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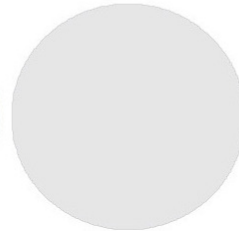
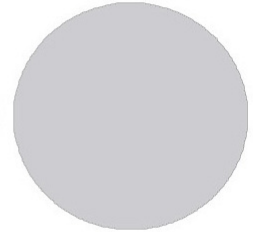
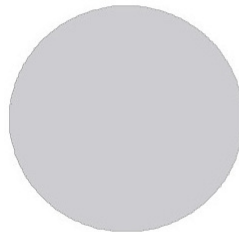
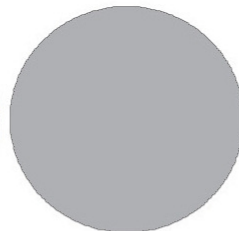
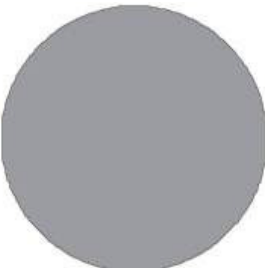


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News and Events from Around the World



New York: Falun Gong Practitioners Gather at UN Summit, Call for Bringing the Chief Culprits of the Persecution to Justice

World leaders will hold a high-level session on Millennium Development Goals at UN Headquarters in New York on September 25, 2008. Falun Gong practitioners have gathered in front of the United Nations and outside the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel where Wen Jiabao is staying. They wish to explain the truth about Falun Gong, and they hope that Wen Jiabao and his entourage who came to attend the summit will take this opportunity to learn the truth and immediately stop the brutal persecution of Falun Gong in China. The practitioners also hope to bring to justice Jiang Zemin, Luo Gan, Liu Jing and Zhou Yongkang--the chief perpetrators in the persecution of Falun Gong.

President of the Falun Dafa Association Yang Sen asks Wen Jiabao to listen to the voices of the people

The president of the Mid-U.S. Falun Dafa Association Yang Sen came to New York from Chicago to call for an end to the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) persecution of Falun Gong. He said, "Since July 1999, whenever CCP high-ranking officials came overseas, including Jiang Zemin, Falun Gong practitioners would come to convey this message."

Yang Sen continued, "Many CCP high-ranking officials are besieged by lies, and they also do not know the truth. Just like today, the CCP organized a welcoming group of over a thousand people. The CCP's mouthpiece media also captured a few seconds of Wen Jiabao shaking hands with them. They take those photos back to China to make propaganda. But they do not take photos of Falun Gong practitioners and other protest groups. The CCP has made Chinese citizens live in lies."

Yang Sen hopes Wen Jiabao will cherish this opportunity in the United States: "Come to our side to take a look, and listen to our voices of concern. If we can have a few seconds to speak to him, the first sentence I will say is, 'Stop the persecution of Falun Gong;' the second sentence would be 'Falun Dafa is good.' If there is still some time, I want to say 'Bring to justice Jiang Zemin, Luo Gan, Liu Jing and Zhou Yongkang --the chief perpetrators in the persecution of Falun Gong.'"

Yang Sen said, "From Wen Jiabao's visit to the United States in 2003 until today, the CCP's persecution of Falun Gong continues, and more horrifying facts such as live organ harvesting have come to the surface. Wen Jiabao should do something about it. I also know that in the CCP system, it's hard for some officials to do something for ordinary citizens even if they want to. Wen Jiabao may also have his own difficulties. But I hope that he can hear our voices. When a person of true conscience sees the persecution that Falun Gong practitioners have been subjected to, he should know what to do."

Former Canadian Secretary of State for Asia Pacific David Kilgour believes that live organ harvesting is a fact and that tainted milk has long existed

Former Canadian Secretary of State for Asia Pacific David Kilgour was invited to attend a forum at the UN on September 23. He also came to the rally to support Falun Gong practitioners. Mr. Kilgour has been to China and has a deep understanding of China issues. He is also one of the co-authors of an independent investigation report on the CCP's harvesting organs from living Falun Gong practitioners. (<http://organharvestinvestigation.net/>)

Mr. Kilgour said that although the CCP denies it, evidence from different areas regarding the live organ harvesting has been increasing. Fifty-three new pieces of evidence can be accessed at his website, including the latest evidence where, in an English version DVD, the CCP states that the international community did not have a dialog with a Chinese doctor during the evidence-collection period, but at the end of the DVD, the Chinese doctor Mr. Lu (phonetic) admitted that he did have a conversation with an international investigator. This is the CCP's confession.



David Kilgour, former Canadian Secretary of State for Asia Pacific and one of the co-authors of the report "Allegations of Organ Harvesting of Falun Gong Practitioners in China."

Mr. Kilgour has had personal experience with China's tainted milk. In 2002 he visited China with a Canadian milk expert. The expert told him that Chinese people have many methods of adulterating milk, such as pouring white paint into it. Mr. Kilgour said that tainted milk has existed at least six years, and CCP high-ranking officials like Wen Jiabao have not done much about it.

Mr. Kilgour believes that Wen Jiabao lives in lies the same as others do. Five to six years ago, when chemical plants surrounding Taihu Lake in Wuxi turned the lake into dead water, Wen Jiabao went to visit one of the chemical plants. CCP local officials actually dug out and removed the water around the chemical plant, and poured in clean water and all kinds of fish. When Wen Jiabao arrived, what he saw was residents leisurely fishing. Later, a man who wrote to Wen Jiabao to expose this matter was put in prison. Mr. Kilgour learned about this during his investigation.

Regarding such things as the CCP's organ harvesting from Falun Gong practitioners and milk contamination, Mr. Kilgour said that Chinese people have a long traditional culture and fine virtues. But since the CCP seized power in China, it has been destroying China's traditional culture, resulting in all kinds of social problems that are hard to resolve.

Some Falun Gong practitioners who have suffered persecution in China, such as American citizen Charles Li who was sentenced to prison for explaining the facts about Falun Gong to the Chinese people, and Ms. Zhao who has suffered brutal torture while being detained in the Masanjia Forced Labor Camp, also called for Wen Jiabao to immediately stop the persecution of Falun Gong.

From morning till evening, Falun Gong practitioners have been distributing [truth clarification](#) materials to passersby. They hope people will learn the facts about Falun Gong and remember that Falun Dafa is good.

Hearing Held in Australia Falun Gong Practitioners' Lawsuit Against Jiang Zemin and His Accomplices

On September 15, 2008, a hearing was held in the Supreme Court of New South Wales regarding an Australia Falun Gong practitioners' lawsuit against the chief culprits in the persecution of Falun Gong, Jiang Zemin, Luo Gan and the [610 Office](#).



Queens Square in front of the Supreme Court of New South Wales

Regarding this case, the Chinese Communist regime has taken various methods in an attempt to interfere with the impartiality of the Australian judiciary, and raised the question of "immunity." The plaintiffs' lawyer presented to the court that defendants Jiang Zemin and others cannot enjoy immunity because the crimes they committed are torture and genocide. The judge listened carefully to the plaintiff lawyer's presentation. After the session was over, the judge said he would make a decision on this case soon.

The president of the NSW Falun Dafa Association also stated that the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has tried hard to have the case dropped, and has pressured the Australian judicial system by raising the question of immunity. She stated her belief that human rights scoundrels should not enjoy diplomatic immunity, and that bringing the chief culprits in the persecution of Falun Gong to justice would have profound significance.

She stated that no matter what the final verdict result will be, bringing the chief culprits in the persecution of Falun Gong to justice in a democratic country plays the role of alerting, warning and deterring perpetrators who are still persecuting Falun Gong in China now. She believes that in the near future, Jiang Zemin and other perpetrators in the persecution of Falun Gong will all be brought to justice.

Plaintiff Zhang Cuiying is an Australian citizen. When the CCP launched the persecution campaign against Falun Gong in July 20, 1999, Ms. Zhang wanted to ask for justice for Falun Gong. She gave up her comfortable life in Australia and traveled to China to appeal for Falun Gong. The CCP authorities [illegally detained](#) her for over

eight months. During that time, she was beaten and tortured almost to the point of losing her life. Later, thanks to the Australian Government's rescue efforts, she returned to Australia, and filed a lawsuit four years ago with the Supreme Court of New South Wales against former head of the CCP Jiang Zemin and the 610 Office for torture and genocide. Falun Gong practitioner Ms. Zhang Cuiying said that during the past four years, the CCP has tried all means possible to have the case dropped, but all that the CCP has done is in vain. Every time the CCP interferes, its crimes are further exposed. Even though the path has been difficult, she has not wavered in her steadfast belief that good will definitely conquer evil. The lawsuit was filed to stop the CCP's atrocities, and defend and renew dignity, morality and justice for humanity.

A spokesperson from the legal team that filed the lawsuit against Jiang said that many local people have signed a petition to support the lawsuit against Jiang. In a short period of two weeks, over 6,000 signatures were collected. Signatories included judges from the Supreme Court, lawyers and staff working in nearby government buildings, even a department manager from a nearby company. He not only signed the petition, but also asked for additional signature collection forms. He said that he has over 40 staff members in his company, and he wanted to ask them to sign in support of Falun Gong.

Another signer said that he is a human rights lawyer and would like to provide help for the case. Another said he would like to help Falun Gong practitioners to find more lawyers to help with this case. Many passersby told practitioners that they had written to the Foreign Affairs Department and Department of Law, and had received replies. Many people said that human rights criminal Jiang should not be exempted liability, and should be punished according to the law.

Outside the court, on Elizabeth Queens Square, Falun Gong practitioners held huge and eye-catching banners reading, "Judgment," "Falun Dafa is Good," "Bringing Jiang Zemin, Luo Gan and 610 Office to Justice," and "Safeguard the Independence of the Australian Judiciary-Reject Interference from the CCP."

Practitioners quietly and peacefully did the exercises, and the sitting meditation, creating a peaceful and serene scene.

Falun Gong practitioner Ms. Yang stated that she has been here every day, rain or shine, just for people to learn about the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners in China. She hopes that the Australian people will stand with Falun Gong practitioners and help end the persecution as soon as possible.

Currently, Jiang Zemin has been charged in 15 countries around the world for crimes against humanity and torture.

Falun Gong Spokesperson Calls for an End to the Persecution at a U.S. Congressional Forum

On the afternoon of September 12, 2008, the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Human Rights held a forum in the Rayburn House Office Building. The topic of the forum was human rights conditions in China and other Asian countries after the Olympic Games. Falun Gong spokesperson Zhang Erping was invited to speak at the forum. He said that Falun Gong is a cultivation group and that what its practitioners are most concerned about is putting an end to the Chinese Communist regime's persecution of Falun Gong cultivators.



Falun Gong spokesperson Zhang Erping

Zhang said that a variety of sources confirmed that more than 10,000 Falun Gong practitioners were arrested in the run-up to the Olympics. During that time, the persecution intensified. On the surface, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) seems not to be as blatant as before in its persecution of Falun Gong spread hatred, undermining practitioners' freedom of belief and religion and violating the Constitution.

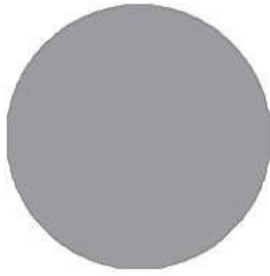
Zhang called upon the U.S. government to effectively stop the CCP accomplices from spreading hatred and undermining religious belief on U.S. soil and to deport the CCP diplomats who conducted non-diplomatic activities, manipulating the mobs to attack American citizens who practice Falun Gong. He said that the U.S. government is responsible for protecting its citizens and should not turn the U.S. into Beijing's backyard.

He reiterated that Falun Gong practitioners have no opinion on the Olympics or other sports or cultural events. Their concern is for the immediate release of Falun Gong practitioners [illegally detained](#) in mainland China, for the persecution of Falun Gong to end, and for the perpetrators to be brought to justice.

Congressman Chris Smith said in an interview that he was puzzled as to why the Chinese Communist regime would have such hatred for Falun Gong that many people have died as a result of the persecution, and that the regime's mobs even attacked practitioners in the U.S. and other regions. From a video of the incident that took place in Flushing, New York, he could see that the CCP is determined in its persecution of Falun Gong. "This is not an act of a mature, steady, and confident government, but just exposes its weakness and cowardice."

Representatives from over a dozen groups and organizations--including Amnesty International, a Tibetan group, and Human Rights Watch--testified at the forum. They voiced their concerns regarding the CCP's human rights abuses prior to and during the Olympic Games and its worsened human rights records after the Games concluded. Participating organizations called upon the international community to continue to exert pressure on China and other totalitarian regimes in Asia, to stop them from continuing to persecute people. Several veteran congressmen expressed their concerns over this issue.

Facts of the Persecution



Mr. Dong Liantai Dies as a Result of Persecution in Changlinzi Forced Labor Camp

Mr. Dong Liantai, 45, was a farmer who lived in Zhengjiu Village, Shancheng Town, Shuangcheng City, Heilongjiang Province. After the persecution began in 1999, he went to Beijing twice to explain the truth about Falun Gong. Both times he was arrested and sent to forced labor camps. At around 7:00 p.m. on June 24, 2008, as he was riding his bike home, he was detained by Zhaopaotun Village officials He Wei and Zhao Wenhua. Officer Fan Zimin from Shancheng Town Police Station arrested him, ransacked his home, and took him to Shuangcheng City Police Department to be interrogated. During the interrogation he passed out from injuries to his face, at which time officers dragged him to affix his fingerprint on a fabricated "confession," in which said he was carrying 100 Falun Gong flyers. He was then detained in the Shuangcheng City Detention Center.

On July 7, 2008, officers from Harbin City Police Department also interrogated him. Mr. Dong stated openly and in a dignified manner, "I did not disrupt the social order by riding my bike home, and those fingerprints were taken when I was unconscious. Those officers threatened that they could sentence me to forced labor for two years for the 'crime' of possessing 100 Falun Gong flyers."

Soon after that he was "trained" in Wanjia Forced Labor Camp for ten days and then taken to Changlinzi Forced Labor Camp. In order to try to force him to give up his faith, the guards tortured him by tying him to a [Tiger Bench](#) and force-feeding him mustard oil and highly concentrated salt water, which hurt his stomach and throat terribly. He was coughing severely, could not sleep, and he felt a hot, burning sensation in his chest and stomach, all of which caused him to pass out.

In less than 12 weeks, Mr. Dong was near death due to the torture. The camp administration feared he might die, so they quickly took him back to the Shancheng Town government to have his family pick him up. He felt as if his insides were burning, and his back and internal organs caused him unbearable pain. He coughed up rank lung tissue. Mr. Dong died only eight days later, at 6:40 p.m. on September 19, 2008, with a high fever and in extreme pain.

A guard at the camp said before taking him home, "We are taking you home, because you will not live through the night."

Mr. Dong's death was very similar to Mr. Liu Quanguo's case (<http://www.clearwisdom.net/emh/articles/2008/2/21/94638.html>). Mr. Liu also died after being tortured at Changlinzi Forced Labor Camp. He, too, had a high fever and coughed up lung tissue. Guard Zhao Shuang also told Mr. Liu, "You will die immediately."

FDI: Beijing Resident Killed During Olympics for Practicing Falun Gong
Neighborhood security agent confirms death, wife still in labor camp

NEW YORK (FDI) An elderly Falun Gong practitioner from Chaoyang district in Beijing, home to the Bird's Nest Stadium, died from injuries incurred in custody two days before the close of the 2008 Olympic Games, the Falun Dafa Information Center reported on Wednesday.

Mr. Wang Chongjun, age 65, died at home on August 23, 2008 after being injected with an unknown drug in a Beijing labor camp, according to sources in China. His wife, Ms. Wang Zhiqin, remains illegally detained and is unaware of her husband's death.

In a telephone call made to the Longzhuashu village community police working site near their home on September 9, a member of the neighborhood watch group confirmed Wang's death.

"He died. Isn't Wang Chongjun dead?" said a Mr. Li who picked up the phone. When the investigator asked if Wang's family had received compensation, Li said: "I don't know. He died at home...I listen to my boss. I'm from out of town." (see transcript excerpt and link to a recording of the phone conversation below)

The Falun Dafa Information Center (FDIC) had first reported the arrest of Wang and his wife in July 2008 ([news](#)). The couple was among over 8,000 adherents detained in a nationwide round up that occurred in the months preceding the Olympics and has continued since the closing ceremonies as well.

"The tragic case of Wang and his wife are typical of the horrific abuses Falun Gong practitioners continue to face in China, abuses that worsened with the Olympics" says Falun Dafa Information Center Spokesperson Erping Zhang. "While Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao is speaking at UN headquarters this week in New York City, countless innocent Chinese citizens are languishing in labor camps and in grave danger. It is up to the international community including governments, media, and human rights groups to ensure that the thousands of adherents still in detention don't meet the same fate as Wang."

Case Details

On the evening of April 14, 2008, local security agents raided Wang's home without a warrant and arrested the elderly couple. The detention followed more than a week of intensified harassment and surveillance of the family, reportedly on the orders of Yang Fengling, head of the village [610 Office](#). Yang ordered the surveillance after Ms. Wang refused to renounce her practice of Falun Gong during a previous meeting. After their

arrest, the couple was taken to Chaoyang District Detention Center. Their family was denied access to visit them.

On June 20, 2008, the couple's family members received notices from the dispatch center at Beijing's Tuanhe "Re-education through Labor" (RTL) Camp (more about [Tuanhe Labor Camp](#)). The documents stated that Wang Chongjun had been sentenced to two years of RTL on May 22, 2008, and was being detained in the First Ward of the dispatch center. His wife, Wang Zhiqin, had been sentenced to two and half years of forced labor on May 20, 2008, and was being held in the Tenth Ward.

According to sources inside China, while at the camp, guards injected Mr. Wang with an unknown drug, an increasingly common torture technique used on Falun Gong, that led to 11 deaths in 2007. The drug reportedly caused his skin to turn a yellowish color and for him to become emaciated. Seeing that Wang was on the verge of death, the camp authorities released him so as not to be held responsible for his dying in their custody.

Upon receiving notice from the camp, Wang's family picked him up and took him to the hospital for medical treatment. Nevertheless, Wang died at home on the afternoon of August 23, 2008. His wife had meanwhile been transferred to Shanxi Province RTL Camp not long before the start of the Olympics. According to sources close to the couple, she has yet to be informed of her husband's death.

"We call upon the international community and media based in Beijing to use every resource available to investigate the facts for themselves," says Zhang. "This persecution must end, lest more innocent people die."

Transcript of call confirming Wang's death:

The following is the transcript of a call made to the Longzhuashu village community police working site in Beijing's Chaoyang district on September 9, 2008. An audio recording is available [here](#) (the voice of the investigator has been changed to protect their identity).

Male (A): My name is Li. I am on duty. I am not a policeman.

Investigator (Q): What is Wang Zhiqin's home phone number?

A: Her home phone is not working anymore.

Q: Did you go there when they arrested him in April?

A: I was probably there.

Q: Did you go to see him after his release?

A: He died. Isn't Wang Chongjun dead?

Q: Does anyone still live in his home?

A: He has a son who works somewhere else. I don't have his phone number.

Q: Have things been taken care of? Has his family gotten any compensation?

A: I don't know. He died at home. You can ask her [apparently Yang Fengling]. I listen to my boss. I am from out of town, I am not a local.

Q: How much do you get paid every day?

A: 20 Yuan per day.

Former Professor at Tsinghua University Exposes the Persecution of Falun Gong

On August 27, 2008, Dr. Xu Yan, a former professor at the Department of Civil Engineering, Tsinghua University, and his family escaped from China and arrived in Chicago, Illinois. He was warmly received by his fellow colleagues from Tsinghua and his friends. During an interview, Dr. Xu talked about his life, especially when he was arrested and tortured for practicing Falun Gong in China.

Outstanding Teacher: Dr. Xu Wins 11 Awards Out of 36 in His Department

Dr. Xu had been teaching at the Department of Civil Engineering in Tsinghua University for 13 years. When he started, there was a lot of work and pressure. He had a nervous breakdown and couldn't sleep at night. Then in 1995 he learned Falun Gong. According to him, "I finished the book [*Zhuan Falun*](#) in one day. I was very relaxed and fell asleep right away afterwards. I never lost sleep again."

Xu became energetic and his performance at work improved greatly. He won many awards for his diligent work, including national awards for outstanding teaching and research. He was also ranked in the top 5 percent of teachers at the university several semesters in a row.

The Persecution of Falun Gong Begins

In July 1999, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) began to persecute Falun Gong. The University 610 Office and the secretary of the departmental party commission suddenly made Xu a member of the athletic labor union and forced him to meet with and report to them frequently.

Xu said during the interview, "Falun Gong teaches me to be a good person. I was a good teacher and researcher and was one of the best faculty members in the department. The department head and my colleagues thought highly of me and were not bothered by my practicing Falun Gong. Students all knew that I was a practitioner and many secretly looked out for me."

Seeing that Xu wasn't going to stop the practice, staff members from the 610 Office threatened Xu with his job if he continued to practice Falun Gong. Xu told them, "If you want to fire me, you must issue an official notice and let the entire university know that I was fired, not because of the work I do, but because of my belief, because I practice Falun Gong. They never brought it up again."

Put in a Forced Labor Camp, Innocent Family Members Implicated

On the morning of March 13, 2006, two dozen officers from the Haidian Public Safety Bureau, without identifying themselves, broke into Dr. Xu's house and began searching for Falun Gong related materials. When the police found Falun Gong books, they filled out a blank search warrant and interrogation warrant right there and used them to arrest Xu and his wife.

Mr. Xu's wife was released one day after they were detained, but he was put in the Haidian Detention Center. The next day Mr. Xu was taken to court and sentenced to two years in a forced labor camp.

A policeman told him, "It's dangerous for us to catch criminals but it is not so with Falun Gong practitioners. We also get cash awards for arresting practitioners." "We are catching Falun Gong practitioners in preparation for the Olympics in two years. We want to make you scared so that even if you were released before the Olympics, you wouldn't dare to make a move."

Mr. Xu said this was total state terrorism, "My wife had to shoulder the economic burden for the entire family and was under tremendous mental pressure from worrying about me. My daughter was 14 and she was an outstanding enough student to be accepted to the affiliated high school of Tsinghua University. Because I was suddenly imprisoned, she did not do well on the entrance exam. She dared not tell others it was because her father was arrested. My parents later came to Beijing to help my family. My father was almost 80 and his illness got worse from the ordeal. He even had to have surgery but did not want to tell me. My family was under so much pressure."

At the same time, Mr. Xu's students weren't satisfied with the substitute teachers. When they learned that he had been arrested for practicing Falun Gong, one of his graduate students went to the detention center where he was imprisoned to deliver clothes for him and said, "My teacher is not a bad man and we respect him."

Leaving the Forced Labor Camp

On November 3, 2006, Mr. Xu was sent to the Tuanhe Forced Labor Camp. For eight months, he was locked in solitary confinement and was forced to sit on 1/3 of a small stool that was only 12-inches tall all day. He wasn't allowed to move or close his eyes and suffered terrible physical pain due to the strange sitting position. The guards tried to brainwash him and would not allow him to have any kind of human contact to prevent him from getting any form of encouragement.

The camp went through all his letters and confiscated them if there was any "improper" content. The camp even threatened to stop his letters. Xu said, "When my father was ill, they told me something was wrong at home and asked me if I wanted to make a phone call. They told me if I signed a statement to renounce Falun Gong, I could call whoever I

wanted. It was really tempting for me at that time. But I knew that would only be the beginning. If I signed the statement, then I would have to write materials to slander Falun Gong. Then I would have to take some kind of exam about Falun Gong every month or two. If I passed their exams, I would get a reduced sentence. This is their so-called 'learning program.'"

"I refused to cooperate. The guards instigated the prisoners who were not practitioners to torture me. In a forced labor camp, any little favor was a great temptation. The prisoners listened to every order the guards gave."

"Later they forced me to watch a video with brainwashing material. After I watched it, I told the guards those people who were talking in the video were not practitioners. I explained the truth of Falun Dafa to the guards. Later whenever they had me watch videos, I made fun of the content. They soon stopped doing that to me."

"The guards tried to brainwash me and all the practitioners in the camp with a video entitled 'False Science Uncovered.' We were forced to watch it many times. The content of the video tried to prove that supernormal abilities weren't real by showing a magician performing magic tricks. I told the guards that what magicians use to perform magic tricks was not magic. 'How could they prove something to be fake with a fake trick?' I asked. The camp never showed that video again."

"I tried to use their language when I talked to the guards who tried to brainwash me. I used scientific logic to fight the CCP's political logic. I tried to prove to them that Falun Gong is a good practice from a scientific point of view. They knew I was a rational person. By asking them questions, I led their thoughts away from the CCP's ideology. The guards told me there wasn't anyone in the camp who could persuade me and all the videos and books in the camp were useless in front of me. They never wanted to talk to me again."

"No one wanted to 'transform' and 'educate' me anymore. The guards wanted me to leave the camp as soon as possible in case I created more trouble for them. When I was released from the camp, a guard told the person who came to pick me up (he was a supervisor in the university I taught) to watch me closely because they couldn't brainwash me."

Regaining Freedom

On March 13, 2008, Xu was released. The university tried to force him to sign documents admitting he made a mistake and would never practice Falun Gong again. They threatened that if he did not do so, he would not be allowed to return to his teaching position. Mr. Xu gave up his job and came to U.S. with his wife and child.

At least 40 people from Tsinghua University have been imprisoned, sentenced (the longest sentence is 13 years), and put in forced labor camps.

In Mr. Xu's statement, he said, "I loved my job, my students, and my family. I didn't want to abandon the land that raised me; I did not want to leave the classrooms and give up my students. But when my own government persecuted me for my beliefs, I had to set an example for my students. I had to tell the facts of the persecution and expose the CCP's evil deeds. To wake up those who dwell in the CCP's lies, I had to give up everything I love and leave China to go to a place I can tell the truth and what is in my heart."

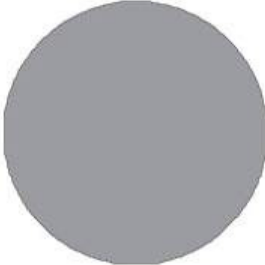
"I want to tell the world with my experience that the CCP is guilty. I want to tell the world what I have been through and let the people know the reality behind the CCP's iron curtain."

Ms. Wang Yanfeng Dies in Guangshui City Detention Center, Hubei Province

Ms. Wang Yanfeng, 46, lived in Jieguan Township, Anlu City, Hubei Province. On April 14, 2008, Ms. Wang and fellow practitioner Ms. Sheng Cuilian went to the neighboring Chenxiang Township in Guangshui City to pass out [truth-clarifying](#) materials, and both were arrested. Chenxiang Township Police Station director Yu Bingrong took them to the Guangshui City Domestic Security Team office. They were soon detained in the 1st Detention Center of Guangshui City. After they went on hunger strike to protest the mistreatment, they were released when their lives were in danger.

At around 3:00 p.m. on September 4, 2008, Guangshui City [610 Office](#) agents, Anlu City Domestic Security agents, and Jieguan Township local officers arrested Ms. Wang and Ms. Sheng again. Guangshui City Domestic Security agent Fang Hong brutally beat Ms. Wang during the arrest process. The two women were detained in the Guangshui City Detention Center, where they again held a hunger strike to protest the persecution. They were cruelly beaten repeatedly each time they refused to eat. They were both extremely weak, and Ms. Wang Yanfeng died on September 24, 2008.

People Awaken to the Truth



A Soldier Witnesses the Miracle and Goodness of Falun Gong

By a PLA(People's Liberation Army) officer

I am forty-six years old this year and serve in the military. At the end of July, my brother called to let me know that our mother was very sick in bed and she wanted me to go home to visit her.

My brother, who is a doctor with his own practice, told me our mother had not been well since last spring (she had been suffering from bronchitis). Lately, she had a fever that would not go away, even with medication.

On July 29, our mother's health deteriorated to the point where she was moved into Jianping County Hospital. Not only did the fever fail to subside, after another dozen days of treatment, her condition worsened.

At that point, she was moved to a room with oxygen equipment to help her breathing. The mother of a nurse there is a Falun Gong practitioner. Seeing the poor condition of my mother, whose bed was filthy with urine and feces, she began to talk with me about Falun Gong. She asked me to teach Mom to recite, "Falun Dafa is good," and "Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance is good." She said that it could help my mother recover, but I did not believe it. I thought that my mother was not getting any better with all the money that we had spent on treatments; how could she improve by just reciting a few sentences? How could that be possible?

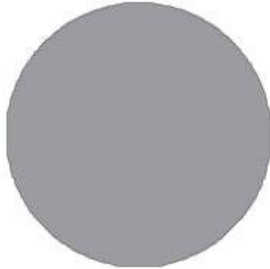
The practitioner was very compassionate. Seeing that I did not believe her, she herself spoke into my mother's ear and told her to recite, "Falun Dafa is good," and "Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance is good." Desperate to reduce the discomfort, my mother followed her and recited the words, until she gradually fell asleep. Within half an hour, my mother's labored breathing eased and her color returned to normal. After more than a dozen days of suffering, she was finally able to have a good sleep. I was quite surprised. I have heard a lot of propaganda against Falun Gong while serving in the military and I truly did not expect that Falun Gong could be so miraculous.

When my mother woke up, I asked her how she was feeling. She said happily, "I am well now. My fever is gone." I was so happy that I could not stop smiling, and could only keep saying that it was simply miraculous.

That same afternoon, my mother improved enough to use the bathroom on her own; she even refused my help. Her condition continued to improve rapidly. I have witnessed the wonder of Falun Gong. My misunderstanding toward Falun Gong completely disappeared. Seeing this miracle, the more than ten other patients in the ward began to recite, "Falun Dafa is good," and "Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance

is good." The usual moaning in the room disappeared. Everyone was immersed in Falun Gong. One after another they declared they would no longer be members of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and its affiliated organizations. I also quit the evil party. I now understand very clearly the issue of Falun Gong and will never be deceived by the lies of the evil CCP again.

Voice of Justice



California: State Assemblyman Writes to CCP Leader to Request Release of Falun Gong Practitioner

On September 18, 2008, California State Assemblyman Joel Anderson wrote the following letter to Chinese Communist Party leader Jingtao Hu, to request the immediate release of Falun Gong practitioner Jinhua Ma who is detained in the City of Hefei in China.

Assembly
California Legislature
Joel Anderson
September 18, 2008

Dear President Hu,

As a member of the California State Assembly, I am concerned about the policy of the Chinese government towards practitioners of Falun Gong and would like to request your assistance in the case of Jinhua Ma.

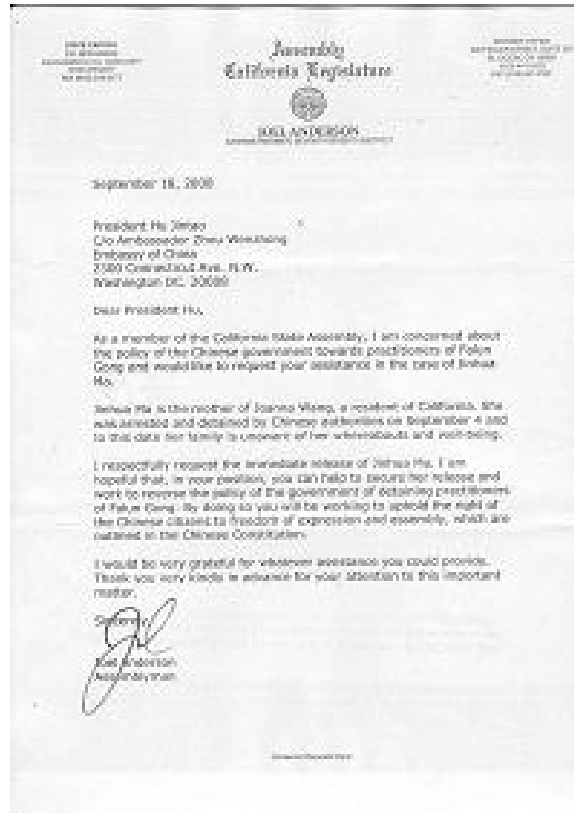
Jinhua Ma is the mother of Joanna Wang, a resident of California. She was arrested and detained by Chinese authorities on September 4 and to this date her family is unaware of her whereabouts and well-being.

I respectfully request the immediate release of Jinhua Ma. I am hopeful that, in your position, you can help to secure her release and work to reverse the policy of the government of detaining practitioners of Falun Gong. By doing so you will be working to uphold the right of the Chinese citizens to freedom of expression and assembly, which are outlined in the Chinese Constitution.

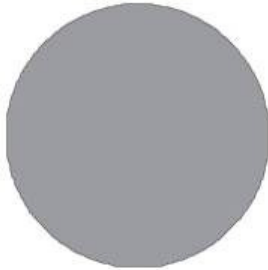
I would be very grateful for whatever assistance you could provide. Thank you very kindly in advance for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Joel Anderson
Assemblyman



Falun Gong Practitioners' Personal Experiences



Poet's Life Threatening Illness Disappears after Practicing Falun Gong

By Huang Rong (Taiwan)

At around midnight, an ambulance with sirens blaring went straight to the emergency room of the hospital. The patient in the ambulance was unconscious and in a state of paralysis. Her blood pressure had reached 200. In fact, after she dialed 119 for an ambulance, she had lost her ability to speak. However, the police knew immediately it was her when they saw their ID caller. Her phone number was not strange to them.

Ms. Wang Lihua is a poet who was a teacher in the Chinese Language Department of Jing Yi University in Taiwan.

Calling for an ambulance and going to the emergency room had been a repetitive nightmare for Ms. Wang. She had seen numerous doctors since she first got sick in 1990. Some doctors believed she had hypertension. Others thought she had had a stroke, intermittent cerebral ischemia, allergies, or asthma. There were many doctors who didn't know what kind of disease she had.

"I'd already written my will."

Feeling faint and collapsing with blood pressure surging to 190 or 200 was not a strange thing for Ms. Wang. She had taken all kinds of heart-disease medicine. "I had internal bleeding because of overdosing on medication. Even a slight hit to my body would easily cause a buildup of blood." One time, a doctor with much confidence told her of a new drug which he thought would work for her. "As a result, two hours later, I became very weak, and I couldn't breathe. I was immediately taken to the emergency room," she explained. "What kind of disease do I really have? Why am I like this?" Ms. Wang was highly educated. She taught at a university. Her life was much envied by many people. However, in the face of such an incurable illness, she couldn't do much but feel sad and helpless.

Over time, her illness got worse. She couldn't even use chopsticks, swallow food, or write. When she woke up, she was not able to get up, and she had to call her students to help her. Later on, she developed depression, and lost all hope for the future. "At that time, I had my will written."

In 2004, Ms. Wang encountered a well-known cardiac doctor. After careful examination, the doctor told her that the cause of her illness didn't come from her heart. He recommended that she see a neurological expert. After going through a number of checkups, she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. The doctor waited one month before telling her the truth, as he was afraid she would not be able to deal with it. At present, this disease is incurable.

After learning the news of her fatal illness, Ms. Wang couldn't do anything but let destiny take its course. But, she was very reluctant to leave the world just like this, as she still had many unfinished dreams. "Why didn't you tell me earlier? So that I would feel more at ease, and would not have to come here for treatment and waste your medical resources," she once complained to the doctor.

"If I do the practice, I will get better."

Before all this bad news, Ms. Wang was an acquaintance of an economics professor, Mr. Zhang Qingxi, who had been practicing Falun Gong for many years. Professor Zhang had occasionally sent her Falun Gong materials, but she had never been sincerely interested in the practice. It was during the time when Ms. Wang learned about her fatal illness that her nephew, who studied in the same department as Professor Zhang, suggested that she practice Falun Gong.

"Isn't this world full of coincidences? My nephew said that he often heard from Professor Zhang that many patients with a serious illness had been cured by practicing Falun Gong." Encouraged by her nephew, Ms. Wang decided to ask Professor Zhang to tell her about Falun Gong. Professor Zhang immediately sent her a copy of [Zhuan Falun](#) and other related materials.

Ms. Wang said, "The moment I picked up the book *Zhuan Falun* and started reading it, I felt a surge of heat that circulated in my entire body. I couldn't describe how comfortable I felt."

Three days later, Ms. Wang went back to the hospital for a follow-up checkup. The report came out one week later. With much puzzlement, the doctor told her that her condition had improved. She was pleasantly surprised, "I was thinking at that time: I have just begun to read the book, and it already has created such a positive effect. If I practice the exercises, I think the effect will certainly be better."

However, after the first day of doing the exercise, Ms. Wang almost gave up. Because she was very ill, she couldn't sit straight, or stand for a long time, as her legs would get sore. She was also unable to raise her arms. She became exhausted after the first day of practice, and she couldn't get up the next morning. She was thinking: "I should give up." I felt frustrated. ""So I called Professor Zhang. He said,""Congratulations!" "I didn't know what he meant. Then he shared with me his experience and said that Master Li was cleansing the bad stuff out of my body. He encouraged me to keep on practicing."

The first month was an ordeal. Ms. Wang was not able to keep up with the practice. Professor Zhang seemed to know what she was thinking in her mind. He called her often to encourage her to keep up with the practice. After a month, her health gradually

got better. When she read the book *Zhuan Falun* again, she came to a better understanding of what "Cultivation Practice" means. Since then, Ms. Wang has never stopped practicing.

Because of her illness, Ms. Wang was unable to devote herself to her most beloved activity--writing long poems. She felt her brain was not working well. She couldn't recite the words or phrases that she needed to express herself. She felt her brain was tied up in knots. However, as she kept on practicing Falun Gong, the function of her brain gradually resumed, and now she can compose poems. For a poet like her, gaining a new life is the happiest thing of all.

Emphasizing cultivating one's heart, and upgrading levels

After Ms. Wang took up the practice, she often felt she had supernatural capabilities. She could see through a shielded car and the people sitting in it. She could also see through a closet and the clothes inside. When she does the practice, she can feel the different messages and vibrations of the universe. She is truly convinced that Falun Gong is indeed the great law of the universe.

There was once a student who came to look for her. She was using the computer at that time to do some reading. "When my hand got near the computer, I felt as if it received strong energy, and the screen turned all bright. When I held back my hand, the computer worked normally." She repeated this several times, and it was the same. Her students were joking with her, "Teacher, you have supernormal abilities."

"In fact, this kind of thing can't be pursued. Everyone's experience and inborn quality are different. Falun Gong teaches us to cultivate ourselves according to the principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance. We must cultivate our heart and virtue."

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")

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>)

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.

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.

Tiger Bench: Prisoners are forced to sit on a small iron bench that is approximately 20 cm (6 inches) tall with their knees tied together. With their hands tied behind their backs or sometimes placed on their knees, they are forced to sit straight up and look straight ahead without movement for long periods of time.

“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.

Collaborators: Former practitioners who have turned against Falun Gong under brainwashing and torture. They are then made to assist in brainwashing and torturing practitioners.

Sensitive Dates: National holidays or political meetings, or dates that hold significance to Falun Dafa; the authorities are afraid that practitioners will publicly appeal on these dates.

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