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Falun Dafa Practitioner in Critical Condition after a Seven-Month Hunger Strike

(Clearwisdom.net) Falun Dafa practitioner Ms. Liu Shufen has been on a hunger strike for nearly seven months, and her condition is now critical.

In the middle of May 2005, the police arrested Ms. Liu, who is from Daqing City, Heilongjiang Province. They picked her up from the place she had been staying since she was forced to leave home to avoid arrest. Ms. Liu was sentenced to eight years in prison for practicing Falun Gong by the Rang District Court in Daqing City. Confined in the Heilongjiang Province Women's Prison in Harbin City, Liu has been tortured with methods known as the *Hanging up in the air (1)*, *Locking up in a Small Cell (2)*, and being denied sleep or use of a toilet.

On June 6, 2005, Liu Shufen began a hunger strike to protest her illegal imprisonment. Her hunger strike continues today and her life is in danger. Ms. Liu's parents have visited her many times but have been facing obstacles from the prison administration.

On December 29, 2005, Liu's mother Ms. Wang Yanxiang went to the prison to visit, requesting that her daughter be given a medical parole. The guards were very rude and ignored her request. Ms. Wang insisted on seeing her daughter and refused to leave unless she saw her. Guards then arranged to let her see Ms. Liu. Three guards listened to their conversation. Wang found her daughter in bad condition, emaciated, with sunken eyes. The guards told Ms. Wang that her daughter was carried out on a chair.

We call on all organizations and people of justice throughout the world to lend support, help secure Ms. Liu's release and help end the persecution.



(1) With both arms pulled behind the back, both feet off the ground or only toes touching, one is hung from a beam or heating pipe with the handcuffs. The hands and arms will soon lose sensory perception and go dead from lack of blood circulation.



(2) The detainee is locked up in a very small cell. The guards handcuff practitioners in a fixed position. The practitioners can neither move nor lie down. The small cell is very damp and no sunshine comes in. Detainees have to urinate and defecate in the cell. Little food is served to detainees. The stench in the small cell is so bad that it is difficult to breathe.

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.

Magnificence of Falun Gong Displayed at New Year's Parade in Philadelphia

(Clearwisdom.net) The 105th Philadelphia Mummers New Year's Parade launched the new year on January 1, 2006. Fifteen thousand parade participants in costumes and masks, and floats with different themes marched on Broadway from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It was the fourth time that Falun Gong practitioners in Philadelphia were invited to participate. They brought the beauty of Falun Dafa and traditional Chinese culture to the American audience.

Falun Gong practitioners held banners reading, "Truth, Compassion, Tolerance" and "Falun Dafa Is Great." They performed a dragon dance, lion dance, fan dance, portrayed a traditional Chinese big head doll and Monkey King *Sun Wukong*, and demonstrated the Falun Gong exercises. Falun Gong was the only ethnic Chinese group in the parade. "It is the most beautiful performance I have seen today!" said a Chinese-American woman.



A banner states "Falun Dafa is Great!"



Monkey King, big head doll, and lion dance

Falun Gong practitioners spoke to the spectators about Falun Gong and the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners in China. An American man said, "I have been to China many times... I treasure our freedom in the United States, which doesn't exist in China."

A young western practitioner who did the dragon dance interviewed with WB17 TV station. He said, "I am very happy to bring Chinese culture to an American audience. The dragon dance is hard work. Chinese dragons are different from other dragons throughout the world. They stand for good fortune and bring you happiness."

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WB17 did a live broadcast of the whole parade. When introducing Falun Gong, the host thanked the Falun Gong practitioners for their years of effort in introducing the colorful traditional Chinese culture to an American audience.

My Husband's Leukemia Was Healed!

(Clearwisdom.net) My husband contracted leukemia in January 2003. His medical treatment consumed all of our savings. We had to borrow money from our friends. My husband's life was maintained on a day-to-day basis and I was deeply frustrated and depressed.

To make ends meet, I had to sell vegetables. One day I came across another vegetable vendor, who I later found out was a Falun Dafa practitioner. She told me that she had practiced Dafa for six years, during which time most of her illnesses have completely disappeared. She said by assimilating to the principles of *Truthfulness, Benevolence, and Forbearance*, true practitioners' health could be greatly improved. She then told me that my husband could become healthy by truly practicing Falun Dafa.

At first, my husband was reluctant to accept Dafa because he had been deceived by the government's anti-Falun Gong propaganda. However, after reading several cultivation stories, he gained a better understanding and started practicing the exercises and reading the teachings of Falun Dafa. Soon, his leukemia became much better and his complexion turned from pale to rosy.

Now everyone in my family practices Falun Dafa. We are very grateful to our Teacher, Mr. Li Hongzhi, and to our fellow practitioners.

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