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Human Rights Supporters Call for an End to the Persecution of Falun Gong in Front of Capitol Hill

(Clearwisdom.net) On July 16, 2009, more than 1,000 Falun Gong practitioners and supporters held a rally in front of Capitol Hill in Washington, DC to oppose China's persecution of Falun Gong. Representatives from many non-governmental organizations (NGOs) gave speeches at the rally, calling on people to help stop the persecution.



Patricia Burkhardt from Church Women United said, "Torture of Falun Gong adherents has been documented in each of China's provinces, in jails, labor camps, brainwashing centers, and schools in China's big cities, small towns, and villages. To date, over 3,000 deaths have been documented, as well as over 63,000 accounts of torture. An estimate of the real figure puts the actual death toll in the tens of thousands."

Ms. Burkhardt noted, "The Falun Gong practitioners have responded to all of this with markedly peaceful means." "Collectively, the movement constitutes one of the largest non-violent movements in the world."

Patrick Mahoney from the Christian Defense Coalition went to Tiananmen Square on August 7, 2008, the day before the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, to appeal for Falun Gong. In his speech, he said that although the Chinese government deported him, it was his honor. He strongly condemned the persecution.

Mr. Mahoney said that we should not trade human rights with the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) in order to do business in China. He called upon President Obama to formally condemn the persecution of Falun Gong on July 20, the 10th anniversary of the persecution.



Geng He (right)

Geng He, the wife of Gao Zhisheng, a well-known human rights lawyer, said that her husband was secretly arrested in China, because he defended Falun Gong practitioners. She stated, "Although he is arrested, and we cannot contact him, we don't regret what we have done. Mr. Gao said it is a task for those who have high moral standards to end the Chinese people's sufferings. Falun Gong practitioners are fulfilling this task, and we want to join them." "Only if we dissolve the CCP can we end the suffering," Ms. Geng said.

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.

Great Changes after Hearing the Truth

(Clearwisdom.net) A few days ago, when my cousin and his wife came to visit me from another city, I talked with them about the goodness of Falun Dafa and the crimes of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). As a result, they got rid of their misunderstandings about Dafa and agreed to withdraw from the CCP and its affiliated organizations.

In our conversation, my cousin told me a story that he had heard from his grandfather, who had spent several years in a Buddhist temple. His grandfather told him a prophecy: "When lamps point down (meaning when light bulbs are used), when people can hear others on the other side of a mountain (meaning telephones are used), and mountains are chopped in half (meaning when the mountains are destroyed for construction purposes), it is the time of the Last Havoc and the real Buddha will come to offer salvation to people. At that time, the evil people will be sifted out and eliminated, and only good people will remain."

My cousin and his wife then said that they would like to become Dafa practitioners, so after lunch we listened to the audio tapes of Teacher's lectures and Dafa disciples' music. My cousin's wife said that she really enjoyed listening to the lectures and that she comprehended them well.

My cousin's wife suffered from urinary problems caused by diabetes. In the evening of the very same day, those problems disappeared. She felt that her body was light, and her legs did not feel swollen or ache anymore. Realizing the benefits of Falun Gong, my cousin and his wife are both continuing the practice.

Introducing Falun Gong in a Small Town India

(Clearwisdom.net) Several Falun Gong practitioners gathered in Leh, Laddakh, India in June, 2009 and held a small art exhibition to introduce Falun Gong and expose the persecution taking place in China. Many local residents and tourists from around the world came to see the exhibition and were very moved by the paintings. One boy said emotionally, "It is so sad that such good people are being persecuted in China for no reason." Many people later contacted the local practitioners and expressed an interest in learning more about Falun Gong.



Practitioners clarifying the truth to tourists

Live Organ Harvesting Exposed on Japanese Prime Time Television News



David Matas

(Clearwisdom.net) On the morning of July 6, 2009, renowned Canadian human rights lawyer David Matas was invited to be a guest speaker on a program hosted by the Sakura Japanese TV Network, broadcast via satellite in Japan. Mr. Matas told the viewers that the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is still harvesting organs from living Falun Gong practitioners, and he provided a large amount of detailed evidence to prove that the Chinese Ministry of Health deliberately lied by saying that five percent of organs for transplants were from executed prisoners.

During the program, Mr. Matas gave an analysis of annual data for organ transplants, supplemented with visual materials, to show that the annual numbers of organ transplants correlates significantly with the persecution of Falun Gong.

Matas stated that since the release of the independent investigation report, which he co-wrote with David Kilgour, the CCP's reaction was to destroy evidence, weakly negate all charges against it, close the related websites cited in the report, and use the state-controlled media to deny further investigations and evidence collection.

Mr. Matas called upon the Japanese people not to go to China for organ transplants, and for Japanese doctors to refuse to train Chinese organ transplant doctors. He said that what is most fundamental is to demand that the CCP stop the persecution of Falun Gong and bring to justice the criminals who have been involved with harvesting organs from Falun Gong practitioners.

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