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CCP Influence Seen in Hong Kong's Denying Entry to Falun Gong Practitioners

(Clearwisdom.net) On June 26, 2007, Falun Gong practitioners in Hong Kong gathered at the government headquarters to protest the Hong Kong authorities' use of a blacklist provided by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) to refuse entrance to Taiwanese human rights lawyer Theresa Chu and other Falun Gong practitioners.

Theresa Chu and several members of the Taiwan Falun Dafa Association held a press conference on June 27 to expose the CCP's influence in the Hong Kong government's unexplained decision to deny Taiwanese practitioners entry into Hong Kong. Moreover, the Hong Kong government forcibly deported practitioners back to Taiwan. The consequence of such actions on the tenth anniversary of Hong Kong's handover to China serve to underscore how Hong Kong's protection of human rights has sharply regressed.



(Left) Hong Kong Falun Gong practitioners protested the deportation of practitioners on June 26, 2007, outside the government headquarters. Human rights lawyer Theresa Chu (Right), was one of the practitioners denied entry to Hong Kong.

Theresa Chu said she had not encountered any problems entering and leaving Hong Kong before, but this time she was unexpectedly denied entry by the Hong Kong government on June 24 when she explained that she is a Falun Gong practitioner and wanted to enter Hong Kong to investigate the people's viewpoints on the policy of "One Country, Two Systems." Chu said, "I've been on the CCP blacklist, but I did not suspect that such a terrible thing would take place in Hong Kong. They violently deported me, wrapped me up in an anti-riot blanket, put me in a wheelchair and pushed me all the way to the boarding gate." Besides Chu, twelve other Taiwanese Falun Gong practitioners who went to Hong Kong were also detained for ten hours at the Hong Kong Immigration Department without any reason, and then were denied entry.

Chu and the Taiwanese Falun Gong practitioners who were mistreated believe that the CCP has extended its influence into the Hong Kong government in order to persecute Falun Gong. It has broken its commitment to "One Country, Two Systems," and shaken Hong Kong's judicial independence. These actions not only damaged Hong Kong's international image, they also indicate a large step backward on human rights protection on this, the tenth anniversary of the transfer of sovereignty.

Introduction to Falun Dafa

Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a practice for benefiting physical health and elevating the mind. Introduced by Mr. Li Hongzhi in China, the practice consists of five gentle exercises including meditation, and diligent effort on the part of practitioners to follow the universal principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance in daily life. Falun Gong is not only beneficial to one's own health and well-being, it also benefits others. Although the practice originated in China, today it is practiced throughout the world by people of all races and walks of life. In the face of the most brutal and vicious persecution perpetrated on them by the Chinese Communist Party, Falun Gong practitioners have found the spiritual strength to resist peacefully and tirelessly by upholding the principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance.



About Clearwisdom

Clearwisdom.net is the most authoritative source of information about the practice of Falun Gong and about the persecution of Falun Gong in China, reporting timely news and events happening inside China as well as from the more than 70 countries around the world where Falun Gong is practiced. Clearwisdom responsibly publishes the experiences and understandings of practitioners themselves, who submit the majority of the articles.

Falun Gong Practitioners in Paris Teach Exercises on Qigong Day

(Clearwisdom.net) June 24, 2007, was the annual Qigong Day in France. A variety of qigong groups gathered in Vincennes Park to teach qigong. Falun Dafa joined the event and practitioners taught the exercises for free. Several Falun Gong practitioners did the exercises and distributed Falun Gong fliers. Many people asked for information about this peaceful exercise practice. Some learned the exercises and did them together with the practitioners.



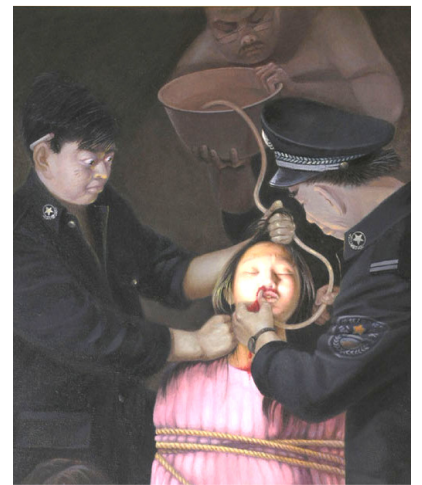
A couple carefully listens to an introduction to Falun Gong. Two children learn the Falun Gong exercises.

Ms. Fu Guiju from Hebei Province Died Due to Being Force-fed

(Clearwisdom.net) On June 18, 2007, Falun Dafa practitioner Ms. Fu Guiju from Zhangjiakou City died due to being brutally force-fed in the Shisanli Detention Center in Zhangjiakou City, Hebei Province.

On June 4, 2007, the police took Ms. Fu Guiju and another practitioner, Ms. Qin Yueling, into custody. These two practitioners were detained in the Shisanli Detention Center. The police confiscated Ms. Qin Yueling's computer among other personal items. Only ten days later, on June 14, 2007, the Qiaoxi District Procuratorate issued an "arrest" warrant for several practitioners who were already in custody, including Ms. Fu, Ms. Qin, and Ms. Cheng Xiu'e. On June 18, 2007, Ms. Fu Guiju died from force-feeding in the Shisanli Detention Center.

(Illustration) Guards tie up the practitioner. They then insert a tube through the practitioner's mouth or nose and into her esophagus. They sometimes hold her mouth open by using a steel expander. Practitioners are often force-fed with salt, irritating chemicals and hot chili pepper mixed with water.



Divine Land Marching Band Spreads Message of Falun Dafa



(Clearwisdom.net) The annual Harrison Multicultural Celebration was held in Harrison, New Jersey, on June 2 and 3. The Celebration ended with the resounding music of the Divine Land Marching Band. Falun Gong practitioners have been introducing Falun Gong at the celebration since 2003. The Falun Dafa exercise demonstration was highly praised and dancers in Tang Dynasty costumes also fascinated spectators.

One woman exclaimed, "I don't want to see any group except the Divine Land Marching Band!" Falun Gong practitioners' Dragon Dance gave the Multicultural Celebration a joyous atmosphere. The street was quickly jammed with spectators. The Falun Gong booth was busy as soon as the performance was over. One businesswoman took a bagful of introductory materials for her customers. An elderly Chinese man asked where he could buy Falun Gong books. Many people wanted to learn Falun Gong. The message, "Falun Dafa is good" was spread to more people's hearts.

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