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Wife of Leipzig Resident Tortured in China

(Clearwisdom.net) Zhang Zhentong, a 30-year-old information technology student from Leipzig, fears for the life of his wife Wang Xiaoyan. She has been suffering torture and abuse in a Chinese labor camp since July 2006, only because she practices Falun Gong. Chinese police confiscated her passport to prevent her and her daughter from immigrating to Germany. A letter smuggled out of the labor camp recently tells of the agony and torture she suffers.

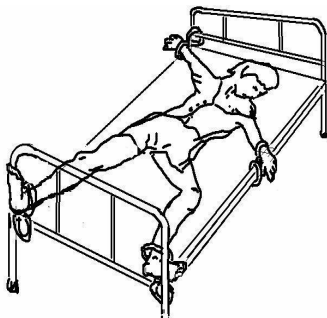


(Left) Mrs. Wang Xiaoyan, who is now held at the Masanjia Women's Labor Camp.

(Right) Photo of the original letter that was smuggled out of the camp.

On May 27th, 2006, three policemen arrested Ms. Wang outside her home. She was taken to a detention center the same evening. On July 12th, 2006, Ms. Wang was sentenced to a two-year "re-education through labor" term, and immediately taken to Masanjia Women's Labor Camp. No arrest warrant was served. There was no court proceeding and she was not allowed to defend herself. The Masanjia Labor Camp is located in Liaoning Province and is one of the largest and most infamously cruel labor camps in China where Falun Gong practitioners are imprisoned.

Ms. Wang was able to have a letter smuggled out of the camp recently. In this letter she recounts the cruel abuse she suffers in this camp. Ms. Wang writes, "They shackled me for one-and-a-half months to a bed (**see illustration below**). During that time, guard Wang Xiaofeng put a dirty cloth in my mouth, guard Li Mingyu slapped my ears and Wang Naimin squeezed my lips until they were broken and injured... Two of the camp leaders, Ma Jishan and Chen Mir, belted my face with their fists on July 15th, 2006. Even today, the swelling has not gone down.



The practitioner's lower body is immobilized on a bed, with his hands intentionally handcuffed on the sides of the bed above or below, in an extreme position, so there is no way to move. This torture prevents the practitioner from changing position even a bit. After a long period of time, the muscles are damaged, scabies can develop, and the victim experiences extreme physical and mental pain.

"One of the guards forced medications into me that impaired my central nervous system. Every time, Ma Jishan used a pry bar to open my mouth as far as possible, causing excruciating pain. On August 30th, 2006, another woman was shackled for three days to a bunk bed, with one hand bound to the top rail and the other on the most bottom rail. She was not allowed to sleep or wash herself. She could neither stand up nor sit."

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.

Practicing Falun Gong Easily Eliminates a Stubborn Addiction to Smoking

(Clearwisdom.net) Mr. Song Xin had come from Mainland China to Canada to study, and initially lived with a cousin in Toronto. He was addicted to smoking and alcohol. Toronto winters are cold; homes are well insulated, and the stale, annoying cigarette odor lingers for very long.

After several unsuccessful reminders to curb his smoking habit, his cousin asked Mr. Song to leave. Recalling this experience, the young student clearly felt quite ashamed, "I had tried twice to give up smoking, but after several days I couldn't resist my urges and began smoking again. My aunt is a Falun Gong practitioner and had introduced me to the practice of Falun Gong." He continued, "I read the book *Zhuan Falun* [the principal text of Falun Gong] and I was very interested; then I followed my aunt to practice Falun Gong." After having practiced for a while, the young student suddenly felt uncomfortable when he smoked. "Since then, I gave up smoking." Song Xin said, "My aunt said practitioners should not drink alcohol, so I also gave up drinking, too."

"I am now much more energetic, and my memory has also improved," he said. "I have benefited much from practicing Falun Gong and will continue to practice it."

NTDTV Exposes CCP Suppression of its New Year Spectacular Show

(Clearwisdom.net) The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) extended its negative influence into the international community, suppressing New Tang Dynasty TV's (NTDTV) Chinese New Year Spectacular shows. The South Korean Government bowed to pressure from the CCP and cancelled the performance that was due to open on January 6th, 2007 at the National Theatre of Korea in Seoul. NTDTV held a press conference on January 9, 2007 at Taiwan's Legislative Council.



NTDTV holds a press conference in Taiwan's Legislative Council to condemn CCP interference in the New Year Spectacular shows.

NTDTV began broadcasting in February 2002, and is headquartered in New York City. It provides thorough reports on sensitive topics that the CCP tries its utmost to block, such as SARS, the truth about Falun Gong, and about human rights in China. NTDTV has held its Global Chinese New Year Spectacular in many cities for the last four years. The performance in 2006 in New York City was rated as the top 7th show internationally according to *Billboard Magazine's* Boxscore.

The NTDTV performances increased from five shows in 2004 to 76 shows in 2007. However, the CCP has been suppressing the performances. A spokesperson for NTDTV pointed out that NTDTV has been covering news about the CCP's human rights abuses, and therefore the CCP regards NTDTV as a hated enemy. South Korea's largest newspaper, *Chosun Ilbo* and national news agency, "South Korea-Associated Press" recently reported that NTDTV's reports on the human rights scandals in China angered the CCP. The CCP pressured the South Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Culture to force the Korean National Theater to cancel NTDTV's show in Seoul, threatening to cancel the National Theatre's performance in June in China if they did not comply. The theater thus canceled their contract with NTDTV a day before the show.

NTDTV New Year Spectacular Touches the Hearts of the Audience

(Clearwisdom.net) The NTDTV New Year Spectacular came to the San Francisco Opera House from January 5 through the 7th. Nearly 9,000 attendees watched performances full of dance and songs displaying the divine content of traditional Chinese culture. The Spectacular was created and performed by artists from both east and west, many of whom also practice Falun Gong, to display the pure classical traditions of two cultures. The performance impressed the audience and won high comments from critics. Professor Hunt from Stanford University said, "The Erhu music was beautiful, flowing directly into my heart. This is the best performance I've ever seen." Bob Anderson, CEO from KBWB TV, said, "I loved all of them. I think the soprano and alto are wonderful. The harpist is even more amazing."



The exquisite performances and profound inner meaning of the Spectacular moved the audience.