the matter, pressure from local CPR representatives has tapered off.

[...]

Li also dismisses the accusations of the Chinese government against Falun Gong as propaganda and says that the practice is an apolitical movement.

"[It] is about trying to look inwards at ourselves," he says. "It is about being a better person in every aspect of daily life - in family, in work and in society."

The Chinese government obviously feels differently. In January 2003, Li was arrested at the Baiyun Airport in Guangzhou, China. He claims he was accused by the Chinese government of preparing to sabotage the national television station to broadcast messages about the Falun Gong practice.

Li says he was subjected to a variety of physical and mental torture for most of his three-year internment at Nanjing Prison.

"[They] wanted me to admit I'd committed crimes," recalls Li. "I told them that the reason I'd been trying to hijack the TV network was to broadcast our own programs because there is no freedom of the press in China. I told them that the persecution of Falun Gong is against the constitution of China and against the law, but the Communist Party does not care about the law, it does whatever it wants to do." Li describes how the other inmates, who were awarded "points" for torturing Falun Gong-practicing prisoners, regularly beat him, and he was forced to do hard labor for no pay. He says he was forced to perform hard labor, including stitching together popular Simpson's memorabilia, and to undergo daily brainwashing "study sessions" in which he was shown videos of other Falun Gong practitioners who, according to the Chinese authorities, had gone crazy.

"The living conditions were extremely bad," says Li, claiming that many Falun Gong prisoners have had vital organs removed from their bodies to be used in government-sanctioned transplant operations. "There was no glass in the windows, only iron bars. In the winter, the wind would blow in through the bars and it was extremely cold. In the summer, temperatures reached 42 C, with six inmates crammed into a small cell. It is really unimaginable for people in the West.

"I conducted hunger strikes to raise awareness about what was going on," he continues, describing in detail how a tube was inserted in his nose to force-feed him during those strikes.

Following his release from prison last January, Li says he has been working hard to recover from the mental and physical torture he received. He said that one of the main reasons he did not end up being tortured to death was because of the work of his fiancée, Yeong-Ching Foo, who raised awareness of his arrest and imprisonment in the international media. The two were married on May 10.

"I never thought about giving up Falun Gong while I was in prison," says Li. "Before I was arrested, I had practiced Falun Gong for five-and-a-half years and already believed in it; all the torture only reinforced those beliefs."

According to an article published on the ... website theepochtimes.com, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture published a report to the UN Commission on Human Rights on March 23, 2004 on world-wide human rights violations.

The report said, "Of the 115 countries covered, China had by far the greatest number of verified violations in the 420-page report. Of over 130 cases of reported torture and abuse in China, approximately 100 of them were perpetrated against Falun Gong practitioners."

"The violations against Falun Gong have attracted increasing condemnations from the Special Rapporteurs, and in many reports, the cases of abuses of Falun Gong practitioners have taken more space than other human rights issues," it says.

The UN reports of violations in human rights by the People's Republic of China against Falun Gong are ongoing, says information posted on the website of the Falun Gong Human Rights Working Group.

Likewise, Amnesty International's 2004 report cited human rights violations targeted against the movement: "The Falun Gong spiritual movement remained a key target of repression, which reportedly included many arbitrary detentions. Most of those detained were assigned to periods of 'Re-education through Labor' without charge or trial, during which they were at high risk of torture or ill-treatment, particularly if they refused to renounce their beliefs."

"As a Chinese person, I know how difficult it is to live in China under the Communist regime," Li concludes.

"I understand that the Chinese people have no way of knowing the truth, and if we do not stand up and reveal it then no Chinese person will have the chance to know."

Batam, Indonesia: Organs from Falun Gong Practitioners

Organs for sale. Has this thought ever crossed your mind? From what we have read and heard, activities related to this practice are even now being carried out on individuals.

In one of the readers' correspondence columns of the *International Herald Tribune*, a man offered to sell his kidney in order to feed his family. That man was forced by the needs of life. He was jobless, and his wife and three children were hungry.

The problem faced by this man was a special case. He was not trying to be a role model. It was just one of many other extraordinary cases. Nevertheless, this case touched the hearts of many people such that, in the end, he did not need to sell his kidney, because a wealthy individual helped him by offering him some money and a job.

In other circumstances, a kidney "transaction" may occur for mutual benefit. The effort to save someone with kidney failure becomes the central activity, not the process of selling the organ.

The backgrounds in these two cases evoke a strong sense of compassion and support. This is very different from the phenomenon that the Falun Gong Association is focusing on. This group has revealed that illegal organ harvesting is happening on a large scale in China, an activity far from human.

On Sunday, October 1, outside one of the shopping malls in Batam, local Falun Gong practitioner strongly protested the illegal organ harvesting by the Chinese Government. They said that the organ harvesting going on in China is a violation of basic human rights.

An independent investigation team that released its report on July 6, 2006, concluded that human rights violations are indeed taking place in China. A group of investigators, including former Canadian Secretary of State (Asia Pacific) and Canadian Parliament Member David Kilgour and International Human rights lawyer David Matas, has released an independent report on the allegations of vital organs being harvested from Falun Gong practitioners in China.

Matas said that organ harvesting from living Falun Gong practitioners is a form of evil that we have never seen before on this planet. He said that, in the six-year period from 2000 to 2005, there were around 60,000 organ transplants in China. "While six years before the persecution of Falun Gong, there were 18,500 organ transplants in China," Matas explained.

In order to further confirm the investigation results from the previous teams, the Falun Gong Association invites all parties who are interested in conducting a follow-up investigation. This investigation needs to be conducted over a period of time, since there are still a large number of Falun Gong practitioners currently detained in concentration camps. They are being tortured and their organs taken against their will.

If the investigation results further confirm these human rights violation in China, without doubt, everyone and every country will fully support Falun Gong.

Organ harvesting from unwilling donors is a crime against humanity.

Perhaps addressing the human rights' violations that are happening in China will enable us to create a concrete procedure to save more lives on a bigger scale. We all need to be actively involved in protesting against genocide and illegal organ harvesting, wherever they may occur.

Translated from the original article in the *International Herald Tribune*, Batam, Indonesia

Lawrence Journal World, Kansas, U.S.: Reflecting Their Inner Peace Outward

Cat Rooney sees her spiritual practice, Falun Gong, as one that teaches high moral standards and leads to overall spiritual and physical health.

She's never understood how Falun Gong, also known as Falun Dafa, can be used to justify torture and killings in China.

"This is a great practice; it makes great people," says Rooney, a Lawrence resident. "No torture or genocidal activity is justified, but this one is so appalling."

Rooney and a group of Lawrence Falun Gong practitioners have embarked on a recent tour, going to Kansas towns to teach people both about their self-cultivation practice and the atrocities occurring in China.

The U.S.-based Falun Dafa Information Center says there have been nearly 2,300 detailed accounts of deaths of Falun Gong practitioners in China since 1999, and it estimates the true number of practitioners killed is in the tens of thousands. In addition, the group estimates more than 100,000 practitioners have been detained, and some have been tortured.

"We want to go out and tell of the beauty of Falun Dafa to fellow Kansans and give them that perspective," Rooney says. "When they hear about the atrocities, they're just as shocked as we are."

Mind and body

Falun Gong was founded in 1992 in China but now has spread to all areas of the world.

It's a form of qigong, a self-cultivation practice. But unlike most qigong practices, it includes moral principles and studies that go beyond exercises and meditation.

In Lawrence, about 10 people gather three times a week to perform the exercises and study the principles.

The exercises are meditative -- both slow-moving and static -- and designed to open the body's energy channels and enhance and purify energy levels, among other enhancements.



Joyce Mitchell, of Baldwin, front, participates in a self-cultivation practice called Falun Gong along with Sarah Woellhof, of Topeka, left, Adam Miller, of Lawrence and Cat Rooney, of Eudora, in the courtyard outside the United Way Building, 2518 Ridge Court. The group, which typically consists of 10 individuals, meets three times a week to practice the meditative exercises. Falun Gong practitioners have been tortured for their beliefs in China. (Photo by Nick Krug)

Meanwhile, the group studies the three basic principles of Falun Gong: truthfulness, compassion and forbearance.

"It's things like thinking of others first and not fighting back, recognizing things that make you sick, not being greedy or competitive or not seeking fame and reputation," Rooney says.

It's a practice that has found fans in Lawrence.

Falun Gong practitioners

"I like the multiple facets of it," says Teri Leahy, of Lawrence. "I like the spiritual concepts and moral values and the wellness benefits."

Leahy says she thinks Falun Gong will become more popular as it becomes better-known.

"They've just got to hear about it," she says. "They've just got to learn. It's beautiful."

On the road

And that's why some of the Lawrence Falun Gong practitioners, along with others from Kansas City, started hitting the road last month, going to 16 cities over a week to teach about the practice. They're planning to go to four other cities a month in Kansas to continue the education tour.

They want to teach both about their use of Falun Gong and the issues in China.

"Human rights violations around the world are wrong, but this is near and dear to us because we practice this," says Joyce Mitchell, of Baldwin, who practices Falun Gong with the Lawrence group. "This is a peaceful practice."

Rooney, who is the local coordinator for Falun Gong, says the practice has helped her health significantly. She says more than five years ago, she was dealing with major adrenal and thyroid gland troubles that caused her to move in with her parents.



Dotty Puckett, of Baldwin, displays origami lotus flowers she made with her daughter, Joyce Mitchell. The flowers are attached to bookmarks displaying the tenets of Falun Gong: truth, compassion and forbearance. (Photo by Nick Krug)

Falun Gong, she says, helped her regain her health and has helped in other aspects of her life.

"It's great to be well," she says. "I used to be this type-A person. How I interact with the world has seen a total turnaround."

Rooney says she isn't surprised the practice has developed tens of millions of followers in less than 15 years.

"It spread like wildfire," she says. "It has high moral values. The benefits are for a combination of mind and body. It's a form of self-improvement that fits very well in Western society."

Irish Examiner: China 'killing Falun Gong members for organs'

The last five years have seen a huge increase in organ transplants in China and their sale at high prices, sometimes to foreigners who face long waits for voluntary donations in their home countries.

There were 10,000 kidney transplants alone in 2005, compared to 135 in the years before 1998, and 500 liver transplants in the first four months of this year.

Nobody is certain where the freely available and openly advertised body parts come from. China last year admitted it takes organs from the 2,000 or so prisoners it sentences to death each year.

But a human rights lawyer and a former Canadian member of parliament and prosecutor who investigated say they are convinced Falun Gong members are systematically murdered for their organs.

The issue was raised in the European Parliament by Fine Gael MEP Simon Coveney this week when a motion was passed calling on the EU to pursue closer trade ties with Beijing which "should also result in human rights reforms".

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Falun Gong, a semi-spiritual group whose members can be seen in parks around the world practicing their physical exercises, was banned in China in 1999 when the Communist party feared their 70 million members could pose a threat to their supremacy.

They protested, were rounded up and sent to prison. By April 2001 an estimated 830,000 had been arrested. President Jiang Zemin spoke of the need to eradicate them and their persecution became official state policy.

The UN Special Report on Torture estimates that two thirds of the victims of torture and ill treatment in China are members of this group...

Big numbers that came from all over the country to protest in Beijing in 2001 were arrested and refused to identify themselves for fear their families would be victimized. They have been moved around prison and labor camps. This could be the population providing an ever-increasing harvest of fresh organs, David Matas and David Kilgour say in their report.

They gleaned their evidence mainly from the few prisoners who escaped from China, from reports of the wife of a surgeon who removed corneas from living prisoners and

from phone calls made to 30 hospitals and transplant centers in China where a number admitted to using Falun Gong prisoners.

One, believing he was speaking to a prospective customer, said he selected healthy Falun Gong prisoners in their 30s for organs. With their regime of physical exercise, Falun Gong has a reputation of being healthy.

The chief physician in one assured the caller he had "more than ten beating hearts." Asked if these were still live bodies, he replied, "Yes, it is so" according to the transcript.

The Internet provided further proof of the ready availability of organs. The China International Transplantation Assistant Center website said, "It may take only one week to find a suitable kidney donor, the maximum time being one month. If there is something wrong with the donor's organ, the patient will be offered another in another week."

The Oriental Organ Transplant Center in April 2006 said the average waiting time for a suitable liver is two weeks. In Canada, waiting time is an average of 32 months and it is much longer elsewhere.

A kidney must be used within 24 to 48 hours while a liver has a shelf life of just 12 hours. "The astonishingly short waiting times advertised for perfectly matched organs suggest the existence of both a computer matching system for transplants and a large bank of live prospective 'donors'," the report says.

Released and escaped prisoners have testified that only Falun Gong [*practitioners*] are taken to hospital for blood, urine, X-ray and eye tests.

The wife of a Chinese surgeon, in evidence, said her husband told her of removing corneas from 2,000 anaesthetized Falun Gong prisoners in the northeast in 2002 and 2003. He told her none survived because other surgeons removed other vital organs and all the bodies were burned.

The two lawyers, who are not members of Falun Gong and were not paid for their report, admit the allegations area difficult to prove or disprove.

They can offer no cast-iron proof or disproof but say "the combination of so many factors makes the allegations believable."

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.