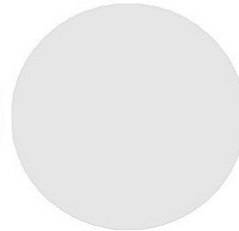
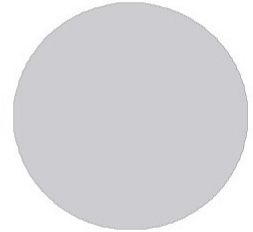
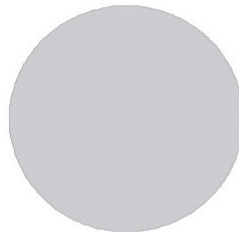
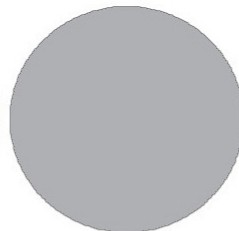


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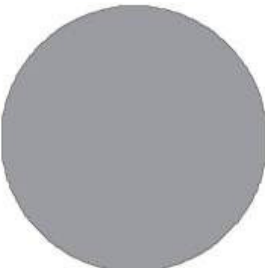
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# News and Events from Around the World



*Buenos Aires, Argentina: Shen Yun Performing Arts South America Debut A Huge Success*

On June 27, the Shen Yun Performing Arts presented its first-ever show in South America at the Auditorio Belgrano in Buenos Aires, kicking off an 18 show tour in Argentina and Chile.

Although the Chinese Communist Party Embassy in Argentina tried to sabotage the show by asking local Chinese immigrants not to attend, the theater saw a full house with many Chinese audience members commenting that the show gave a wonderful presentation of China's rich culture.

When the curtain opened for the first time and the magnificent heavens were unveiled, the audience was awed. At the beginning of the show, following normal practice, the audience applauded at the end of each number. However, as the show went on, applause from the audience became heated. Toward the latter part of the show, applause started well before a number concluded. When the performers took a bow at the very end, exclamations, cheers and thunderous applause resounded in the theater. The performers took three curtain calls.

Since June 27, 2009, with its unique art performance, especially the beautiful colors and Chinese traditional dancing, Shen Yun has received countless commendations and attracted many local well-known people to watch.

Mr. Eduardo Perth Reston is a well-known writer and editor. Talking about the Shen Yun performance on July 3, Mr. Reston said, "I really like the Shen Yun performance. The dancing is so beautiful, especially the female dancers dancing together. It is a rare and beautiful scene in the world, very splendid and magnificent. I also like the dancing in 'Loyalty of Yue Fei'. This is a perfect, superb show."

When the big curtain was opened for the prelude, "The Five Millennia Begin", a splendid scene suddenly appeared before audience: in Heaven, the various Buddhas, Daos and deities, sang, danced, or performed their respective roles. Mr. Reston enjoyed the sacred, solemn and splendid heavenly paradise.

Among all dance programs, Mr. Reston sorted out his most favorite, "I also like the Tibet dancing 'Dance of The Snow-Capped Mountain' and the program in which the dancers held ribbons 'Knowing the True Picture Offers Ultimate Hope'. I like all of them."

Mr. Reston said, "Shen Yun performance is superb! The whole show brings people joy and a mellow feeling. The graceful dancing is extremely beautiful. The show makes one feel happy and peaceful." He also praised the costumes, "Gorgeous!"

Auditorio Belgrano in Buenos Aires was packed with attendees of the fourth show by Shen Yun Performing Arts on July 1, 2009. Among the audience were government officials, foreign representatives and people in the financial and art fields. They sang high praise for the show and said they didn't expect they would be completely taken away by a cultural show from another country.



*Mr. Villar, a director of financial projects in the Ministry of Economy and Production*

Mr. Villar, a director of financial projects in the Ministry of Economy and Production, and his wife, sat in the first row. Mr. Villar said, "I can see the great efforts that all the dancers are making. I've had the opportunity to come into contact with Chinese culture on various occasions, but this, really, I've never seen this before."

It was the spiritual message they perceived in the show that most impressed the couple, however. Mr. Villar talked about the performance, "Heaven Awaits Us Despite Persecution" in this regard: "He was killed for his beliefs, and later it's like a divine force came to find him, I don't know how to describe it. This interested me greatly, I saw the spiritual theme here." The performance featured a practitioner of the Falun Gong discipline who was killed for his beliefs by agents of the Chinese Communist Party.

Mr. Villar added, "What I very much liked was the drummers, the dance of the drummers [Drummers of the Tang Court]. Really, I liked it a lot ... the coordination in the movements, how they hit the drums at the same time."



*Professor Carlos Moreno of University of Patagonia*

Professor Carlos Moreno of University of Patagonia was most touched by the spiritual meaning of the Shen Yun show. He said, "It think it is great! It expressed the [Chinese] people's spirit. It is a profound faith. It comes from heaven." He added, "The Chinese culture was passed down from above. The show combined spirit and life and unfolded scenes of gods descending. The artists' spirits make you think of the inner characteristics of the Chinese nationality."

Professor Moreno was fascinated and impressed with the richness of the Chinese culture. He said the overall composition of the show was top level. "Such a professional show is a great undertaking! The artists must be fully devoted. Such a show wouldn't have been possible without long time training and effort."



*Artist Silvina Ferreira and her friend Christine*

Artist Silvina Ferreira and her friend Christine watched the show following a friend's recommendation. Filled with happiness, Silvina walked out the theater and told the

reporter in English, "The show was beyond imagination! Thank Shen Yun for coming! Thank them for bring God's message! We got it!"

Silvina said she felt deeply from watching the show that people have dignity and no one can take it away. People's faith cannot be destroyed. She was most touched by the spiritual aspect of the Shen Yun show.

## *New Zealand Political Leaders Support Falun Gong and Condemn the Persecution*

To commemorate Falun Gong practitioners who were tortured to death by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and call on New Zealanders to pay attention to the CCP's crimes and human rights violations in China, Falun Gong practitioners in New Zealand will hold events on Elizabeth Square in downtown Auckland on the morning of July 18, 2009. In advance of the activity, New Zealand's political leaders wrote letters to express their support and call for an end to the persecution.



*Political leaders in New Zealand support Falun Gong*

The Hon Mr. Murray McCully, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Hon Mr. Peter Dunne, Minister of Revenue and head of United Future Political Party; Dr. Pita Sharples, Minister of Maori Affairs; the Hon Keith Locke, Member of Parliament (MP) and Green Party spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the Hon Dr. Paul Hutchison, member of the National Party and Chairman of the Health Committee; the Hon Mr. John Banks, Mayor of Auckland; Hon Ms. Maryan Street, MP of Labor Party; Hon Mr. Te Ururoa Flavell, MP of Maori Party; and several ministers, MPs, and mayors wrote letters to express their support and greetings to Falun Gong practitioners. They also expressed their concern about the persecution of Falun Gong in China.

The Hon Keith Locke, MP and Green Party spokesperson for Ministry of Foreign Affairs, stated that during the sad tenth anniversary of the persecution of Falun Gong, he represents the Green Party in sending greetings to all Falun Gong practitioners in the rally. The Green Party will continue working for the freedom of belief for Falun Gong practitioners in China and the rights of all Chinese people.

The Hon Ms. Maryan Street, MP of the Labor Party expressed her understanding on the significant meaning of Falun Gong practitioners' event.



The Hon Mr. Peter Dunne, Minister of Revenue, stated his support for the rally calling for an end to the CCP's persecution.

**President of the Auckland Council for Civil Liberties: Falun Gong practitioners show great uncompromising courage**



*Mr. Barry Wilson, president of the Auckland Council for Civil Liberties*

Mr. Barry Wilson, a renowned human rights attorney and president of the Auckland Council for Civil Liberties, and member of the Committee to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong (CIPFG) said that many MPs and the mayor of Auckland expressed their best wishes, which means they know about the persecution of Falun Gong. Free trade agreements make New Zealand government cautious in dealing with China. New Zealanders worry that the trade agreements might make the government not speak up for human rights in China. Mr. Wilson stated that government leaders should read the 'Report into Allegations of Organ Harvesting of Falun Gong Practitioners in China' by David Matas and David Kilgour and use every opportunity to put forward the human right issue to China.

Falun Gong practitioners show great uncompromising courage. They are not afraid of the CCP regime but defend their own belief. The CCP tortures Falun Gong practitioners and defames them. The CCP regime even harvests vital organs from living Falun Gong practitioners for profit.

**The Maori's promise**



*Amato Akarana-Rewi, a chief of the Maori tribe*

Amato Akarana-Rewi, a chief of the Maori tribe, stated, "I hope more and more of New Zealand's people will stand up to support Falun Gong. In New Zealand, Falun Gong practitioners are protected, which is a promise of the Maori people."

"Elder New Zealand people tell young kids that communism is evil. When I first saw the DVD exposing the CCP's organ harvesting from live Falun Gong practitioners, my people and I shed tears. The Maori people support Falun Gong and wish to share the pain of Falun Gong practitioners. In this life, I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to support Falun Gong and justice."

"My father said to me when he was alive, 'If you meet Chinese people in hardship, you must help them.' I promised him but I could not understand why until I met the Falun Gong practitioners. Now more and more Maori people practice Falun Gong. One of my friends had severe heart disease. He visited his family doctor every two weeks and had blood tests. He had edema and poor hearing. After practicing Falun Gong for four weeks, all his symptoms were gone. The doctors felt it was a miracle. I hope Falun Gong will spread to each tribe in New Zealand and have more Maori people benefit from it."

## *Falun Gong Group Asks Korean Ministry of Justice Not to Abet CCP*

Mr. Wu, a Chinese Falun Gong practitioner in Korea, was deported to China on July 1, 2009, due to pressure from the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). His asylum application was rejected for the same reason. On July 2, the Korea Falun Dafa Association held a press conference in front of Gwacheon Government Complex in Seoul and condemned the deportation of Mr. Wu by the Ministry of Justice. The association also advised the ministry to correct its mistake and not follow the CCP in its disregard for human rights. A representative of the association handed over a protest letter to the ministry.



*The Korea Falun Dafa Association held a press conference in front of Gwacheon Government Complex in Seoul to condemn the deportation of Mr. Wu by the Ministry of Justice*

Korean practitioner Park Kui pointed out at the press conference, "It is intolerable that Korea would deport a Falun Gong refugee who faces a risk of losing his life in China. The Minister of Justice must be held responsible for this."

"The Korean government opposes the CCP's deportation North Korean refugees, but just deported a Falun Gong refugee to China."

### **The CCP extends the persecution of Falun Gong to Korea**

Mr. Wu's friend explained that Mr. Wu came to Korea for industry training. Later, he learned the facts about Falun Gong. Though he knew about the CCP's inhuman persecution of Falun Gong, he still started practicing and following the principles of Truth-Compassion-Forbearance in his daily life.

The friend said that due to the CCP's persecution of Falun Gong, Mr. Wu could not return home. He stayed in Korea and applied for asylum. Unfortunately, Korea rejected his application due to CCP pressure and secretly deported him to China on July 1.

Recently, CCP Politburo Standing Committee member Li Changchun visited Korea. A reporter, on the condition of anonymity, said that Li asked Korea to immediately deport Falun Gong practitioners in Korea. Though the Korean Supreme Court knows that Falun Gong is persecuted in China, the Ministry of Justice started proceedings to reject practitioners' applications of asylum as soon as Li left Korea. The ministry also claimed that those refugees whose applications are turned down by the Supreme Court would be deported.

### **The Shadow of the CCP behind the Ministry of Justice**

Practitioner Mr. Zhao, who is applying for asylum, said in an interview, "The Korean Ministry of Justice deported Mr. Wu secretly. It was so sudden and incredible. I applied for asylum as a Falun Gong practitioner. I know clearly what a practitioner will face after he is deported back to China. I think anyone that knows the nature of the CCP will have no doubt about the consequences."

He emphasized, "I don't think the decision was truly made by the Ministry of Justice of Korea. Behind the ministry must be the shadow of the CCP. For example, one week before the asylum applications of 32 Falun Gong practitioners were rejected by the Supreme Court, CCP's Li visited Korea. After he left, the ministry rejected asylum applications one after another, which indicates that the CCP exerted pressure on the Korean government by using economic temptation or intimidation."

He also said, "A few days before the ministry's rejection of the practitioners' asylum applications, many Chinese people went to the Service Center for Quitting CCP and threatened us, saying, 'The Korean government will rule against you soon. And you will be deported to China.' How did those Chinese people have that information? No doubt the CCP was working behind the scenes."

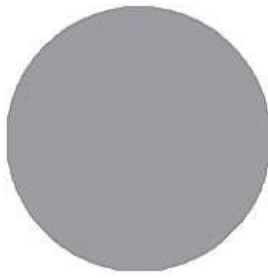
### **The disintegration of the CCP is imminent and those involved in persecution will be punished without mercy**

Mr. Zhao called on the Korean government not to buckle under to the CCP's diplomatic pressure and economic temptation and to defend its independence and follow the United Nations Refugee Convention.

He reiterated, "The lessons of history are profound. The Christians suffered 300 years of persecution, but spread around the globe in the end. The ancient Roman Empire died out. Those that participated in the persecution of Jesus and his disciples received due retribution. The CCP's persecution of Falun Gong will also end in failure. The disintegration of the CCP is imminent. Those involved in the persecution will be punished without mercy. I wish that the Korean government would not do things that will leave cause for regret for the Korean people in the future."

A representative of the Falun Dafa Association said in the press conference, "Eleven members of Parliament and 127 local assemblies have signed a petition opposing the deportation of Falun Gong practitioner refugees. We will use every opportunity to explain the facts to each Korean person and stop the CCP's extension of the persecution."

## Facts of the Persecution



### ***Ms. Sun Min Died in Custody, Police Fabricate Postmortem Examination Cover-up***

Falun Gong practitioners Mr. Wu Yang, also named Wu Zhijun, from Chifeng City, Inner Mongolia, along with his wife Ms. Sun Min, went to Beijing to avoid being harassed and persecuted by their local Chinese Communist Party officials. They lived at Jiaomenxili in Fengtai District.

At around 9:00 a.m. on April 22, 2009, Mr. Wu Yang was distributing Shen Yun Performing Arts DVDs at a "Shoe City" store in Xuanwu District, Beijing City. He was reported, and taken to Niujie Police Station by local security guards. Two days later, Mr. Wu Yang and Ms. Sun Min's families in Chifeng realized that the couple was missing. They went to various police stations in Beijing looking for them.

On April 28, 2009, Fengtai Police Precinct sent Ms. Sun Min's family a "Death Notice" which stated, "At around 1:30 a.m. on April 23, 2009, Sun Min was found dead as a result of falling from a height at the south side of Building 19 at Chenxinyuan Residential Area, Jiaomenxili, Fengtai District, Beijing City."

Fengtai Police Precinct claimed they asked Beijing Shengtang Medico-Legal Appraisal Institute to do the postmortem identification. However, the postmortem examination report was dated April 22, and the institute claims they were asked to do only a superficial body examination.

An employee of Beijing Shengtang Medico-Legal Appraisal Institute, who wishes to remain anonymous, said, "The body shows that death was not caused by falling from a five-story building. The characteristics of a body that has fallen from a high building are not like this." Even a technician said, "Based on our knowledge she did not die from falling."

On May 6, the couple's families met with Wang Zengbin, the contact person listed on the death notification. According to Wang, Ms. Sun Min was in the custody of the police from the Xuanwu District before she died. After Ms. Sun's death, he went to the site of death in the capacity of a local police officer. He said that the police from the Xuanwu District went to the house where Mr. Wu Yang and Ms. Sun Min were staying at around 10:00 or 11:00 p.m. on April 22. When they knocked on the door Ms. Sun opened the door, but she shut the door once she saw that the people at the door were strangers. About ten minutes later, the police from Xuanwu Precinct found Ms. Sun's body outside the building. The cause of death was listed as falling from the building.

If Ms. Sun were dead on April 22, why did no one notify the family members right away. According to insiders, the police also arrested Ms. Sun Min on April 22, 2009.

While Mr. Wu was interrogated at 3:00 p.m. or 4:00 p.m., Ms. Sun was interrogated in another room.

Ms. Sun's body was stored in a refrigerator drawer at Beijing Shengtang Medico-Legal Appraisal Institute. The drawer can only be opened half-way, otherwise the whole drawer will fall down. So the family members could see only the front side of the upper body. Also the surface of Ms. Sun's body was covered with frost, so the wounds were not readily visible.

Nonetheless, several severe wounds are still obvious on the front side of the upper body:

1. Forehead

The wounds in shape of "^" are spread evenly from left to right, about 1.5 cm apart. It's very likely the wounds were caused by teeth of an electric torture device affixed to the head. There was blood in the wounds. The forehead was covered with these wounds.

2. Hair

Ms. Sun usually wears her hair in a ponytail. Her hair is now messy, and it appears that someone had dragged her.

3. Neck

There is a black wound on the neck. It appears someone choked her about the neck. Behind the right ear there are many small bloody wounds with broken skin. They look like the wounds left by an electric baton.

4. Shoulder

There is a large black wound on the right shoulder. It looks like she was beaten with a heavy object. The wound covers the connecting area from the right shoulder to the back. Its size could not be determined since her back could not be seen.

5. Hand

The marks on her wrists indicate she was handcuffed. The color of the hand is black, blue and red.

6. Front side of the upper body



The surface shows bloody red-colored marks. They look like the marks left by an electric baton.

7. Upper arms

Her upper arms were not close to the body, and her hands were "floating". It appears that she had been hung up.



*Ms. Sun Min's Body*

These pictures were taken when the guard was not paying attention. On the day they transferred the body, when the couple's family member tried to take a picture of the whole body and her back, the guard stopped them.

The so-called Postmortem Examination Report appears to be falsified. It was fabricated so police could use it to show that Ms. Sun died as a result of falling from a height, in order to cover the real crime of murder in police custody. The report stated that all wounds were caused by the fall. The examination only covers the surface of the body

and no report of any internal examination was included. They used this report to cover up the real reason of death and are trying to use it as evidence.

The "Postmortem Examination Report" was produced by Beijing Shengdang Judicature Identification Center:

Beijing Shengdang Judicature Identification Center [2009] No. 247

Client: Cheng Xi

Entrusting party: Fengtai Police Precinct, Beijing City Police Department

Entrusting time: April 22, 2009

Entrusting item: The examination of a body and the cause of death

Case details: According to Cheng Xi from Fengtai Police Precinct, Beijing City, at around 11:00 p.m. on April 22, 2009, Ms. Sun Min, 39 years old, (ID No. 150402196709180323) was found dead downstairs outside of 6-502, Building 19, Jiaomexili, Majiabao, Fengtai District, Beijing City.

Examiner: Yang Yupu, deputy head legal medical expert (Signature)

He Aixin, legal medical expert

## *Harbin Family Suffers Second Death from Torture*

Fifty-one-year-old Falun Gong Practitioner Died Last Month; Brother-in-law died in 2007; Wife still imprisoned, at risk of torture

"Ten years into a brutal persecutory campaign, it is not uncommon for multiple members of a single family to have been killed, tortured, or imprisoned."

A Falun Gong practitioner imprisoned in Harbin's Daqing Prison died on May 23, 2009 due to abuse in custody, the Falun Dafa Information Center recently learned. Mr. Li Min died at the age of 51, after being tortured and denied medical care when he suffered the symptoms of a stroke.

Li is just one of several family members who have been victims of severe rights abuses at the hands of the Chinese authorities because of their identity as Falun Gong practitioners. In 2007, Li's brother-in-law died in custody at a labor camp after being tortured. Li's wife is currently imprisoned in Harbin's Women's Prison and at risk of abuse.

"Falun Gong spread in the 1990s primarily by word of mouth as people saw their relatives and friends' health and outlook on life improve. So it was not uncommon for multiple members of one family to take up the practice," says Falun Gong spokesperson Erping Zhang. "But that's also why – ten years into a brutal persecutory campaign – it is not uncommon for multiple members of a single family to have been killed, tortured, or imprisoned."

"The story of Li Min and his family is not an exceptional case. Rather, it is a microcosm of the way the CCP's campaign against Falun Gong has targeted one of the most fundamental units of Chinese society, making forced separation, torture, and death a daily reality for millions of families across China."

### **A Father's Death**

Li Min, who began practicing Falun Gong in 1998, was arrested from his workplace – the Finance Bureau of Harbin's Hulan District – in March 2005. He was subsequently sentenced to eight years in prison for practicing Falun Gong. He was sent to the 7th ward of Daqing prison where, according to sources inside China, he was tortured by guards and his health deteriorated dramatically, causing him to suffer the symptoms of a stroke.

When his son visited him during the Chinese New Year in February 2009, Li was unable to walk on his own, but rather had to be carried into the visitation room. He also had difficulty breathing and talking. Despite his weak condition and his family's appeals in

April 2009 for him to be released on medical parole, the prison authorities insisted on keeping him in custody.

In mid-May 2009, Li was transferred to Daqing Hospital. He passed away at 8 p.m. on May 23 at the age of 51. His death brings the total number of adherents known to have died as a result of persecution to 3,287. It also reinforces Heilongjiang's infamous record as the deadliest province for Falun Gong practitioners—411 adherents are documented to have died there from abuse since 1999—as well as Daqing prison's notoriety as a venue for systematic and brutal torture (for previous cases of abuse and death at the prison see: report).

Li's wife Du Xiuzhi remains in custody at Harbin Women's Prison. She was arrested from their home on the same day as Li in 2005 and later sentenced to eight years in prison, also for practicing Falun Gong. It is unknown whether she is aware of her husband's death.

### **Death, Torture a Family Affair**

Li is not the first in the family to have died as a result of abuse in custody. His brother-in-law Yu Huaicai, also from Hulan District in Harbin, died on April 22, 2007. Yu was arrested on November 15, 2006 and sentenced without trial to one year at Changlinzi "re-education through labor" camp. In February 2007, he went on hunger strike to protest his unjust incarceration.

Guards at the camp are reported to have brutally force-fed him—an act commonly used as a form of torture against adherents rather than as a medical procedure—causing non-stop bleeding from his mouth and nose. Though his life was in danger, the camp director refused to release him. His family members saw him at the labor camp four days before his death, at which time he was unable to speak. Yu, who was over six feet tall, died at the age of 42, weighing only 100 lbs.

Other recent cases of families with multiple members suffering imprisonment and torture include (the following individuals reside outside of China and are therefore available for interviews):

- Shuangying Zhang: Father sentenced in April 2009 to seven years in prison; over past decade, mother, aunt, uncle, cousin, and sister-in-law were each jailed in a labor camp. See New York Daily News article.
- Bu Dongwei: Former Amnesty International prisoner of conscience, released from over two years in a Beijing labor camp in July 2008; he was previously imprisoned in labor camp, as was his wife. See: report; For an account of the couple's first detention, see: A Love Story of Wind and Rain.

- Yang Guizheng and Zhang Chungang: Mother and daughter from Liaoning Province who recently received refugee status in the United States; both had been detained and tortured in labor camps, the latter in the notorious Masanjia camp. See: Des Moines Register article.

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### *Mr. Guo Xingguo Dies One Month after Being Released from Prison*

Mr. Guo Xingguo, around 40 years old, lived in Xing'an District, Hegang City, Heilongjiang Province. After he started to practice Falun Gong in 1996, his pleurisy disappeared, and he quit smoking and drinking. He worked very hard, had a very high moral standard, and was a good person living according to Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance. He had a nice family.



*Mr. Guo Xingguo could not take care of himself after being released*

Mr. Guo Xingguo continued cultivating Falun Gong after the persecution began on July 20, 1999, and he was constantly mistreated. He was detained for more than one year and released after his family was fined. He had to live away from home for many years, to avoid being arrested. He never got to spend a Chinese New Year Holiday with his family in ten years. He went to Beijing in 2000 to speak out for Falun Gong, and he was arrested in Tianjin City. He was detained for two months and went on hunger strike for 18 days after being taken back by the local police. The police saw that he was dying, extorted 500 yuan from his family, and then released him.

At the end of 2000, he wrote to the Xinjian Police Station to [clarify the truth](#), and he was subsequently arrested, brutally beaten, and imprisoned in the Hegang City Second Detention Center. He was coughing blood due to being brutally mistreated and went on hunger strike for 18 days again to protest the persecution. The doctors diagnosed him with tuberculosis, and he was as thin as a skeleton. One thousand [yuan](#) was extorted from his father before he was released. He recovered rather quickly through practicing Falun Gong.

In 2002, Mr. Guo was arrested again on his way to Beijing to appeal. His tuberculosis recurred after he was tortured. He was locked in patient inmate cell and not allowed visitors. His mother, also a practitioner, was forced to live in exile to avoid being arrested, and his old father was left home alone.

In September 2002, Gongnong District Court sentenced Mr. Guo to 15 years in prison, and his mother was sentenced to three years at forced labor in October 2002. Guards in the Hegang First Detention Center took him to Harbin City Prison while he was severely ill.

In February 2003, the Harbin City Prison notified his family to pick him up. The administration of Hegang City First Detention Center brought a doctor and his family to pick him up, for he was dying. He was taken directly to the Tuberculosis Hospital. Doctor diagnosed that both his lungs had rotted, and he suffered from hyperplastic anemia. He solidly studied the Fa and did the exercises in the hospital, and he miraculously regained his health, but then the police detained him in the 1st Detention Center of Hegang City again.

On October 30, 2004, the police took him back to the Harbin City Prison, but he was rejected. He remained in the 1st Detention Center of Hegang City, and they soon had him imprisoned in the Hulan (District) Prison.

By the end of 2008, Mr. Guo's life was in danger again. Hulan Prison administration wanted to release him, but local police refused to sign and "accept" to let him leave for medical treatment. He had to stay in the prison.

On March 9, 2009, his family visited him and found that he was walking with his body skewed and had no energy to talk. They tried to find the prison director Tian Yueqiang or the vice director Xiao Jiquan to request his release, but the clerk Chen Weiqiang stopped them, saying that they had reported his case to the upper levels, and the family had to wait several days.

In April 2009, Hulan Prison told his family he only had one month to live, and the family could undergo the process for medical release. However, the Xing'an District 610 Office Chair Kong Liyan still refused to approve the release. Mr. Guo's family had to use their money to get his paperwork done. On May 7, 2009, the prison administration took doctors with them to take him home and forced his family to pay 1,200 yuan for travel costs.

Upon returning home, local 610 officers and police ordered Mr. Guo's father to report all people that visited him and not allow any Falun Gong practitioners to contact him. On the morning of June 2, 2009, Mr. Guo suddenly had a fever, drank four cups of water, and suffered from a cold sweat. He felt that he could not live any longer. His family took him to the hospital, and he died on the evening of June 3, 2009, less than one month after being released from prison. Two officers soon arrived at his home to request that his body be quickly cremated.

### *Mr. Zhang Hui Died in April as Result of Torture at Gongzhuling Prison*

Falun Gong practitioner Mr. Zhang Hui, 30, from Antu County, Jilin Province died as a result of brutal torture he suffered at Gongzhuling Prison in Jilin Province.

When the doctor tried to perform surgery on Zhang Hui in April 2009, he saw that Zhang Hui's stomach was black, which did not allow for surgery. Zhang Hui later passed away in the hospital.

The prison spared no effort in covering up information related to Zhang Hui's death. Zhang Hui was savagely abused for a long time at the prison and his organs sustained serious injuries. The officials denied his request for medical parole and only notified his aunt to come to the prison for a visit when it was already too late for medical treatment.

Zhang Hui's mother Gao Zhimin, who is also a Falun Gong practitioner, has been [illegally detained](#) at detention centers and labor camps, where she endured inhuman torture. She went to Gongzhuling Prison many times but the officials refused to let her see Zhang Hui, citing that she did not have an "introductory letter" from the local [610 Office](#). Gao Zhimin died after a sudden stroke in the fall of 2006.

Zhang Hui used to live in Mingyue Town in Antu County, Jilin Province. His parents divorced early, and he grew up with his grandparents and aunts. He moved in with his mother in 1997 when he started high school, and he began practicing Falun Gong at the same time. Zhang Hui's mother Gao Zhimin depended on drugs to sustain her life before she practiced Falun Gong, and she rarely had a restful night's sleep. She completely recovered through Falun Gong practice.

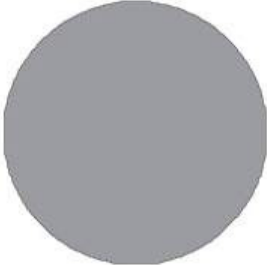
Prior to the incarceration, Zhang Hui was 1.72 meters [5'6"] tall and weighed 70 kg [154 lbs]. He was very healthy. Officers from Yilan Police Station in Yanji City and the Domestic Security Team illegally arrested him on the evening of May 26, 2004 and sentenced him to eight years in prison. He was subsequently held at Gongzhuling Prison in Jilin Province.

Gongzhuling Prison is a place for felons; only criminals who have been sentenced to ten or more years are sent there. Since 1999, this has been a torture chamber for Falun Gong practitioners. The guards use electric shocks, savage beatings, solitary confinement and other means to coerce the practitioners to renounce their belief. The officials also force the practitioners to work for more than ten hours a day. Many practitioners were tortured for resisting the hard labor. Zhang Hui was held in Ward 3. Official Liu Haiyang from the Prison Administration Section beat him and political instructor Wang Jiqing from Ward 3 held him in solitary confinement many times because he resisted the persecution.



The officials at Gongzhuling Prison have been torturing Falun Gong practitioners over the past few years, and it continues to this day. Reportedly, Mr. Jin Taijun from Longjing, Yanbian, Jilin Province was suffering from severe and widespread ulcerations of the flesh, so deep that his bones were visible to the naked eye. His life was in danger, so he was rushed to Gongzhuling Central Hospital in April 2009.

# People Awaken to the Truth



## *Retired Detention Center Director Quits CCP*

*By Xu Kaixuan from Sichuan Province*

I was a police officer for many years. I was the director of a detention center before I retired. I am over 70 years old now. After retirement, I am still doing some routine issues there. For the past ten years, I have been in touch with many imprisoned Falun Gong practitioners and have had many chances to talk with them.

After July 20, 1999, Jiang misused government resources to persecute Falun Gong practitioners and convict them. However, the practitioners that I have met are completely different from how they are portrayed in the government propaganda. They are thoroughly good people and are always thinking of others. In my experience, I have found that Falun Gong practitioners do not have any political ambitions. They are following the principle of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance to become better people. They are not bad at all. Because of this, I used my position to do things to help these innocent people.

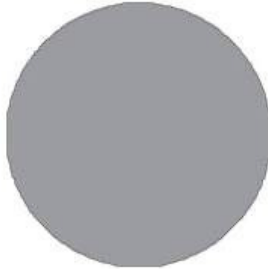
For the past ten years, I have been deeply affected by their conviction of what is right. Falun Gong practitioners have shown no fear of the autocratic power of the state or its violence. No matter where they are, practitioners keep telling others how to be good and about the truth of Falun Gong. While the police officers were extorting confessions from them by torture and inciting criminals, drug addicts, and prostitutes to monitor and beat them, Falun Gong practitioners exhorted them all to be good people, guarded them against evil, and told them to stop deceiving themselves and others so that they would be able to enjoy a beautiful future. I felt sick in my heart when I saw how much practitioners were hurt and tortured. However, I was puzzled when I noticed that some criminals, drug addicts, and prostitutes became gentler and less brutal. In the end, these people and Falun Gong practitioners became good friends, and they listened to the practitioners' advice. Some told me that Falun Gong changed them, and that they wanted to be good people and practice Falun Gong after their release.

I also read some Falun Gong books, other teachings of Master Li Hongzhi, and the [\*Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party\*](#). The books are full of references that agree with my own experiences. The Communist Party is up to its neck in crime. Therefore, I admire Falun Gong practitioners' persistence and indomitable conviction. I am witnessing Falun Gong bringing forth a brilliant future for mankind. Meanwhile, I realize that China's public security officers are more evil than criminals. I see the true colors of the CCP with all its ugly features. The CCP applies "Falsehood-Evil-Violence" and nationwide terrorism to control people.

I know that many people in the detention centers have already withdrawn from the CCP. The CCP is on the way out. After careful consideration, I now declare that I quit

the CCP and its affiliated organizations, break completely with the CCP, and salute a brilliant future.

## Voice of Justice



## ***Members of Congress Send Bi-Partisan Dear Colleague Letter in Support of Falun Gong to President Obama***

*With the approach of the tenth anniversary of the persecution of Falun Gong, 61 members of the U.S. Congress sent a joint letter to U.S. President Barack Obama, asking him to ensure that the U.S. government gives all possible public and private diplomatic support to Falun Gong practitioners in China.*

*The bi-partisan Dear Colleague letter to President Obama, initiated by Congressman Rob Andrews (D-NJ) and Congressman Chris Smith (R-NJ), was sent to the White House on July 8.*

July 6, 2009

President Barack Obama

The White House

Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama:

We are writing to request that you ensure that our government gives all possible public and private diplomatic support to Falun Gong practitioners in China.

As is well-known, for the past ten years Falun Gong practitioners have been brutally persecuted by the Chinese government. In response to a peaceful demonstration organized by Falun Gong practitioners in April, 1999, the Chinese government formally banned Falun Gong, and, on June 10, 1999 established an extrajudicial security force known as the "6-10 Office." The "6-10 Office" ruthlessly implements the ban through massive propaganda campaigns intended to demonize Falun Gong and by attempting to compel practitioners to renounce their faith. The "6-10 Office" also supervises the arbitrary detention, beating, torture and "transformation through reeducation" of Falun Gong practitioners for activities that reflect the exercise of internationally-recognized fundamental human rights, including freedom of thought, conscience, and religion.

Members of Falun Gong describe their practice as a "traditional Chinese spiritual discipline that is Buddhist in nature." Their spiritual practices include the study of moral teachings, meditation, and physical exercises and are entirely peaceful.

Our government has a duty to speak out on behalf of all those whose fundamental human rights are violated. In view of the extreme brutality of the persecution faced by Falun Gong practitioners, our government should speak very clearly and specifically on their behalf to the Chinese government. We hope you will take the opportunity to do so in the coming months, remembering the tragic 10-year anniversary of one of the most unjust and cruel persecutions of our times.

## ***California Assemblyman Chuck DeVore Writes to Mayor of Shanghai to Rescue Falun Gong Practitioners***

*California Assemblyman Chuck DeVore wrote to Shanghai Mayor Han Zheng, Secretary Wang Jinshan of Anhui Province and Governor Chen Zhenggao of Liaoning Province and requested that they immediately release 4 imprisoned Falun Gong practitioners.*

*Here is the original letter:*

The Honorable Han Zheng, Mayor  
Shanghai Municipal Government  
No.200 People Avenue, Huangpu District, Shanghai City, 200003, China

Dear Mayor Han,

I am Chuck DeVore, Assemblyman from the 70th Assembly District of California, and a candidate for United States Senate in 2010. I represent over 500,000 Californians, and I regularly reach millions of Americans on national print, online and television media. I write to express my profound concern for the safety and liberty of several relatives of American citizens, including:

1. **Ms. Yao-Hua Li**, and **Ms. Yi-Bo Zhang**, both of whom are reportedly in detention at the Xuhui District Detention Center in Shanghai. These women are the mother and sister, respectively, of Mr. Yi-Yuan Chang, an eminent Californian who serves as the Assistant Director of the Center for Esthetic Dentistry at the University of California at Los Angeles. ***Ms. Li and Ms. Zhang are arrested in your city.***
2. **Mrs. Jinhua Ma**, reportedly in detention at the Anhui Women's Forced Labor Camp since September 2008. She is the mother of Ma Qiong Wang, a prominent Californian who is well known in our community.
3. **Ms. Chunyan Wang**, reportedly in detention at the Liaoning Province Women's Prison. She is the mother of Ping Yu, a well-respected Californian who has earned the attention and action of our state's officials.

We understand that these women are held without charge or sentence for their adherence to Falun Gong. I need not remind you that this violates the Constitution of the People's Republic of China, which explicitly guarantees "freedom of religious belief" (in Chapter II, Article 36), "freedom of the person" (in Chapter II, Article 37), and "the personal dignity of citizens" (in Chapter II, Article 38).

Our action on behalf of these women is not limited to this letter. A copy of this message is also sent to your superiors and colleagues in the Chinese Communist Party, to ensure they understand the injustice done in your city. I will furthermore introduce a

resolution in the California Assembly, urging you to free these women. Finally, I will use my access to national and international media to publicize their unjust imprisonment. Millions of Americans will henceforth pay close attention to your treatment of these women.

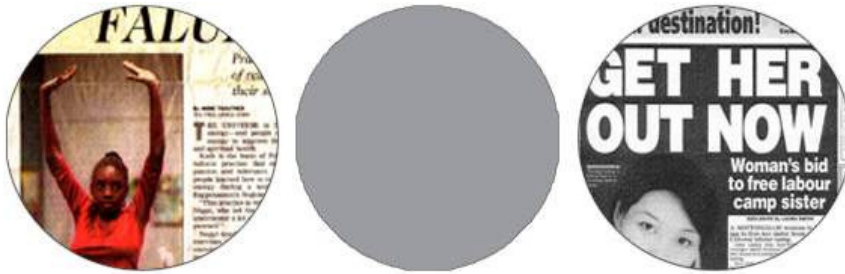
I have no doubt that you sincerely wish to implement the stated ideals of the People's Republic of China, and that the jailing of **Ms. Yao-Hua Li, Ms. Yi-Bo Zhang, Mrs. Jinhua Ma, and Ms. Chunyan Wang** is an unfortunate error. We therefore await the implementation of true justice for the unjustly imprisoned.

Sincerely,

Assemblyman Chuck Devore, Seventieth District



## Media Reports and Opinions



## *Chinese Agents' Attack on Falun Gong Practitioners Exposed by Media in Slovakia*

On June 19, 2009, the head of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) visited Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. Falun Gong practitioners held Falun Dafa Information Days on June 18 and 19 to expose the CCP's ten-year-long brutal persecution of Falun Gong and call for an end of the persecution. During the activities, CCP agents attacked the practitioners to stop their efforts to expose the persecution. The incident was covered by several mainstream media outlets in Slovakia.



*CCP agents pushed Falun Gong practitioner Ms. Su down more than 20 steps. Her head hit the ground and she was injured and bleeding.*



*Reporters interview Falun Gong practitioners after the CCP agents' violent attack*



*Local people sign a petition to condemn the CCP's persecution*

### **Falun Gong practitioners win support for calling for an end to the CCP's persecution**

On June 18, Falun Gong practitioners held a peaceful event in front of the Slovak Presidential Palace and caught the attention of many reporters and local people. Many people signed petition forms and expressed their support for Falun Gong. Several media outlets reported on the event on the same day.

On June 19, the practitioners held an event beside the palace. Their peaceful exercise demonstration attracted the attention of many passers-by. When a group of primary school students passed by, the teacher said to the practitioners, "We stand on your side."

### **CCP agents' attack exposed by mainstream media**

A little after three o'clock in the afternoon of June 19, CCP agents and others hired by the CCP held a welcome ceremony outside the presidential palace. Some Falun Gong practitioners held banners that read "Falun Dafa is good" and "Quit the CCP and its affiliated organizations for a safe future" to protest the CCP's persecution. CCP agents and their accomplices snatched the practitioners' banners and broke the poles. They also covered the practitioners' banners with their own banners.

Two female Falun Gong practitioners, Ms. Su and Ms. Zheng, unfurled two other banners after their banners were stolen, while shouting "Falun Dafa is good." Three CCP agents forcefully pushed the two practitioners down 20 steps of stairs. Ms. Su rolled down the stairs and her head hit the ground. She was injured and bleeding, her clothing stained red. Her arms were also injured in the fall. Ms. Zheng was not hurt after coming to a stop on the stairs.

The violent attack caught the attention of the Slovak media. Reporters rushed over to take photos and conduct interviews. Many local people condemned the CCP agents. Some reporters took footage of the CCP agents snatching the banners.

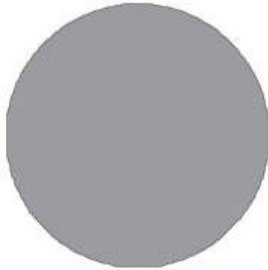
CCP agents also instigated some accomplices to make trouble at the Falun Gong practitioners' event venue. The practitioners' peaceful exercise demonstration formed a clear contrast with the CCP's violent actions. Slovak police ordered those people to leave, seeing their violent actions, and said, "This is the place that Falun Gong practitioners applied for their event. You need to leave immediately."

Many reporters interviewed the Falun Gong practitioners. Slovak TV, radio stations and Internet news covered the incident. Many who did not know about Falun Gong made inquiries and came to learn the facts.

In a little over an hour, more than ten media outlets reported the news of CCP agents attacking Falun Gong practitioners. That evening, some TV stations interviewed representatives of the Falun Dafa Association.

Local police are conducting further investigations of the incident.

## Falun Gong Practitioners' Personal Experiences



## *Regenerative Obstructive Anemia Miraculously Disappears*

*By a Falun Gong practitioner from Shandong Province, China*

I am a villager from Mengyin County, Shandong Province. In February 2003, I was fourteen years old and in the sixth grade. At that time, I was diagnosed with regenerative obstructive anemia. I was hospitalized and needed blood transfusions to stay alive. The transfusions had to be done once every two weeks. In spite of this treatment, my health continued to deteriorate.

My doctor told my parents that patients with my condition would not be able to take care of themselves and that I was in grave danger. My family borrowed every penny they could from relatives and friends to pay for the treatments, but the money ran out and my treatments came to an end. My health showed no signs of improvement.

At this most difficult time for my whole family, a cousin of mine came to visit us. She told me that learning and practicing Falun Gong could help. She had suffered from various diseases herself and had recovered from all of them after practicing Falun Gong. Therefore, she suggested that I should learn Falun Gong too.

In the past, I had been deceived by the Chinese Communist Party's propaganda defaming Falun Gong. So, when my cousin made the suggestion, I covered my ears and would not listen. I said to her, "The government is very much against Falun Gong. Yet you still want me to learn it?" She gave me a few pieces of Falun Gong literature and some experience sharing reports by Falun Gong practitioners. After reading them, I realized that I had been deceived by the propaganda and so then started to learn Falun Gong. My grandfather said, "If you really can get cured by learning Falun Gong, I will kowtow to your Teacher."

The next day, my cousin brought the book [Zhuan Falun](#). I read it at once from beginning to end. Then my cousin taught me the exercises. From then on, I read the book during the day and did the exercises at night. In the beginning, I did not have a deep understanding of the principles, so I was still taking medication while studying. In a round of karma elimination, my family sent me to the hospital and I had a blood transfusion. After two weeks, I developed red spots and my blood count dropped. After that, the miracle started. As I continued studying the book and doing the exercises, the color returned to my pale hands and feet. My nosebleeds gradually stopped and the color returned to my face as well. My thighs were no longer swollen and my appetite was back to normal. I felt full of energy and my blood pressure was normal again. My whole family was elated. My neighbors all said, "You are really lucky to have regained your life."

Indeed, my life was restored completely due to my great Teacher's benevolence. My mother said in tears, "Child, you must study the Fa well. If it were not for your Teacher's rescue, our whole family wouldn't have the life we have today."

When I started practicing Falun Gong, I was only fourteen years old. So my parents and my grandfather accompanied me in doing the exercises. At that time, my grandfather did not believe in Falun Gong. But now, because he has witnessed the miraculous cure of my anemia, he has truly started practicing Falun Gong himself. He is now in his 70s and his dizziness, deafness, and leg pain have disappeared. My mother's hemispherical head numbness and dizziness due to high blood pressure were also cured within a month of practicing Falun Gong. My whole family has benefited so much from practicing Falun Gong.

It has been six years since then. My health is perfect and I live a normal life the same as others. Before, this was completely beyond my wildest imagination. All good people who live in the time of Falun Dafa should share the goodness. However, so many people have been subjected to the lies and propaganda by Jiang's hooligan regime and are suffering illnesses or have already lost the opportunity to be saved. I sincerely hope that all people will come to know the truth about Falun Gong and be saved and blessed by the greatness of Truthfulness-Benevolence-Forbearance.

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.