

# Clearwisdom Review

## An Update on Falun Dafa Worldwide

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### New York City: Practitioners Celebrate the Seventh World Falun Dafa Day

(Clearwisdom.net) On May 13, Falun Dafa practitioners from the greater New York area celebrated the seventh World Falun Dafa Day with Manhattan residents.

The celebration started at 10 a.m. at the Union Square of Manhattan, which was decorated with several banners lifted by balloons. The banners read "May 13 - World Falun Dafa Day", "Falun Dafa is Good", and "Truthfulness, Compassion and Tolerance" respectively. Practitioners dressed up to celebrate the 14th anniversary of Falun Dafa's public introduction and the seventh World Falun Dafa Day with colorful programs. Many New Yorkers and tourists joined the practitioners' celebration with great interest.

At the beginning of the celebration, an introduction speech reviewed that today Falun Gong is practiced in more than 80 countries and regions and teachings of Falun Dafa have been translated into more than 30 languages since Master Li introduced the practice to the public in 1992.



Flute Dance



Locals Learning the Falun Gong Exercises

Practitioners from different countries introduced Falun Dafa to the audience with their own native languages including Chinese, English, Russian, French, Spanish, Arabic and Hindi. Then Falun Gong exercises were demonstrated and the graceful movements and the host's introduction attracted wide attention from passers-by.

Dafa practitioners celebrated this great day with music, song and dance. As described by the hosts, Falun Gong is deeply rooted in the Chinese culture of 5,000 years. Through a wide array of colorful performances, practitioners presented the audience with the true Chinese folk culture and peoples' pursuit in searching for wisdom and enlightenment.

New York State representative Benjamin and his wife also joined the celebration. They were very happy to celebrate the holiday with practitioners and other New Yorkers. Knowing that Falun Gong is a very peaceful practice, Benjamin condemned the CCP's persecution of Falun Gong and supported the practitioners' freedom of belief and speech.

People came from all directions to look at the practitioners' photo display, learn the exercises, chat with practitioners, acquire materials and sign a petition calling for an end of the persecution. One after another the locals came to watch the practitioners' performance and listen to the hosts' introduction of Falun Gong and the persecution. It was a touching scene.

### Introduction to Falun Dafa

Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a practice for benefiting physical health and elevating the mind. 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.

## Six Cases of Missing Falun Gong Practitioners in China

### Ms. Lin Junfeng from Daqing City, Heilongjiang Province

Ms. Lin, around 48 or 50 years old, was an employee of the Daqing Oil Refinery Research Institute. In 2002, she went to Beijing to appeal for justice for Falun Gong and has been missing ever since.

### Ms. Zhao Lixuan from Shenyang City, Liaoning Province

Ms. Zhao, in her 20s, was an employee of the Xingguang Mechanical Company. After getting married, she moved to Changyuan Village, Kaiyuan Town, Shulan City, Jilin Province. In 2001, she went to Beijing to appeal for Falun Gong and no one has ever heard anything about her since then. Her husband and family members looked everywhere but couldn't find her.

### Ms. Zhang Lijing from Panjin City, Liaoning Province

Ms. Zhang, in her 20s, was a graduate of the Northeastern Finance University. She once worked in a Japanese company. Since 2003, her family has lost contact with her.

### Ms. Zhang Shuxiao from Mudanjiang City, Heilongjiang Province

Ms. Zhang, 48, was an employee of the Mudanjiang Ball Bearing Company. She persisted in cultivation and truth clarification after the persecution began. Ms. Zhang has been missing for several years.

### Mr. Liang Wei from Xinmin City, Liaoning Province

Mr. Liang has been missing since July 20, 1999. No one knows his whereabouts.

## Torture Methods Used in the Liaoning Province Women's Prison

**Overtime Heavy Labor** - Eighth Ward Head, Zuo Xiaoyan (female), forces detainees to do heavy labor overtime in order to make more money. Detainees have to take their work back to their cells and finish it overnight. If anyone does less than the quota, they are "electric baton educated" until they promise to do more work from the next day on.

**Electric Baton Shocks and Face Slapping Are Daily Routines** - The Eighth Ward of Liaoning Province Women Prison is the only ward that uses electric batons. The use of electric batons is the most frequent persecution method, and they use it in all sorts of inhuman ways. Guards also slap practitioners' faces very viciously; one blow can cause bleeding, and the second blow can cause the person to become deaf. There are many Falun Dafa practitioners detained in the Eighth Ward that cannot hear due to their faces being slapped by guards.

**Other Torture Means** - For practitioners who absolutely do not acknowledge the persecution, the prison director invented a new means of torture. First, both hands are tied behind the back, then the rope is pulled up and tied around the neck, and then the neck is bound to the knees, making it so practitioners can only sit on the concrete floor with their head lowered to the knees, as illustrated below:



## Calling for Action to End the Persecution

(Clearwisdom.net) On the morning of May 3, nearly 100 people from the New York and Washington, DC areas rallied at the square in front of the Washington, DC Federal Court. They called for the Bush administration to drop its charges against Wenyi Wang, who protested during Hu Jintao's visit last month. Meanwhile, Falun Gong practitioners held an organ harvesting reenactment to expose the CCP's atrocities and to call for action to stop the Chinese Communist regime's seven-year brutal persecution of Falun Gong.

May 3 is World Press Freedom Day as declared by the United Nations. The US Federal Court was scheduled to hold a hearing on the Wenyi Wang protest on the same day. However, on May 2, the court decided to postpone the hearing for 2 weeks. Dr. Wang's lawyer has filed a request for "Unconditional Revocation of the Case".

