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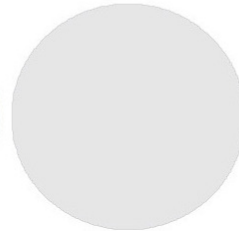
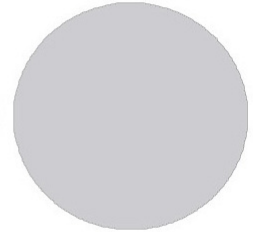
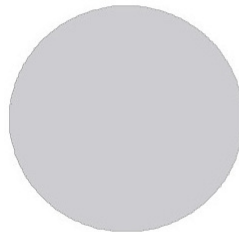
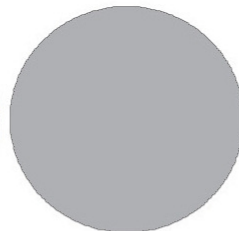
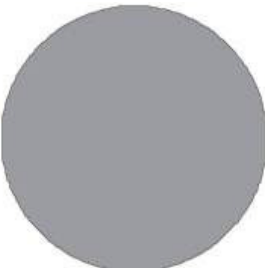


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News and Events from Around the World



Succumbing to CCP Pressure, Russian Authorities Deport UN Refugees

On March 28, 2007, Falun Gong practitioner Ma Hui and her 8-year-old daughter Ma Jingjing, who had earlier been granted UN Refugee Status in St. Petersburg, Russia, were taken from their home by six officers from the Deportation Department of the Immigration Bureau in St. Petersburg, Russia. On the night of March 28, one Russian policewoman and several Chinese government officers forced Ma Hui and Ma Jingjing to board Flight FV-215 from St. Petersburg to Beijing, and deported them to China. The plane took off at 19:50 from St. Petersburg.



Falun Gong practitioner Ma Hui and her 8-year-old daughter Ma Jingjing

On March 29, Ma Hui's family members, who went to the International Airport in Beijing to meet them, did not see Ma Hui or her daughter. Later, they learned that Ma Jingjing had been sent to Ma Hui's sister, but they didn't have any information about Ma Hui. The family received a phone call from a man who told them that Ma Hui and her daughter had arrived in Harbin, and that Ma Jingjing was at Ma Hui's sister's house. The man also told them that it was unclear if Ma Hui could go home or not. Ma Hui's family believes that she is being held by China's National Security Bureau. Ma Hui and Ma Jingjing's situation has drawn international attention.

Well-Planned Arrest

On the morning of March 28, after Ma Hui and Ma Jingjing had breakfast, six officers from the Deportation Department of Immigration Bureau in St. Petersburg came to their house. They disconnected Ma Hui's phone and asked Ma Hui to go with them. Ma Hui was allowed to bring a purse with her passport in it.

After hearing of Ma Hui's arrest, the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) acted immediately to rescue them. Officers from UNHCR, The

International Red Cross, lawyers, Ma Hui's husband and several Falun Gong practitioners went to the airport and tried to rescue Ma Hui and her daughter. At the beginning, the officers at the airport denied that Ma Hui and her daughter were there. Later, it was verified that they were there, then the airport refused to allow the lawyer and Ma Hui's family to meet with them. The officers from UNHCR kept calling the Immigration Bureau of Russia and the branch in St. Petersburg. The Immigration Bureau lied that they already dropped the order of deportation. But when the officers from UNHCR and Ma Hui's family talked to the immigration officers at the airport, the airport officials said that they could not find any officers to help them. They used this excuse to buy time for themselves. They would not give a straight answer to Ma Hui's family even after the plane took off. During the whole process, several unidentified Chinese people were seen in the police department and airport.

Mr. Li, Ma Hui's husband, stated that deportation is a complex procedure, but the deportation of Ma Hui was executed so quickly. He believed that the whole deportation was well planned in advance. Every step of this deportation was unusual. There was a flight from St. Petersburg to China on March 28, so they took action on that day. They even bought the airplane ticket before it, but Ma Hui and her family didn't know anything before they were arrested. The Chinese Communist Party's fingerprint can be seen in every step of the whole deportation.

International Society Condemns the Russian Government for Assisting the CCP in Persecuting Falun Gong

Both Ma Hui and her husband are Falun Gong practitioners. They have been living in Russia for many years. After the CCP launched the persecution of Falun Gong in 1999, they could not go back to China. Ma Hui applied for UN Refugee Status and it was granted three years ago. However, the Immigration Bureau in Russia refuses to grant refugee status to Falun Gong practitioners, so her case was pending for a long time. She was supposed to have a trial of her case on March 30. According to the law in Russia, she can stay in Russia legally before the trial.

The deportation of Ma Hui and her daughter has drawn attention from international community. A member of the European Parliament who is also former president of the European Union-Duma Cooperation Committee wrote to the Russian government, requesting cancellation of the deportation. He was very worried that Mrs. Ma Hui would be arrested as soon as she got off the plane in China. He expressed that he cannot imagine what would happen because Falun Gong practitioners are persecuted every day, including being tortured and organs being harvested.

A representative of the International Red Cross expressed that the deportation violates not only the laws in Russia but also the European Convention on Human Rights and relevant international laws of deportation. Moreover, before the deportation, the

Russian government should inform the representatives of the Red Cross and lawyers and obtain the signature of the deportee's family.

Six Russian media reported the deportation. They pointed out that deporting a woman and a child who have UN refugee status while their Russian refugee case is pending is both immoral and violates the law.

Mr. Li, Ma Hui's husband, pointed out that the CCP is behind the whole deportation, and this is another case of the CCP persecuting Falun Gong overseas. The CCP gets the Russian government involved in the persecution of Falun Gong by promising economic partnership, and the Russian government unreasonably accepted the CCP's instigation. Mr. Li expressed that succumbing to the CCP's pressure badly tarnishes the international image of Russia and brings danger to the whole country.

Washington D.C.: Rally Held in U.S. Capital to Support 20 Million Withdrawals from the Chinese Communist Party

On March 24, 2007, people from New York, Philadelphia, New Jersey and Washington D.C. held a rally on Capitol Hill in the nation's capital to support 20 million withdrawals from the Chinese Communist Party, Chinese Communist Youth League and Chinese Communist Young Pioneers. More than 10 Chinese and Westerners gave speeches, explaining why the CCP is about to crash and encouraging people to quit the party for their own safety.

Mr. Li Dayong, the spokesman from the Global Service Center for Quitting the Party, said that the root of the evil party has been pulled out, and it could crash at any moment.



The rally

The CCP's harvesting organs from living Falun Gong practitioners

Ms. Wu, a representative of Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong, announced new evidence of the CCP's harvesting organs from living Falun Gong practitioners.

Ms. Wu said: "On February 12, 2007, the Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong (CIPFG) in Australia, Asia, Europe and America was established. Politicians, media and human rights organizations from different countries were concerned about and condemned the CCP's harvesting organs from living Falun Gong practitioners. Some politicians and international organizations suggested a boycott of the Beijing Olympics in 2008 if the CCP doesn't stop these atrocities."

The CIPFG announced: "The killing and harvesting of organs will not be happening in China simultaneously with the Olympics, which respects basic human rights."

Lawyer warns the CCP's media not to get involved in the persecution of Falun Gong

Dr. Terri Marsh, a human rights lawyer and the chair of the Human Rights Law Foundation, warned the media in China not to get involved in the persecution of Falun Gong.

On January 20, 2006, on behalf of five Falun Gong practitioners, Dr. Marsh filed a case against China Central Television (CCTV) for torture, genocide, and other crimes against humanity in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York states. CCTV has effectively created a network of lies about Falun Gong that encourages and incites the public, the police and other security forces in China to subject practitioners to unlawful arrests and detention, illegal police interrogation and torture, and brutal forms of brainwashing and indoctrination techniques to force practitioners to renounce their beliefs and associations, and in many cases, to cause the execution of practitioners who do not renounce Falun Gong. In the last two years, Mr. Marsh has collected a lot of evidence.

Ms. Marsh said that CCTV is alleged to have committed the very same crimes for which several Nazi war criminals were executed. Without the CCTV and other propagandists in China, the Jiang Zemins, Lou Gans and Li Lanqings would have no one to follow their orders to eradicate Falun Gong and purge it from China.

She said that those who participate in the propaganda effort against Falun Gong will face serious legal sanctions - life in prison, lengthy jail terms if not death by execution. She pointed out that a defense that the defendants were just following orders of their superiors is invalid. The fact that any person acted pursuant to the order of his government or of his superior does not free him from responsibility for his crime.

Quitting the party saves Chinese people's conscience and helps them think of the CCP's Crimes

Mr. Wei Jingsheng, the president of the Overseas Chinese Democracy Coalition, sent his support to the rally. Mr. Wei said: "Quitting the party really saves Chinese people's conscience and helps them to think about the CCP's crimes. It also helps Chinese people to get rid of their fear of the CCP. It makes them realize that the CCP is not equal to China."

Mr. Zhang Tianliang, a columnist for the *Epoch Times*, said that it is Gods' will that the CCP is about to crash, and every member of the party is in danger. He asked: "If the CCP didn't have so many members, would it dare to do so many bad things and kill so many people?" He said that all members of the CCP help the CCP to commit crimes more or less, so if they don't quit the party, then they would share the blame for the CCP's crimes.

"Did you quit?" has become the new greeting in China

Mr. Zhang Hailian, a representative from the Service Center for Quitting the Party in Washington D.C., said: "In the last three months, the number of withdrawals from the party increased very quickly, and the information regarding quitting the party has spread wider and wider in China. Since last December, one million people published their announcement on the website. The number of withdrawals per day increased from 20~30 thousand to 30 ~ 40 thousand and the total number has reached 20 million."

Mr. Zhang Hailian said: "All the volunteers of the service center have an obvious feeling that Chinese people are changing--many of them are very easily convinced to quit the party. One citizen from Guangzhou said that Chinese people ask each other "did you quit?" when they run into each other nowadays."

A reporter interviewed a Chinese gentleman who is from Shanghai and doing business in America. The gentleman listened to all the speeches at the rally. He told the reporter that he learned about the movement of quitting the party on the Internet when he was in China. He even received a fax regarding the [*Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party*](#) in his office. He said that many Chinese people know about it. He didn't expect to see the rally in America. He took photos of the rally and asked the Service Center for Quitting the Party for a copy of the *Nine Commentaries* and other information.

Germany: "Truthfulness, Compassion, Forbearance" Art Exhibition Held at the Saxon Federal State Parliament

Upon entering the glass doors of the Saxon Federal State Parliament building, what comes immediately into view is a huge portrait of a Buddha with a compassionate smile. This artwork was painted by Professor Zhang Kunlun, a Falun Gong practitioner in Canada. It is one of the works displayed at the "Truthfulness, Compassion, Forbearance" Art Exhibition held at the Saxon Federal State Parliament in the State Capital of Dresden from March 7 to April 26, 2007. Shining with glorious sunrays reflected from glass walls, forty works are displayed on the two sides of a glass hallway.



In his opening remarks at the inauguration ceremony, the President of Saxony's State Parliament, Mr. Ernst Iltgen, said that there is a special significance to the exhibition

Supported by Saxony's President of the State Parliament, Mr. Ernst Iltgen, and organized by Germany's Ars Honesta Art and Human Rights Association (Verein Ars Honesta Deutscher fuer Kunst und Menschenrechte e.V.), the inauguration ceremony was held on March 6, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. Many distinguished guests were invited to the ceremony. In addition to graceful music, members of the German Art Association also sang the "Song of Joy" together at the inauguration ceremony.

In his opening remarks, Saxony's President of the State Parliament, Mr. Ernst Iltgen, said that there is a special significance to the exhibition. He said that at a time when the economic relationship between Germany and China is booming, an art exhibition exposing the human rights situation in China and the Chinese Communist regime's cruel persecution of Falun Gong practitioners is of special concern to the people.

He added, "The values based on the principles of Truthfulness, Compassion, Forbearance are by all means different from the thought system of an autocratic regime and totalitarianism. That is what German and other European people have confirmed since the twentieth century. With compassion, people are able to confidently and freely

experience and express the personal freedom endowed by the creator since they were born."

The next speaker was Mr. Volker Dietz, chairman of Ars Honesta Human Rights Association. He also introduced the works on display to the visitors. The themes of the artworks were: Assimilation to Falun Gong, Returning to One's True Self, Witness to Life, Long Live Righteous Belief, Spreading the Truth, Awakening to Justice and Retribution for Evil. Mr. Volker Dietz accompanied visitors to view the exhibition and explained the profound meanings behind each artwork in detail to them.

After visiting the art exhibition, Saxony's Vice President of the State Parliament, Ms. Regina Schulz, said that she was shocked to learn about the horrendous persecution that Falun Gong practitioners have suffered in China. She said, "I must seriously differentiate the artistic elements from the meaning of the works as these paintings are so exquisite and magnificent, but the meanings behind them make my heart so heavy. I don't know which one I like most because every painting emanates a golden glow, but I feel very sad. So after seeing all the works, I feel that my soul is deeply moved."

When asked if she had an understanding of the situation in China previously, Ms. Schulz said, "This art exhibition is the first time for me to be really shocked by China's current situation, since I didn't believe it was so serious in the past. This art exhibition has given me some inspiration. I really appreciate that. I know many people have been to China sightseeing. As they are infatuated with the beauty of its scenery and the loveliness of its people, they may not pay attention to the problems above mentioned. In the meantime, people are unable to get enough insight into the situation in China from the local media. As a result, undoubtedly it is very important for people here to exchange or get information through ways like this. I think we should, first of all, figure out what is going on there and then come up with ideas on how to stop it, how to record it and how to make it known to the public. Perhaps this is an occasion for people to get to know the situation in China better. That being the case, this art exhibition has become essential today."

Every day there are groups, including students, visiting the State Parliament through the civil hall. When passing through the exhibition, many people would stop to find out more about the Chinese communist regime's persecution of Falun Gong.

The exhibition will run at the Saxon Federal State Parliament for seven weeks.

Amnesty International Issues Urgent Call to Release Falun Gong Practitioners

The international community is paying attention to the arrest of Ms. Liang Wenjian and Mr. Lin Zhiyong, sister and brother-in-law of British citizen Jane Liang, by the "610 Office" in Guangzhou, China. On March 20, 2007, Amnesty International issued a global urgent call for action regarding the arrest of eight Falun Gong practitioners, including Ms. Liang Wenjian and her husband. The letter called for the Chinese Communist Party to immediately and unconditionally release them. A Member of the European Parliament wrote the Chinese government to express concerns.

Amnesty International issued an urgent letter headed "Fear of torture or ill-treatment" (AI Index: ASA 17/014/2007). It listed eight Falun Gong practitioners who need urgent rescue. They are Ms. Liang Wenjian, her husband Mr. Lin Zhiyong, Ms. Li Dongmei, Wang He (sex unknown), Wu Jiangyan (sex unknown), and three others (names unknown).

The letter says, in part, "All eight were detained on 10 February by around 10 plainclothes police officers for participating in a gathering at the home of Liang Wenjian and Lin Zhiyong. Seven of the eight Falun Gong practitioners listed above have reportedly been assigned to two years of Re-education through Labor (RTL), a form of administrative detention imposed without charge, trial or judicial review, in connection with their Falun Gong activities. One, an elderly woman (unnamed), has reportedly been sentenced to one-and-a-half-years. They are reportedly being held at Panyu Detention Center in Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province, awaiting transfer to an RTL facility. Their families have not been officially informed and have not been allowed to meet with them."

Fear of torture or ill treatment

Chen Xin, an officer with Amnesty International in the Asia and the Pacific Region, was interviewed by *The Epoch Times* and expressed concerns. She pointed out that the families were not officially informed when the eight Falun Gong practitioners were detained. They had only heard about the RTL assignments. However, RTL was in violation of the international principle of fair trial and freedom. Ms. Chen said that Amnesty International was strongly opposed to the RTL system in the first place. It deprives people of their personal freedom without any legal process. As a punishment measure, it is in violation of international human rights. In addition, Amnesty International was very concerned about religious freedom. Many procedures violate the international principle of fair trial and freedom. For all these reasons, Amnesty International issued an urgent call to rescue these people.

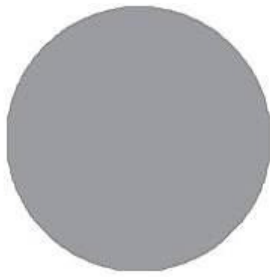
The letter said the eight Falun Gong practitioners were in “fear of torture and ill treatment.” “Liang Wenjian had previously been assigned to RTL at the Guangzhou Chaitou Xiaodao RTL facility from February 2000 to April 2001. During this time, she reportedly suffered torture and ill treatment, which included being hung by her wrists so that her feet could barely touch the ground for two hours for doing the Falun Gong exercises in detention. She was also reportedly required to work up to 14 hours a day making artificial flowers.”

Ms. Chen said, “Liang Wenjian has suffered torture before. And the trials for the eight people were not open. In cases like these, Amnesty International is very worried they will be subjected to more torture.”

A member of the European Parliament has taken action

Ms. Liang Wenjian is the sister of British citizen Jane Liang. Wenjian was sent for two years of forced labor three years ago. Jane Liang tried to rescue her sister from overseas. Many British media reported on this case. Member of the European Parliament Roger Helmer wrote to the Chinese Ambassador in Brussels and London to express concerns over the arrests of Liang Wenjian and her husband.

Facts of the Persecution



FDI: Woman's Corpse Held as Evidence of Torture as Desperate Family Seeks Justice in China

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NEW YORK, NY -- Family members of torture victim and recently deceased Ms. Cao Aihua are desperately seeking justice, going so far as to guard Cao's corpse (which bears evidence of torture) for three months in a frigid, rented room of a funeral parlor in northwestern China, sources tell the Falun Dafa Information Center. Cao died within two short weeks of imprisonment in the Women's Labor Camp of the Xinjiang Army Corps, passing away on November 13, 2006. China's communist authorities regularly cremate the bodies of torture victims so as to destroy evidence.

Cao was a native of Aksu city, located in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region. She was arrested three times prior to her death, according to sources close to her in China, with two arrests taking place in Beijing for petitioning authorities regarding the suppression of Falun Gong and a third, and final, in the summer of 2006 after she wrote notes on PRC monetary currency entreating people to leave the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). In all three instances her actions were met with extrajudicial sentencing to labor camps. During the third period of confinement, Cao was held in police custody in Aksu city and Allar city as well as, ultimately, the Women's Labor Camp of the Xinjiang Army Corps, located in Wujiaqu city (near Urumqi). Sources close to Cao report that police have extorted nearly 300,000 yuan (roughly USD\$39,000) from immediate family and relatives.

Efforts by family members seeking to hold Cao's killers accountable have met with resistance and denial at multiple levels of China's bureaucracy. Family have repeatedly petitioned the Wujiaqu City People's Congress, the relevant Procuratorate, the CCP Political and Judiciary Committee, the Labor Camp Bureau, as well as the Prison Bureau. Family were furthermore told by the director of the Wujiaqu City Procuratorate, a man surnamed Song, as well as by the Party head of the Women's Labor Camp, that the results of any investigations had nothing to do with the family, and could not be released to private individuals. To date no personnel or parties involved in Cao's murder have been reprimanded in any fashion, sources report.

The Information Center joins the family of Cao Aihua in calling for justice in her wrongful death at the hands of China's communist authorities, and is seeking the help of relevant international bodies and investigators.

"Cao's case speaks directly to the unbearable ordeals countless families go through when seeking justice from the Communist state for an imprisoned, tortured or murdered relative who practices Falun Gong," Information Center spokesperson Levi Browde said Thursday. "It is the Communist state, after all, that ordered the 'eradication' of Falun Gong, and often rewards those who adopt brutal means to carry it out. This is precisely why international pressure is so vital--it is often the only factor that will yield any results for families like Cao's."

Mr. Zhao Wenpeng Died from Torture at Guiyang City Police Hospital

On March 7, 2007, Falun Gong practitioner Mr. Zhao Wenpeng from Guiyang City died in the Guiyang City Police Hospital as a result of brutal persecution. Mr. Zhao was just over 40 years old.

On the afternoon of August 7, 2006, Liu Suzhi, chairman of the Workers Union in Guiyang Postal and Tele-Communications Equipment Factory, led people to Zhao Wenpeng's home to gather "background information." During the morning of August 9, Liu led two staffers from the National Materials Office to illegally break into Mr. Zhao's home. They threatened Zhao, telling him to not practice Falun Gong anymore. Liu and his accomplices were very rude and unreasonable. Zhao Wenpeng [clarified the truth](#) to them. However, Liu and the others did not listen and viciously swore at Falun Gong. Mr. Zhao further exposed the facts of the CCP's brutal persecution and offered the [Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party](#) to Liu and accomplices.

Liu and his followers were infuriated and reported Zhao Wenpeng to the [610 Office](#). Soon, more than ten policemen and officers from the Guiyang City Police Department, the Yunyan District Police Department, the Weiqing Road Police Station, and the Neighborhood Committee swarmed into Mr. Zhao's home and illegally confiscated all of his truth-clarification materials, Falun Gong books, computer, and other valuables. Mr. Zhao was then arrested and sent to Yunyan District Detention Center in Guiyang City.

In the detention center, Zhao Wenpeng suffered all kinds of brutal torture. In just a few months, he developed edema all over his body. Torture also left a big wound on the side of Mr. Zhao's left thigh, which continually oozed pus.

Zhao Wenpeng was transferred to the Guiyang City Police Hospital for what was called "treatment" by the authorities. After a checkup, the police doctor declared that Mr. Zhao had diabetes. The so-called "treatments" of injections and drugs only made Zhao Wenpeng's health deteriorate more rapidly. During this treatment, Mr. Zhao contracted acro-anesthesia [*numbness of limbs*], incontinence, and other disorders.

Even under such severe conditions, the officials still sentenced Zhao Wenpeng to forced labor camp (for two or three years, the details are still under investigation) without a trial. On March 7, 2007, Mr. Zhao Wenpeng died in the Guiyang City Police Hospital as a result of the brutal persecution.

Seven More Torture-Related Deaths Recently Verified in February, 2007

In February 2007, sources in China verified the torture related deaths of seven more Falun Gong practitioners. Three deaths happened between October and December 2006, and one in January 2007. Five of the deceased were women over 50 years old.

Three of the deceased practitioners were from Hunan Province and the others were from Heilongjiang, Liaoning, Sichuan Provinces and Beijing. Since July 20, 1999, when the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) began its persecution of Falun Gong, 3,018 deaths due to persecution have been verified by reliable sources in China. The sources were able to break through China's information blockade to deliver it to the Minghui website. This is only the tip of the iceberg of atrocities that have been committed during the last seven plus years.

The deaths alone, not to mention the thousands sent to labor and concentration camps, prisons, detention, brainwashing centers and other such places, demonstrate that the CCP has availed itself to the most depraved torture methods ever known in the history of the world.

Falun Gong practitioners endured excruciating pain physically and mentally before they ever suffered a mental collapse or died in agony. Practitioners endured lies and inhuman torture methods including repeated brainwashing, yet none wiped Falun Gong from the face of the earth. Besides the torture, staff at the CCP prisons, forced labor camps, brainwashing centers under the control of the 610 Office and mental hospitals even injected practitioners with unknown drugs, and put unknown medicine into their food. These are examples of the Jiang Zemin regime's genocidal policy towards Falun Gong practitioners: "Defame their reputation, bankrupt them financially, eliminate them physically."

Employee of French Company PCM Arrested in Beijing

PARIS - March 13th, 2007. He was supposed to take part in a managers' meeting of the French company PCM on March 14th, in Angers, France but Ma Jian, manager in charge of the PCM Beijing office, selling oil pumps, was arrested on February 28th in Beijing as he was working.

The witnesses present during the arrest say they saw six plainclothes policemen arriving and asking for Ma Jian. After a heated discussion with the employees, the policemen remained alone with Ma Jian in his office. Then he disappeared and his whereabouts are still unknown. The secretary recounts that after much violence, the officers took Ma Jian away and a Falun Gong book he had. They ransacked the whole office and when they left there only remained his shoes. The phone line had been torn from its socket.

Ma Jian's wife, now living in Montreal Canada, appealed to the French Association of Falun Gong, the company PCM and any institution or person able to help free him because his life is in great danger. "In the current context of organ harvesting and widespread torture in China, practitioners of Falun Gong die every day," said the President of the Falun Gong Association, Alain Tong. "We are very worried for Ma Jian's safety".

As soon as they heard of the arrest, PCM took the necessary measures with the French Embassy in China to free their employee, known to be an honest, righteous, competent and very much appreciated by his superiors for his human qualities as well as professional. His kidnapping has stopped all economic activity at the Beijing PCM office.

The company was told that the Chinese police had thirty days to give an answer but that they could take an additional three months. After contacting their lawyers, the company was discouraged from taking any legal action, given the absence of rights existing for the victims in this kind of case.

Attorneys for Ms. Wang Bo and Her Parents Have Requested an Open Retrial

Falun Gong practitioners Wang Bo and her parents, who live in Shijiazhuang City, Hebei Province, were secretly sentenced to jail terms in November 2006. Because the Communist authorities did not inform their family members about their arrest and trial, they had no lawyers to defend them. Recently, the family managed to hire lawyers who jointly requested the Shijiazhuang Intermediate Court process the appeal openly and overturn the unlawful sentences passed in the initial trial.

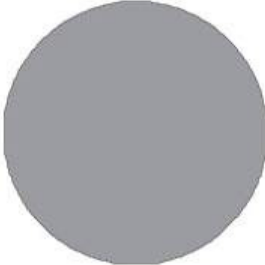
According to a report from Radio Free Asia (RFA) on March 22, Ms. Wang Bo and her parents were subjected to brainwashing due to their belief in Falun Gong. In April 2002, her family appeared in the CCTV program, "Focal Point." The CCP set them up as a "model" for "reformation through education." In 2005, they told the outside world how the CCTV had tarnished Falun Gong by editing and distorting what they had said. In July 2006, Ms. Wang and her parents were arrested. She was sentenced to four years in prison and her parents to five years by the Chang District Court of Shijiazhuang City. On February 22, RFA called a relative of Ms. Wang and learned that family members had not been informed about their arrest and the subsequent trial. Consequently, they were not able to hire lawyers.

According to a recent news report posted on the Minghui/Clearwisdom website, Wang Bo and her parents have now hired a total of six lawyers to defend them. The lawyers, all from Beijing, are: Li Heping and Li Xiongbing from Gaobolonghua Attorneys Office; Teng Biao from Huayi Law Office; Wu Hongbin from Haiming Law Office; Zhang Lihui and Li Shunzhang from Guogang Law Office.

RFA contacted attorneys Li Heping and Teng Biao on March 21. Both of them indicated that they could not accept interviews. Teng Biao said: "I can't accept interviews at this stage of the lawsuit."

Reportedly, these lawyers have managed to meet representatives from the Shijiazhuang Intermediate Court and resubmitted an appeal letter cosigned by all six lawyers. In the letter, they requested that the Court review the case and either correct mistakes made in the initial trial or order Changan District Court to retry the case in order to uphold justice and protect the defendants' rights.

People Awaken to the Truth



Non-Practitioner: I Wish Everyone Could Know the Truth and "Get on Noah's Ark"

By Chen Can

I am a recent college graduate. Since I was deceived by the Chinese Communist Party's slander and propaganda against Falun Gong in school a few years ago, I did not understand Falun Gong. Moreover, a few Falun Gong practitioners in my school were sentenced to forced labor for distributing [truth-clarifying](#) materials, which made me try to avoid Falun Gong even more. After I graduated, I met an elderly practitioner on the train by accident. During our conversation, I learned the truth about the persecution of Falun Gong and that all the charges against Falun Gong have been fabricated by CCP to try to eradicate it.

The practitioner told me about certain websites that I later visited. The websites opened a skylight in a dark room and let me see the sky of freedom. A completely new world was presented to me. I read the [Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party](#) sincerely. Since then, my soul has been purified of the CCP's poison. Actually, everything that the Chinese Communist Party used to brainwash us, such as loving the CCP and joining the CCP, are all lies. I finally woke up from that nightmare.

All the Chinese people have been brainwashed by the CCP nonstop since it came into power. We were fooled into giving it our loyalty. We all lived with fear due to the terrors and lies that the CCP perpetrated by any means possible in order to maintain control. This is the Party I used to love, a wolf in sheep's clothing. I firmly withdrew from the Party, which has used lies to deceive the world and committed enormous crimes.

I understood that the Chinese Communist Party has never stopped killing people. It was born with a vicious nature that is in its blood. It has killed 80 million Chinese people during its successive "movements," a number that exceeds the total number of people killed during the two World Wars. Not only that, it is now harvesting organs from living Falun Gong practitioners and cremating their bodies to destroy the evidence. In order to maintain their evil reign, the CCP forces the people to give up "politics" (the people's right), corrupts people's minds, extinguishes people's morals, and encourages people to worship money. They trample human rights, strangle democracy, and suppress civil rights protests. They arrest people of conscience, people who appeal for justice, and religious people. They block the Internet, suppress any objections, and persecute the good people who practice "Truth-Compassion-Forbearance." Based solely on verified evidence, more than 3,000 Falun Gong practitioners have already been persecuted to death. The crimes the CCP has committed are numerous.

Attorney Gao Zhisheng's appeal to the government on behalf of Falun Gong deeply touched me. I admired attorney Gao's courage, and I was shocked by the brutal persecution that Falun Gong practitioners have gone through, especially the CCP's live organ harvesting. Everyone will be angry and outraged after finding out about this.

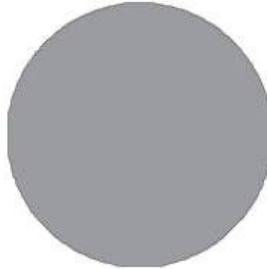
It became my routine to go to the overseas website every day. I got to know the truth about Falun Gong and about the people who practice "Truth-Compassion-Forbearance," which is completely the opposite of the evil Party propaganda. I also understood why the practitioners continue to clarify the truth to people and expose the true face of the CCP. I deeply feel that they are saving people.

The Falun Gong practitioners are calling on people to quit the CCP and get away from the great danger brought about by the CCP. It is just like the story of Noah's Ark. Falun Gong practitioners and the people who spread the *Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party* and persuade people to quit the CCP are the "Noahs." In Mainland China, they are risking their lives to persuade people to "get on the ark as soon as possible." But many people are indifferent. I feel deep sorrow for those people. I want to cry out loudly, "Please do not wait until you are submerged by the flood to regret that you did not listen to the compassionate advice."

When I told this to my classmate, he said that I just said things to frighten people. He said the CCP is so powerful--how could it just collapse overnight. He asked me if I have any proof that heaven will eliminate the CCP. I gave him the example that the former Soviet Union Communist Party collapsed so suddenly and quickly. I also told him that an ancient stone from 270 million years ago with the words "Chinese Communist Party perishes" embedded in it was found in Pingtang County, Guizhou Province. He went to the Internet and checked it. Then he agreed with some of what I said. Later he quit the Communist Youth League. I said to him, "Congratulations on getting on Noah's Ark."

I saw that many Falun Gong practitioners have been brutally persecuted to death, and some had their organs removed when they were still alive, but other practitioners still are clarifying the truth to try to save the world's people. I am very touched. There is no reason not to quit the CCP and its associated organizations. I wish all the people who know the truth and have gotten on Noah's Ark could tell more people to read the *Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party* and quit the CCP. This is not for others. This is for our own conscience. This is to commemorate the Falun Gong practitioners who were brutally persecuted to death for pursuing their belief and saving the world's people. This is truly for our own good future!

Voice of Justice



***Letter to International Olympic Committee from David Kilgour and
David Matas***

The following letter was written by Canadian human rights lawyer David Matas and Former Canadian Secretary of State (Asia - Pacific) and Member of Parliament David Kilgour, authors of [an independent investigation into allegations of organ harvesting of Falun Gong practitioners in China.](#)

The Honorable Mr. Jacques Rogge

President

The International Olympic Committee
Lausanne, Switzerland

Re: Beijing 2008 Olympic Games

We hereby request that you raise the issue of human dignity and human rights in China with your colleagues in Beijing to stop the persecution of those whose fundamental rights are being denied. We have great hopes that the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games will be conducted in true Olympic spirit. We base this statement on the following:

The Olympic Charter states in part:

"The goal of the Olympics is to place sports everywhere at the service of a harmonious development of man, with a view to encouraging the establishment of a peaceful society concerned with preservation of human dignity. To this effect, the Olympic Movement engages, alone or in cooperation with other organizations and within the limits of its means, in actions to promote peace" (Olympic Charter, article 3);

And "Safeguarding the dignity of the individual is a fundamental requirement of the Olympics" (IOC Code of Ethics, "A. Dignity;" part 1)

What dignities has the Chinese Government accorded the people of China with violations against the innocent still continuing after being awarded the Olympics?

In regard to these Charter provisions, the IOC media office has sent letters to those who raise concerns about human rights violations in China which state:

"We have carefully thought about what kind of role the IOC - an organization created to bring the benefits of sport to society - can play in more diverse matters. Our belief is that we must focus our work within the scope of our remit - which is to guide and assist the Games organizers to host successful Olympic Games. Within this framework of bringing sports and Olympic values to China, we are hopeful that benefits to the wider social landscape will follow in post-Games years. "The IOC is committed to bringing the Olympic Movement to China for the first

time in history because we believe that examples set by the Olympic ideals have - and will continue to have - many positive benefits for China and the world."

The Charter would suggest a more direct and forthright approach.

Both past and present Olympic athletes, coaches and officials who have been made aware of and shown information regarding human rights transgressions in China are deeply concerned with China's un-kept promises.

Today, stringent human rights violations happening daily in China are being ignored. We, David Matas, Canadian human rights lawyer and David Kilgour, former MP and Secretary of State for Asia and the Pacific in the Canadian Government have released an investigative report, which states, in part:

"Regrettably, it confirms our earlier conclusion, that the government of China and its agencies in numerous parts of the country, in particular in hospitals but also detention centers and 'people's courts' have put to death a large but unknown number of Falun Gong prisoners of conscience since 1999. Their vital organs, including hearts, kidneys, livers and corneas were virtually, simultaneously seized involuntarily for sale at high prices, sometimes to foreigners who normally face long waits for voluntary donations of such organs in their home countries."

As Olympians become informed of these inhumanities in China, how will the IOC and world governments respond?

Would the athletes, coaches and officials as a whole want to compete in a country that imposes such cruel persecution upon her people?

We further deplore the incarceration and gag order on China human rights lawyer Mr. Gao Zhisheng who on orders of the Chinese government is forbidden to speak to any media until after the 2008 Olympic Games.

Amnesty International, Human Rights in China and Human Rights Watch have noted increasingly deteriorating human rights conditions in China. We are confident that the IOC would not have awarded the Games to Beijing had they then known of the human rights abuses happening in China.

Please, consider the following:

1) How will the Games benefit China's citizenry if the IOC doesn't speak out against China's human rights violations?

2) Can the IOC assure the rights and safety of Falun Gong practitioners and members of other peaceful groups repressed by China's regime if they wish to attend the Games without fear of being arrested and imprisoned?

3) Will Falun Gong practitioners traveling from abroad be allowed entry into China without reprisal?

We urge you to please take effective action by calling on the Chinese authorities to bring an end to the ongoing persecution against millions of innocent citizens in China, and we hope that the 2008 Games will embody the principles of the Olympic Charter.

The favor of a reply is appreciated.

Sincerely,

David Matas
(Canadian human rights lawyer)

David Kilgour
(Former Canadian Secretary of State (Asia - Pacific) and Member of Parliament 1979 - 2006)

Links to further information:

-Report into Allegations of Organ Harvesting of Falun Gong practitioners in China:
<http://organharvestinvestigation.net/>

-Amnesty International: The Olympics countdown - failing to keep human rights promises:
<http://www.amnestyusa.org/regions/asia/document.do?id=ENGASA170462006>

-Amnesty International: Persecution of renowned Chinese human rights lawyer Gao Zhisheng:
<http://www.amnestyusa.org/regions/asia/document.do?id=ENGASA170462006>

-China 2006 Year in Review; Human Rights Watch:
<http://chinaview.wordpress.com/tag/all-hot-topic/organ-harvesting>

Spain: The Chairman of the Peace and Culture Association Condemns the Persecution of Falun Gong

On the 12th of March 2007, Feterico Mallor, the former Chairman of UNESCO and now Chairman of the Peace and Culture Association wrote a letter to a Falun Gong practitioner expressing his concern about the persecution of Falun Gong by the CCP. The letter is as follows:

Dear Sir,

I have learned the fact that since 1999, Falun Gong, a spiritual movement, has been persecuted until now in China.

All reports by the Human Rights Committee of the UN, the Parliament of the European Union, the Parliament of NATO and organizations of human rights such as Amnesty International and Human Rights Observation have mentioned the cruel violation and persecution of the most basic human rights by the CCP government. It has caused many innocent people to suffer from the persecution because of their faith.

As the Chairman of the Peace and Culture Association, my mission is to vindicate the freedom of all people, respect the truth, respect justice equality and tolerance. Such a situation of suppressing individual freedom in faith by force, I firmly oppose it.

At the same time, the persecution of Falun Gong, a peaceful and spiritual movement, also emerges from the CCP's weak system of human rights.

I feel very worried after reading the REPORT INTO ALLEGATIONS OF ORGAN HARVESTING OF FALUN GONG PRACTITIONERS by Mr. Kilgour.

To sum up, as an independent organization of the government, I will always and completely pay attention to the facts disclosed by the REPORT and I will try my best to stop the persecution.

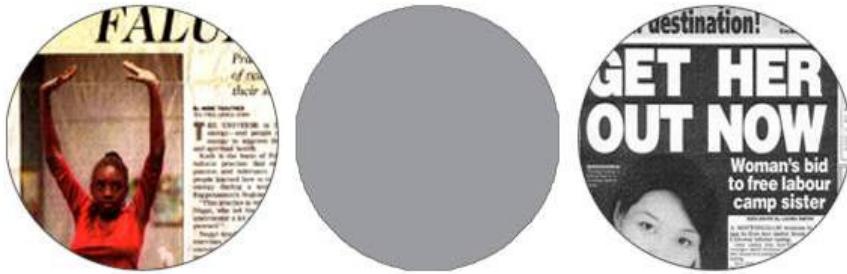
I hope the persecution will end as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Feterico Mallor.

12th March 2007.

Media Reports and Opinions



Canberra Times (Australia): Inside a Celestial Kingdom



Coming to the Canberra Theatre for the first time and very late in our 2007 Chinese New Year season is a larger-than-life theatrical spectacular called Myths and Legends. You'll have to be quick to get in for this one. The show on Wednesday is sold out and recently the host, Canberra's Asian Culture Association, announced an additional performance would be held tomorrow. The spectacular, backed by a full orchestra, with original choreography and music, is the brainchild of New Tang Dynasty Television, a New York-based global Chinese TV network. First dreamt up in 2004 and staged in New York, this is the third such production to be staged, with this year's tour going to 30 cities worldwide.

Essentially a dance and music show celebrating 5000 years of Chinese culture, this is certainly not from the People's Republic of China but is performed by artists of Chinese origin from around the world, many of them trained in Western ballet. In an unusual twist, the New York Tang Dynasty is promoting this as a show not only with "exquisite and soulful" music, the "beauty and grace" of dancers, "grandiose" stage designs and "exuberance" in costuming, but intended "to elucidate the concepts behind traditional culture "the admiration of gods and the upholding of morality".

The promoter is rather general about the actual ethnic and historical origins of the individual dances on show, though the sets and costumes are largely drawn from the Tang Dynasty about AD600 and that more than 50 dancers weave "a divine tale of celestial kingdoms, legendary heroes and the classic battle between good and evil." Because the show is seen as a kind of morality tale with an underlying anti-Communist focus, the global coordinator for the spectacular, Zhou Yu, hints at the political perspective. "The meaning behind Chinese culture is broad and profound," he says, "but in the past 50 years this culture has been ruined by the Chinese Communist regime. Material desires have surfaced everywhere in society and there is no more spiritual culture left in China."

New Tang Dynasty Television, in fact, is devoted to conjuring up the golden age of the Tang Dynasty from AD618 to 906, and costume designer Amy Lee said the "totemic color" of the present Chinese regime, red, was not popular in the Tang Dynasty which preferred yellow, symbolizing she adds, freedom. Vice-president of the Asian Culture Association Songfa Liu says, "When you listen to the music, it stays in your ears. When you watch the show, it touches your heart."

The concert is also seen as "a valuable cross-over cultural event, a strong, gracious gesture towards international understanding in an all-too-troubled world."

It features artists of Chinese origin from around the world and is designed to celebrate what overseas Chinese perceive as "the ancient culture of the Divine land," focusing firmly on traditional Chinese dance, though with contemporary digital animation technology by designer Ken Chieh Hsu to make it as colorful as possible. Much of the instrumentation is traditional, including erhu, a kind of violin, and guzhen, or zither, as well as pipa, (biwa in Japan), the lute featured in *The Last Emperor* with music composed by Lisa Li, who also composed music for this spectacular.

For the non-Chinese members of the general public, the show is unlikely to conjure up political images. On the contrary, if the production lives up its advance promotion, audiences will see traditional Chinese instruments and compositions, ancient dress and landscapes, digitally mastered sets, energetic Chinese dancing and a "heavenly theme of loyalty, goodness [and] honesty."

Australia: ABC-TV Reports on New Tang Dynasty Television's Chinese New Year Spectacular Show

On the evening of March 28, 2007, ABC-TV's flagship current affairs program "Lateline" reported in prime time that the New Tang Dynasty Television's (NTDTV) Chinese New Year Spectacular shows would be staged in Sydney on March 29. The program also exposed the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) Consulate-General in Sydney interfering with the show.

Lateline host Tony Jones introduced at the beginning of the program that the NTDTV's Spectacular shows would be staged in Sydney beginning March 29 and showed footage of the "Divine Performing Arts" performers applying makeup backstage. The footage was shot by ABC-TV when it covered the event in Canberra. He also played a TV commercial for the NTDTV program and clips from last year's show.

Tony Jones said that the CCP's diplomats in Australia had urged Australian politicians not to attend the Chinese New Year's stage performance. The letters to New South Wales' politicians from the CCP's Consul General in Sydney were shown on TV.

Tony Jones said that, despite the CCP diplomat's efforts, there were still politicians who saw the performance, such as Australia's Attorney-General Phillip Ruddock. The program then played part of Ruddock's interview with NTDTV during the performance in Canberra. Ruddock said, "Often people don't understand the diversity of China and I think a lot of that has been brought out in the different dances and presentations that we have seen."

The program also showed an interview with the artistic director of the New Tang Dynasty Art Center, lead dancer and choreographer of the "Divine Performing Arts" Vina Lee. She said that she wanted the audience to rediscover Chinese history through the performance. She also said that this part of history was erased by the CCP during the 1960s Cultural Revolution.

She continued, "It's very easy to rebuild a material world, but it destroyed people's soul—the culture of their mind. It destroyed almost a whole generation."

While Vina Lee spoke, TV scenes were inserted of Red Guards and Criticism Meetings during the Cultural Revolution. The scenes then turned to Vina Lee applying makeup backstage, being interviewed, and the NTDTV program. From violent struggle to quiet and beautiful dance performances, the scenes showed quite a contrast.

The program also interviewed Australian singer Christian Bischoff who took part in the 2004 Inaugural NTDTV's Chinese New Year Global Gala, and played the footage of his singing at the gala in New York.

Christian said in the interview that just before he left Sydney for New York, he got a call from the local Chinese Embassy. He said, "It was only three hours before I got on that plane. This guy said, 'Look, we just don't want you there.' He kept on with me for about 10 to 12 minutes, and I just said in the end, 'Look, I've got to go. I've got to get on this plane.'" As a result, the singer was put on a watch list. When he arrived at the Sydney Airport to check in, he was immediately stopped for an additional check. Later, he found that the blacklist was not only in Australia, "Wherever I went, I was searched before I got on the plane. Then, even after they checked all my luggage, they wanted to check it again."

Christian apparently still feels angry about this to this day.

At the end of the program, it once again cited the words in the NTDTV's commercial, "Together, once again, we will see the time honored traditions of Chinese culture flourishing in this modern world."

Right after that, the program commented, "Not if Beijing has its way. The battle over competing versions of Chinese history is set to continue as the show moves to other countries, including New Zealand."

After the program, "Lateline" reported in its news portion that Wang Ning [Nick Wang], editor-in-chief of New Zealand's *Capital Chinese News*, was barred from having an interview with member of the CCP's Politburo Deputy-Premier Zeng Peiyan.

"Lateline" is one of Australia's most famous current affairs television programs and is known for its outspokenness. It once made detailed reports on the defection incident of Chen Yonglin from the Chinese Consulate in Sydney. Last August, when former Canadian MP David Kilgour and Vice-president of the European Parliament Edward McMillan-Scott visited Australia, "Lateline" made interview reports on three consecutive nights with Kilgour and McMillan-Scott, who exposed the CCP's harvesting of organs from living Falun Gong practitioners. The reports caused tremendous repercussions in the Australian community. Within several days, the ruling and opposition parties reached a cross-party agreement to launch an independent investigation over the allegations of organ harvesting from living Falun Gong practitioners.

Television New Zealand (TVNZ): The CCP Is Unable to Interfere with the Performance by the Divine Performing Arts

According to the Television New Zealand's (TVNZ) evening news report on April 5, 2007, the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) consulate in Auckland made phone calls to New Zealand officials to warn them not to watch the Chinese culture performances by Divine Performing Arts. Dozens of dignitaries, who had planned to watch the performance, received similar phone calls. They said that they felt great pressure but still went ahead for the show as they had planned.



TVNZ reports the Chinese culture performance by the Divine Performing Arts

The report said that the show covers 5,000 years of Chinese culture, but the Communist Party went so far as to attempt to spoil the show.

The report also said that Chinese students have been told if they are photographed at the event they will not be allowed back in their home country. Event organizer Charlotte Cuthbertson said, "They'll get branded as practicing Falun Gong, which obviously will cause them a huge amount of trouble when going back to China because it's banned there." [Editor's note: Falun Gong, a peaceful practice for elevating the mind and benefiting the body, has been under persecution by the CCP since July 1999.]

The report said that the Divine Performing Arts group from New York said that the Chinese communist officials have tried to sabotage their show in most countries they tour and New Zealand is no different. Dancer Vina Lee said, "We met a similar situation in other countries and cities as well. I lived in Australia more than 15 years and I don't think this is right because this is a freedom of speech country."

Journalist Wendy Cao said, "I told him [Mayor Wood] this [tour performance] is independent. We're bringing back traditional Chinese culture".

The report said that both the Chinese consulate in Auckland and the Chinese embassy in Wellington have refused to comment.

Auckland Chinese Radio Station Interviews Performers from Divine Performing Arts

Chinese Voice Broadcasting (CVB) a Chinese radio station in Auckland, interviewed performer from Divine Performing Arts, Guan Guimin and the coordinator of the show, Li Xinhong on April 3. The two guests introduced members of the Divine Performing Arts and the value of the show. They also answered questions from the listeners' hotline.

First, Guan Guimin introduced the members of the Divine Performing Arts. He said that the performers in the troupe are mainly Chinese. Most of them are second or third generation immigrants who were born abroad. They love traditional Chinese culture very much. Concerning the show, Guan Guimin said that the show focuses on dance performances, and are all traditional Chinese dances, which place a high requirement on performers' basic skills. Those skills are all traditional Chinese styles, different from ballet in the West.

Li Xinhong answered the host's question on the meaning of preparing for this performance. She said that the main purpose is to carry forward authentic traditional Chinese culture, hoping that people can understand the inner meaning of China's divinely-inspired culture.

Guan Guimin continued, saying that he started practicing Falun Gong in 1996. Before then, he suffered from hepatocirrhosis, and he was unable to give performances on stage at all. It is Falun Gong that enabled him to return the stage to perform. Li Xinhong added that since the CCP came to power in China, it has destroyed Chinese culture on a large scale. People nowadays actually do not understand what the ancient Chinese culture was. This is also the original intention for presenting the show.

Li Xinhong also answered listeners' questions as to the time of the show, directions and locations for buying tickets.

Germany: Large-Scale Media Coverage of CCP's Organ Harvesting from Living Falun Gong Practitioners

During a discussion seminar held near Frankfurt on March 30, 2007, Canadian human rights lawyer David Matas and former Member of Parliament David Kilgour's report on CCP's live organ harvesting from Falun Gong practitioners became the focus of the forum. During a press conference on the same day, the organizers of this seminar, the "International Human Rights Committee," talked about the deteriorating human rights under the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), using the investigation report as an important example, leading to large-scale media coverage. At the seminar, a German MP in his closing speech emphasized the importance of giving more publicity and raising more awareness about this issue in Germany.



Matas and Kilgour attend the International Human Rights Committee's press conference on March 30

Matas and Kilgour told more than a hundred attendees and representatives from several media about their main findings from the investigation. Whether it is official statistics from the internet or results from telephone interviews, the 30 or 40 pieces of evidence that have been validated and made public today, all point to one conclusion: Falun Gong practitioners detained in China are being systematically murdered for their organs, which are sold to patients who are desperate for healthy organs to keep them alive. Dai Ying, a Falun Gong practitioner from Norway explained how she was made to have a health check for no apparent reason when she was detained in a labour camp in China. Only after leaving China did she find out that they were recording data for the organ bank.

The information disclosed by the two Canadian investigators not only shocked everyone at the conference, but many people also asked about how to stop these crimes sooner, which further drew the attention and interest of the German media.

After the conference, Germany's second-largest newspaper "Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung" published a long report on the accusation that the CCP is harvesting organs from living Falun Gong practitioners. The beginning of the article clearly points out that even though the Chinese Communist government has already admitted to using organs taken from executed prisoners for transplant operations, "on the Chinese 'market', there

has been a sudden increase in organs", but "every death-row criminal only has two kidneys and one liver". Quoting the words of Zhang Erping, the article mentions that one reason Falun Gong practitioners have become the victims of live organ harvesting is because "this peaceful meditation practice brings great health benefits, and has saved China's health organizations millions (before the start of the persecution)."

On the second day of the seminar, Germany's third-largest newspaper "Die Welt" published an article filling an entire page about the findings of the Canadian investigators, entitled "Stolen Hearts". On the law banning the organ-trade passed by the CCP on July 1, 2006, the article explains, using the words of independent Canadian investigator Kilgour: "In China, there is always a huge gap in time frame between passing a law and executing it." The article reveals that last November, a Belgian MP, Patrik Vankrukelsven made calls to two hospitals in Beijing saying that he desperately needed an urgent kidney transplant. Both hospitals immediately expressed that they could provide a kidney for 50 thousand Euros. However this law was passed in July last year, and should have come into action in China four months previously. From this we can see that the endorsement of one law has not stopped the organ trade in China, which is becoming more rampant each day.



The third-largest newspaper in Germany "Die Welt" published a whole-page article about the independent investigation on the CCP's harvesting organs from Falun Gong practitioners

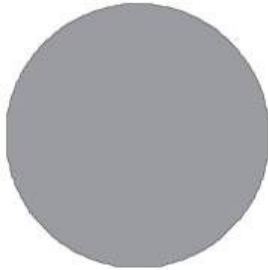
On the same day as the press conference, Radio Vatikan, nicknamed "the voice of the Pope and Catholicism" broadcasted a program in German about cultivators of Falun Gong who had become victims of the illegal organs trade.

On the second day, Wiesbadener Kurier published a report: "The most outrageous accusation in the report is that in China, practitioners of the banned practice Falun Gong are not only persecuted, they are also being used as live organ stocks within a long stretch of time. When needed, their organs are removed, they are murdered and their bodies are thrown into the incinerator to have any evidence destroyed." "Since

2001, at least 41,500 of them have been used as organ sources for transplant operations. The authorities have given no explanations."

The German Press Association (DPA), Koelner Stadt-Anzeiger and Taunus Zeitung also made corresponding reports on this topic. Before that, the Journalismus Nachrichten von Heute website published a long report from Geneva, calling the two Canadian investigators "hunters of the illegal organ traders" and furthermore explaining in detail the contents of their investigation.

Falun Gong Practitioners' Personal Experiences



Confronting Serious Illness, My Life Revived after Practicing Falun Gong

I am a 56 year-old farmer residing in Xinghe Village, Xinli District, Yushu City, Jilin Province. Before 2006 I was physically fit, but beginning in 2006, I suddenly found myself so seriously ill that I was unable to eat or drink. I would vomit whenever I had something in my stomach, so I kept losing weight every day. I traveled to Changchun City to seek treatment, and specialists there diagnosed me with rectal cancer. I was admitted to the provincial cancer hospital, where life-saving surgery was decided upon. But on the surgery table the cancer was discovered to have grown on to an artery, so the surgery was discontinued since it would have been too risky. The hospital was not able to do anything to save my life, so I moved to my eldest daughter's house in Changchun City to bide my time. Meanwhile, I was getting thinner every day from starvation. Finally, I decided to return home to Yushu City to await death.

Lying in bed not being able to move or sleep due to pain, the cancerous swelling could be seen and touched from outside. Thinking that I wouldn't last more than three days, my family members were preparing a dress for my body. As I was awaiting my final moments, my daughter, who was looking after me, picked up a bundle of "truth-clarification" materials from Falun Gong practitioners, which included the "*Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party*" and flyers. Since I am an illiterate person, I wanted my daughter to read the booklet *Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party* to me. After I finished listening, I felt much better and I then fell asleep. I had dreams that someone was telling me that the cancerous area was subsiding, and when I woke up, I touched the area, only to find that it had already shrank and softened. In a few days I began feeling much better.

During this time, one of my relatives, a Falun Gong practitioner, came to visit me. She told me that if I had no obstacles to having faith, I should sincerely recite, "Falun Dafa is good," and that a miracle would certainly happen. I believed that what she said was for my own sake, and also I had no other choice, so I began to recite "Falun Dafa is good" whenever I had time and whenever I could not fall asleep. It really worked. I started feeling that I had more energy, and that my bowel movements and urination were returning to normal. I resumed eating three meals a day, and I was able to sit up. A few days later, I even got out of bed. My family was surprised and happy to see the change. To them I had been revived from a certain death. After walking out again to the yard, my neighbors could not believe what they saw. Furthermore, when my daughter called my son, who is in another city, and told him about me, he thought she was making up the story and couldn't believe it.

What happened to me is an irrefutable fact, and I have truly witnessed Falun Gong's supernatural power and magic. Falun Dafa saved my life and gave me a second life. All my relatives and good friends now believe in Falun Dafa and are very thankful.

Today I am a Falun Gong practitioner, and I have begun listening to lectures and doing exercises. I was previously a strict atheist, but now I am a true believer in Falun Dafa. I want to tell everyone in my hometown and all good people in China, "Teacher Li is here to save people. Dafa teaches people to be benevolent. Falun Dafa is righteous."

In a Family with a History of Hepatitis, Falun Dafa Saved My Life

My two sisters and I all had bad health before practicing Falun Gong; I had illness and discomfort all over my body. My family has a history of hepatitis. My grandfather died from hepatitis, and my mother died of liver cirrhosis with ascites (abnormal accumulation of fluid in the abdominal cavity) at the age of 54. Several other family members also died of hepatitis: my elder brother at 50, my elder sister at 28, my second elder brother at 52, and my younger brother at 8. Because of these untimely deaths, we seven siblings have now become three.

In 1985 I was diagnosed with hepatitis B. I took plenty of medication, but the disease got worse day by day. By 1990, it had become HBeAg-positive, in combination with liver malfunction bordering on cirrhosis. I was very stressed and could not go to sleep at night. Especially when recalling the pain of my mother and other family members upon their death, I was very frightened. We could not see any hope for me, since no medication could cure such a disease with an entrenched family history. Therefore, we were looked for miracles.

In 1995, when my second elder brother was severely ill, I consulted with someone who could predict the future. We were told that we had killed other people in the past few generations of reincarnation, so we could only pay the debts with our lives. After my second elder brother died, I knew that death was waiting for me.

In 1996, I went to visit a friend, who played a videotape of a Falun Gong lecture for me. Watching the video, I was very impressed that Teacher was so good and told us everything. For example, I came to know why we came to this world, and why humans have illnesses. Our family history of disease was because we had committed wrong deeds and hurt others; therefore we had to pay back whatever we owed, generation after generation. On the following day, a friend gave me a copy of "*Zhuan Falun*". I felt that it was very precious. The more I read the book, the more I wanted to read it. I saw hope.

On May 6, 1996, I went to the Falun Gong practice site, and we three siblings all started to practice from then on. Teacher purified our bodies, eliminated karma, and helped us to pay back our debts owed in our past reincarnations. Teacher has done so much for us -- it is beyond words.

Ever since the first day I started to practice, I have been very happy, with no illness. Others also saw me as a different person. My physical health has become better and better. Before practicing, I was a little over 45 kilograms and could hardly straighten my back. Now, after 11 years of cultivation, my weight has increased by about 10 kilograms and is now normal, with no medication. Not only my body, but also my mind has become younger.

Sometimes I think that, were it not for help from Teacher, my siblings and I would most likely have died a long time ago. We are so fortunate. As a result of the big changes in us, my immediate family and other relatives all believe in Falun Gong. Although they do not practice, their positive attitude towards Falun Gong has helped them in many ways.

In 2002, my husband and I went to visit some old friends. Because of pain from calculus (a concentration of minerals formed in the kidney, gall bladder or other organ), our friend could not get out of bed. She had not slept well for more than 10 days. The diagnosis by a doctor showed three stones, which would cost more than 2,000 yuan to break up. I asked her to recite "Falun Dafa is good" and she agreed to do so. We did not have any contact since then. We met again in 2004, and my friend was very happy to see me. She said that she could sleep well the night after I told her about Falun Gong. On the third day, the pain was gone.

Falun Dafa is so good. However, since July 1999, the vicious Communist Party has not allowed people to practice it. They went looking everywhere to arrest people and they make up lies such as the so-called Tiananmen Square self-immolation. With trust in the government, we went to Beijing to tell them the facts about Falun Gong and to appeal for justice. Upon arriving in Beijing, we were arrested and held in a detention center. We were charged with "disturbing social order"; some practitioners were sent to labor camps and some were sentenced to prison. I could not understand why this could happen. Why are we not allowed to have good health and become better people through practicing Falun Gong? With better health and higher morality, isn't it a good thing for society? I hope we can all think about this.

Glossary

Falun Gong (also called **Falun Dafa**) is an ancient form of *qigong*; the practice of refining the body and mind through special exercises and meditation. Like *tai chi*, *qigong* is a vital part of many people's lives in Asia; almost every Chinese park is brimming by the break of dawn with people practicing these arts.

Only a few years after its public introduction in 1992, Falun Dafa quickly grew to become the most popular form of *qigong* ever in Chinese history. The major reason for this is that Falun Dafa distinguishes itself from other *qigong* practices by emphasizing not only physical cultivation, but also cultivation of one's moral character in daily life according to higher principles taught by Mr. Li Hongzhi, Falun Dafa's founder. The practice involves slow, gentle movements and meditation. It is easy to learn, enjoyable to practice, and free of charge. Its principles are based on Truth, Compassion, and Tolerance. Falun Gong is practiced by over 100 million people in 60 countries. The main works of Falun Gong are available in over 30 languages.

Zhuan Falun: This book comprises the principal teachings of Falun Dafa.

"April 25": This refers to the "sensitive" anniversary of April 25, 1999, on which date ten thousand Falun Gong practitioners peacefully gathered outside the Zhongnanhai compound (China's central government building) and successfully appealed for the release of forty-five practitioners who had been illegally arrested in Tianjin City.

Clarifying the Truth: Because of the persecution in China and the unrelenting hate campaign carried out by China's state-controlled media, Falun Gong practitioners have been actively "clarifying the truth" -- explaining to the public the facts about Falun Gong and exposing the persecution. Truth clarification activities include face-to-face conversations with people, posting notices and posters, handing out flyers, and hanging banners. Outside of China, where Falun Gong is freely practiced, practitioners further expose the persecution through anti-torture reenactments, art exhibits, Internet websites, books, magazines, newspapers, movies and letter writing. The goal of clarifying the truth is to help people understand Falun Gong, to dispel the lies of the communist regime in China and to raise public support to end the persecution. (Variations: "clarifying the truth", "truth clarifying", "truth-clarifying", "truth clarification", "truth-clarification", "clarifying the facts", "clarified the truth", and "clarified the facts")

Death Bed torture: A practitioner is tied to a bed with his hands handcuffed above his head to the bed rails, and his legs tied with thin nylon ropes. The rope is then tightly

wrapped around the practitioner's body and the bed, from his legs to his chest. The rope is wrapped so tightly that the practitioner has difficulty breathing and eventually loses consciousness.

The 610 Office is an agency specifically created to persecute Falun Gong, with absolute power over each level of administration in the Party and all other political and judiciary systems. It was established on June 10th hence it's name.

Illegally arrested: Contrary to what former Chinese leader Jiang Zemin, who initiated the persecution, and the Chinese Communist Party would like the world to believe, practicing Falun Gong is NOT illegal in China. Although the Public Security Department issued an unconstitutional set of restraints on the practice at the onset of the persecution in 1999, no laws have been passed by the only legislative body in China, the People's Congress, banning Falun Gong or granting the police the authority to arrest Falun Gong practitioners for practicing the exercises or distributing flyers.

Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party is a series of essays published in late 2004 that reveal the true nature of the Communist Party. The *Nine Commentaries* have led millions of people to renounce their membership in the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). It is "A book that has shocked all Chinese around the world. A book that is disintegrating the Communist Party." (<http://ninecommentaries.com>)

"Reform or Transform": Implementation of brainwashing and torture in order to force a practitioner to renounce Falun Gong. (Variations: "**reform**", "**transform**", "**reformed**", "**reforming**", "**transformed**", "**transforming**", and "**transformation**")

Three Statements: Practitioners are coerced under brainwashing and torture to write a "Repentance Statement," "Guarantee Statement" or "Dissociation Statement" as proof that they have given up their belief. In the statement, the practitioner is forced to admit remorse for practicing Falun Gong, promise to give up Falun Gong, and never again associate with other practitioners or go to Beijing to appeal for Falun Gong.

Collaborators: Former practitioners who have turned against Falun Gong under brainwashing and torture. They are then made to assist in brainwashing and torturing practitioners.

Sensitive Dates: National holidays or political meetings, or dates that hold significance to Falun Dafa; the authorities are afraid that practitioners will publicly appeal on these dates.

Yuan is the Chinese currency; 500 yuan is equal to the average monthly income of an urban worker in China.