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Ms. Li Xiuzhen Dies in Custody after Being Tortured in Jinan Prison

(Clearwisdom.net) Ms. Li Xiuzhen used to suffer from chronic migraines, stomach disease, gastroptosis and gynecological disorders. She started practicing Falun Dafa in 1998 and soon regained good health.

After the persecution of Falun Gong began in 1999, Li Xiuzhen went to Beijing three times to appeal for justice for Falun Gong. She was arrested 19 times, sent to forced labor, imprisoned for seven years, and brutally force-fed numerous times. The guards used electric batons to shock Ms. Li. She went on hunger strikes to protest the cruel beatings which occurred five or six times every day. The guards then force-fed her with a thick rubber tube inserted through her nose. They deprived her of sleep for 28 days. Despite this torture, Li Xiuzhen still refused to give up her belief in Dafa.

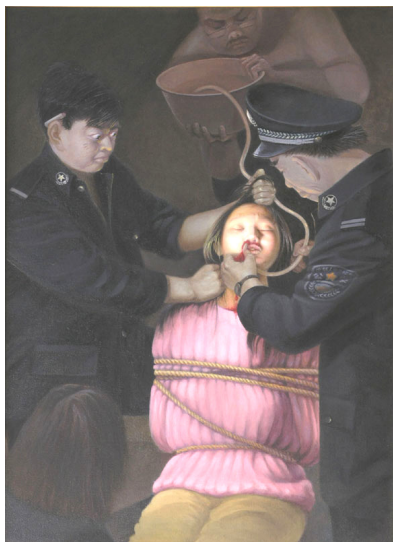


Illustration: Ms. Li Xiuzhen was immobilized during brutal forced feedings.

By the end of 2002, Ms. Li could not walk. She was emaciated and weighed only 50 lbs. She was released from the Jinan Prison when she was close to death. Her daughter, 13 years old, passed out in shock upon seeing her mother's condition.

Ms. Li recovered, but later lived away from home for over six years in order to avoid being arrested again. On the afternoon of June 13, 2009, plainclothes police arrested her. They tied her up with ropes and ransacked her rental unit. They took away two computers, two printers, cash and other belongings. No one knew of Ms. Li's whereabouts after the arrest.

Her family found out one month later that Ms. Li was detained in the Anqiu City Detention Center. She went on a protest hunger strike, and was brutally force-fed.

Li Xiuzhen was later taken to a brainwashing center located in the Anqiu City Party Education School. She was held in a brainwashing session especially set up to force her to renounce Falun Dafa, where she endured cruel torture. Her whereabouts were unknown again for some time after that.

It is not known exactly when Li Xiuzhen died. Ms. Li's family did not see her body until the beginning of October 2009 in Jinan City Prison, many days after she died. After the family viewed Ms. Li's body, the authorities ordered that the body be cremated soon after. The details of her brutal mistreatment in Jinan Prison are yet to be investigated.

Over the past 10 years of persecution, at least 24 Falun Dafa practitioners in Anqiu City have died as result of the persecution.

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.

My Gratitude to Falun Dafa for Giving Me a Second Life

(Clearwisdom.net) I am in my 60s. Last year I didn't feel well and went to a hospital for an examination. I was diagnosed with cervical cancer. In a search of a cure, I spent tens of thousands of yuan (1,000 yuan is the average monthly salary of an urban worker in China), yet my condition never improved. Finally, the doctors told me to simply go home to rest.

Just as I had lost all hope, I met a Falun Dafa practitioner who, after hearing my story, told me about the wonderful benefits of Dafa. The practitioner also suggested that I say wholeheartedly every day, "Falun Dafa is good!" and, "Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance is good!"

So I began to sincerely say these nine words to myself every day. In a month, improvements were evident in my body. My appetite returned; I could even eat more than I could before I got sick! My face changed from thin and sallow to full and glowing. There was no longer pain where the cancer had been. My life returned to normal. The great change that took place in my body surprised my family. They now all believe in the power of Dafa.

Falun Dafa in the Middle East

(Clearwisdom.net) Falun Dafa made its first appearance in the Middle East in 1997. Since then, more and more people have begun to learn Dafa, and the local media regularly cover practitioners' events in introducing the practice. On October 24, 2009, the first Falun Dafa experience sharing conference was held in Ankara, Turkey. Practitioners from eight countries including Turkey, Iran, UAE, and Israel participated. The following is a review of Falun Dafa's spread in the Middle East.

In 1997, Falun Dafa was introduced in Israel. Since then, the number of people practicing Falun Gong has increased continuously. There are a number of practice sites in the major cities.

From September 30 to October 5, 2009, Falun Gong practitioners in Israel held six days of events, including an experience sharing conference and a parade. *Zhuan Falun*, the principal text of Falun Gong, was officially released in Hebrew. On May 29, 2009, the Turkish edition of *Zhuan Falun* was officially published.



The first Middle East Experience Sharing Conference (left) and (right) the 2009 Experience Sharing Conference in Jerusalem



In 2002, Falun Gong practitioners demonstrate the exercises in Jerusalem (left); In 2006, Turkish practitioners participate in a local festival in Mersin (center); In 2008, practitioners in Turkey introduce Falun Gong in downtown Istanbul (right).

From January 10 to January 22, 2009, the Truth-Compassion-Forbearance Art Exhibition was held in Mersin, a southern Turkish city. The exhibition was welcomed by the local people and caught the attention of the mainstream media. Local newspapers, magazines and TV stations covered the exhibition before and during the event.

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