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An Update on Falun Dafa Worldwide

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Int'l Religious Freedom Report 2006: China [Excerpt]

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[...] The Government tries to control and regulate religion to prevent the rise of groups that could constitute sources of authority outside of the control of the Government and the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). Nonetheless, membership in many faiths is growing rapidly. [...]

[...] Falun Gong practitioners continued to face arrest, detention, and imprisonment, and there have been credible reports of deaths due to torture and abuse. Practitioners who refuse to recant their beliefs are sometimes subjected to harsh treatment in prisons, reeducation through labor camps, and extra-judicial "legal education" centers, while some who recanted returned from detention. Reports of abuse were difficult to confirm within the country and the group engaged in almost no public activity within the country. Overseas Falun Gong practitioners claimed this was a result of the harsh government campaign, which began with the 1999 crackdown against the group. There were continuing revelations about the extra-legal activities of the Government's 610 office including torture and forced confessions, a state security agency implicated in most alleged abuses of Falun Gong practitioners. [...]



When police try to force Falun Dafa practitioners into "confessions," they often use a plastic bag threatening to suffocate them.

[...] During the period covered by this report, government repression of the Falun Gong [...] movement continued. Membership in the Falun Gong [...] was illegal. Distributing Falun Gong literature or encouraging others to join the [...] movement was punishable by criminal and administrative sanctions, including reeducation. As in past years, foreigners who distributed Falun Gong materials were expelled from the country, including an Australian expelled in October 2005 after attempting to distribute the book *Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party*. In January 2006 the Government released U.S. citizen Charles Lee after three years of imprisonment for Falun Gong-related activities. [...]

Practitioners Welcomed at Blue Springs Fall Fun Fest, Blue Springs, Missouri, USA

(Clearwisdom.net) The 37th annual Blue Springs Fall Fun Fest parade was held on September 16. Practitioners in Missouri and Kansas were invited to participate again this year. When the practitioners' procession passed the stage, the host announced loudly, "Here we welcome Falun Dafa, a peaceful practice following Truth-Compassion-Tolerance..." along with warm applause.



A young spectator learning the exercises.

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.

Tremendous Changes after Four Months of Cultivation in Dafa

(Clearwisdom.net) I'm a new Falun Dafa practitioner who started the practice in February this year. In a short 4 months, I've experienced great changes both physically and mentally. Besides studying the teachings of Falun Dafa and doing the exercises, I also try to validate the principles of Falun Dafa in my daily life. I try to do my best at work, and I do housework and take care of children at home without any complaints. My health used to be poor and I had no energy, so whenever I had to do housework, I complained about my husband not doing well and being lazy. Since I started practicing Falun Dafa, I not only stopped complaining, but also tried to do it more happily every day. My husband was very surprised at my change. He asked me: "I already got used to your bad temper and complaints. Now it feels strange to see you change so dramatically. Is there something worse waiting for me later?" I immediately took this opportunity to tell him about Falun Dafa, and explained to him it was Dafa that changed me so tremendously. He was very happy to hear this, and said, "How come you did not obtain the Fa earlier so I would not have had to endure your bad temper for so long? I should write a thank you letter to Falun Gong because it gave me a good wife."

I used to sleep at least 8 hours and still didn't feel good enough the next day. Now, I sometimes sleep less than 6 hours without any problem. This strengthened my faith in studying and practicing Falun Dafa.

Heart for Transplantation Available in Only 10 Days at Harbin Medical University in 2000 (and Other Leads)

(Clearwisdom.net) After the disclosure of the Chinese Communist Party's crimes of harvesting organs from living Falun Gong practitioners, the Falun Dafa Association and the Clearwisdom website established the "International Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong in China" (CIPFG) on April 4, 2006. The CIPFG calls on all those who are in a position to investigate to provide evidence of this illegal organ harvesting.

Heart for transplantation available in only 10 days at Harbin Medical University in 2000

Retirement Life, a magazine published by the Heilongjiang Party Committee Elderly Official Division, carried a series of articles beginning in July 2006 entitled, "A Story of a Heart Transplant Patient." CCTV also covered this story in 2006, in a program called *Senior Life*. The transplant operation took place on January 14, 2000. The patient was Yang Mengyong, a resident of Harbin City, Heilongjiang Province. He was an editor for a magazine in Jiamusi City, Heilongjiang Province. Yang retired in 1998 because of heart disease, and was first hospitalized in December 1999 in Harbin Medical University, Division II. After five examinations, doctors concluded that only a heart transplant could save Yang's life.

The hospital not only took the initiative to find the donor--which merely took a little over 10 days, but also waived the usual expense of 200,000 yuan (US\$25,000). The Harbin Medical University Division II took the initiative of looking for a donor and waived the expense, suggesting that they knew they could quickly find a heart and use this surgery to gain recognition.

Liver transplant at First Hospital in Jiujiang City, liver source unknown



The scene of transplant operation on the web

Recently a liver transplant from a living person was carried out in Jiujiang City. I searched the Internet and found some relevant information. Suffering from both sclerosing cholangitis and obstructive jaundice, a patient surnamed Chen had benign final-stage liver disease. At around midnight on August 5, 2006, a classic orthotropic liver transplant was conducted on Chen in the First Hospital in Jiujiang City. This was the fourth liver transplant done in that hospital. The source of the liver was not disclosed.

On August 15, on the website of this hospital, there was an article entitled, "Medical Techniques Improvement: Successful Liver Transplant at First Hospital in Jiujiang City." It only mentioned that the liver was from Wuhan City. No further detailed information was available.

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