

Falun Gong in China

Court Cases

January – June 2015

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Tortured in Custody

97

Sent to Forced Labor

206

Homes Ransacked

4 years

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Show Trials Continue

Those who practice Falun Gong in China are persecuted because they refuse to give up their beliefs and because they dare to speak out publicly against the oppression they face. Governments, NGOs and concerned citizens the world over have condemned the persecution, but it has continued for over sixteen years nevertheless.

From January through June 2015, Minghui published reports of 393 Falun Gong practitioners “tried” in Chinese courts. The vast majority of the court appearances were show trials with trumped up charges and guilty verdicts a foregone conclusion.

Of the 393, 110 Falun Gong practitioners were reportedly tortured in custody. At least 206 had their homes ransacked by police or Party officials. At least 98 endured forced labor.

Of the 393, the length of sentence was reported for 383 cases. Sentences ranged from 4 months to 9 years in length, with an average of 4.0 years. Most were sentenced to prison.

Gender was reported in 94% of cases, with women far outnumbering men (72% to 28%). The age was reported in 193 of the cases (roughly half), and ranged from 30 to 84, with an average age of 56.

China’s communist regime maintains a strict Internet blockade that aggressively filters out information about Falun Gong. Thus the true scope of the persecution is likely much greater than that evidenced by reports on Minghui.

Worst Ten Provinces

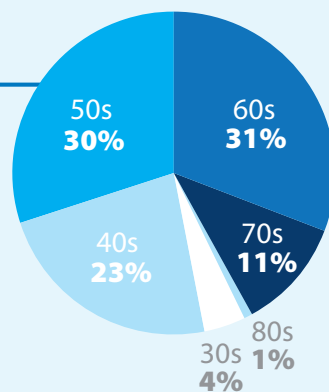
1. Liaoning — 30%
 2. Sichuan — 15%
 3. Shandong — 11%
 4. Jiangsu — 5%
 5. Hebei — 4%
 6. Heilongjiang — 4%
 7. Beijing — 3%
 8. Hunan — 3%
 9. Jilin — 3%
 10. Henan — 3%
- (% of Court Cases)

COURT CASES

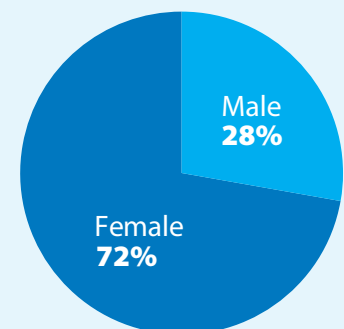
Age of Defendant

56 years

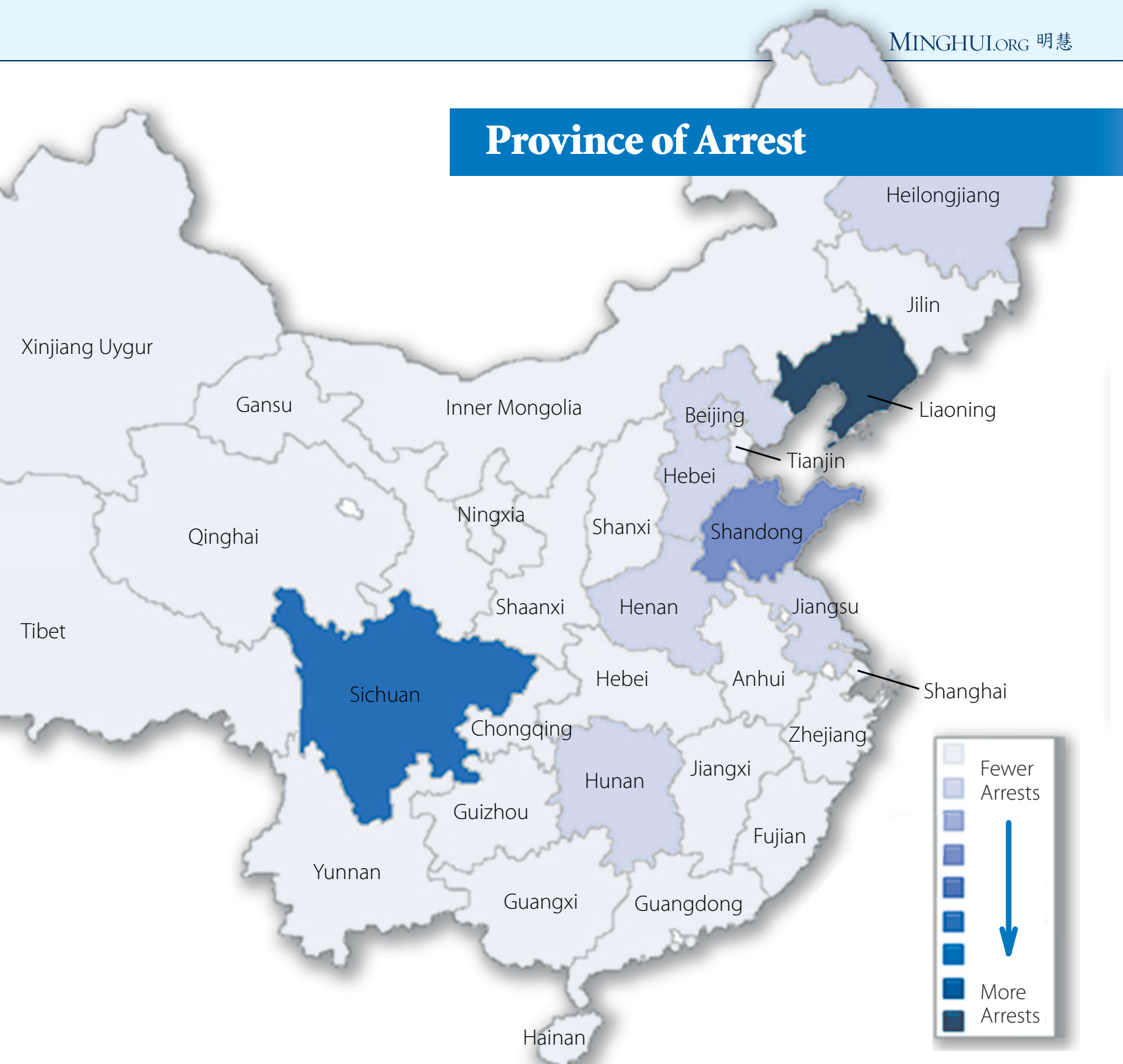
Average Age of Defendant



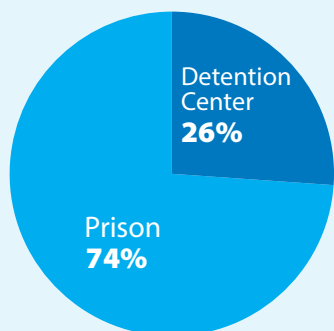
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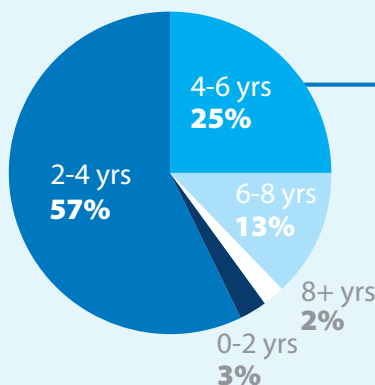
Province of Arrest



Where Sentenced



Length of Sentence



4 years
Average Sentence

Woman in Her Fifties Tried in Court Despite Poor Health

An Example Case

Escorted by half a dozen police cars with blaring sirens, a court van stopped at the back of Jianshanqu Court one morning in January 2015. Several officers lifted Ms. Sun Shujie from the floor of the van and carried her inside. She was handcuffed and looked very weak, her eyes closed.

Ms. Sun was arrested in June 2014. Seven months of mistreatment during detention led to a significant deterioration in her health. Nevertheless, officials decided to put her on trial in January.

Only two family members were allowed into the court. The rest of her family and friends were forced to wait outside despite sub-zero temperatures.

Ms. Sun vomited several times during the trial. She was so weak that she could not remain seated without assistance. Her head kept shaking. Although her tongue was stiff, she spoke slowly to defend herself:

“It is my right to practice Falun Gong. You guys have been brainwashed and thus persecute Falun Gong practitioners. [...] I



Police carry Ms. Sun from the courthouse after sentencing.

remained silent during the interrogations. The officers manipulated the record.”

Unfazed by her words, the prosecutor asked that Ms. Sun be sentenced from three to seven years. As the trial ended, Ms. Sun collapsed. Four officers carried her out

to the court van and took her back to the detention center.

Ms. Sun has been arrested fourteen times and sentenced to forced labor three times since the persecution of Falun Gong began in July 1999.

For a complete list of cases, please visit en.Minghui.org.

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of firsthand accounts each day, providing a timely and direct window into the lives of Falun Gong practitioners around the world. The website also serves as a communication hub for practitioners to share

insights and ideas, report on the persecution, and comment on its ramifications. Minghui operates in 17 languages.

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About this Report

This report is the first in a series of many to present statistical summaries of data compiled from Minghui’s vast storehouse of firsthand accounts about the persecution of Falun Gong in China.