

# Clearwisdom Review

## An Update on Falun Dafa Worldwide

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### Harvesting Organs is Lucrative in China

(Clearwisdom.net) On April 5, 2007, the German daily newspaper *Rhein-Neckar-Zeitung* carried a report on the Chinese Communist regime's systematic harvesting of organs from living Falun Gong practitioners. The headline read, "Harvesting Organs is Lucrative in China."



Article "Harvesting Organs is Lucrative in China" in German newspaper Rhein-Neckar-Zeitung.

Invited by the International Social Association in Heidelberg, Canadian human rights lawyer Mr. David Matas gave a presentation in Heidelberg to introduce the report about the independent investigation conducted by him and Mr. David Kilgour, Canada's former Secretary of State for the Asia Pacific Region, on the allegations of the Chinese Communist regime's harvesting organs from living Falun Gong practitioners for profit.

The article detailed how the atrocity was exposed. It quoted Mr. Matas: "Organs of criminals in China's prisons, and of a large number of imprisoned Falun Gong practitioners, are harvested for transplantation. The organ-harvesting is carried out systematically, without the prisoners' consent, and the victims are killed during or shortly after the operations. After repeated investigation, unfortunately, the conclusion indicated that the allegations are true. No survivors! I've never heard of anyone who survived the organ-harvesting. Their remains were cremated."

When asked what evidence they had discovered, Mr. Matas said, "Our conclusion was based on ten to eleven kinds of evidence; among others, the testimony provided by the ex-wife of a former Chinese surgeon who had participated in organ-harvesting operations. Some Falun Gong practitioners also testified that they were forced to undergo blood tests during their incarceration, but other inmates weren't. And the origin of organs for transplantation was regarded as a state secret."

Mr. Matas told reporters the reasons why most of the victims are Falun Gong practitioners: "Falun Gong practitioners constitute the largest group of inmates in Chinese prisons. They are subjected to the most brutal torture because the Chinese Communist regime regards them as a threat to its power. Since many Falun Gong practitioners refused to reveal their identities, it was very easy for the regime to count them as 'missing.' If people make phone calls directly to the Chinese military hospitals, it would be easy for them to find compatible organs. Because it is lucrative to sell organs, many hospitals have received instructions to do so. Due to the economic gains, they won't halt the practice easily."

### Introduction to Falun Dafa

Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a practice for benefiting physical health and elevating the mind. Introduced by Mr. Li Hongzhi in China, 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.

## Introducing Falun Dafa at the Flame Tree Arts Festival in Saipan

**(Clearwisdom.net)** The annual Flame Tree Arts Festival was recently held in Saipan. Falun Dafa practitioners held a three-day activity at the festival, from April 27 to April 29, to introduce Dafa and expose the persecution in China.

The practitioners set up three booths to display artworks from the Truth-Compassion-Tolerance Art and Photo Exhibition. Their booths featured materials about Falun Dafa, including VCDs, DVDs, bookmarks and copies of the *Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party*.

Falun Gong practitioners also gave two performances on the festival stage. The gentle exercise demonstration on Saturday was well received. The beauty of Falun Dafa and the peaceful demeanor of the practitioners won people's hearts. When practitioners demonstrated the exercises on Sunday, the host of the festival joined them.

Crowds of people visited the festival. Many people said they had heard about Falun Gong and expressed their disagreement with the CCP's persecution. One man said that Falun Dafa made people feel peaceful and beautiful. He said that people should have the freedom of belief. A young girl was excited to find out that Falun Gong was a cultivation practice and was taught for free. She said she had been looking for such a practice. Many Chinese people in Saipan took truth-clarification materials, and some came for copies of the *Nine Commentaries*.



(L) Falun Dafa exercise demonstration. (R) People visited the Art Exhibition.

## Police in Heilongjiang Province Torture Practitioner Mr. Zhou Zhichang to Death

**(Clearwisdom.net)** Ever since the persecution of Falun Gong began, the Chinese Communist Party in Shuangcheng City, Heilongjiang Province, has frenziedly persecuted Falun Gong practitioners. They illegally arrested practitioner Mr. Zhou Zhichang, who was the head of the Armed Forces of Handian Township, and put him in Shuangcheng City Second Detention Center. Zhou was released only after his family paid money to the guards.

On September 9, 1999, Zhou went to Beijing to appeal. He was arrested and escorted back to Shuangcheng City and detained in the First Detention Center. He was under criminal charges and was detained with regular criminals, who were instigated by the guards to verbally abuse and beat Mr. Zhou. Officer Zhang denied Zhou's family visits.



Mr. Zhou Zhichang

On May 6, several policemen took Mr. Zhou to the Shuangcheng City Hospital for a physical checkup. Someone saw him walking inside the examination room normally. A few hours later, he was dead. His doctor said that Mr. Zhou was already dead when he entered the hospital. Officer Zhang told Zhou's family that he died from a heart attack. At the autopsy, Zhou's family members saw that there were wounds on his head and scalp, his hands and feet had extravagated blood, and they were black. Shackles on his feet had worn the skin off, and the bones were clearly visible. All this indicates that Zhou Zhichang was tortured to death.