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Falun Gong Practitioners File Lawsuit Against China's Minister of Commerce

(Clearwisdom.net) On September 5, 2007, Falun Gong practitioners from New South Wales, Australia, held a press conference to announce the filing of a new lawsuit against Bo Xilai, the Chinese Minister of Commerce, for torture. The lawsuit was served in Canberra when Bo arrived on the night of September 4. According to Australian law, Bo Xilai must respond to the lawsuit within two months, otherwise, he will be faced with a default trial.



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On the evening of September 4, Jonathan Solomon and Gary Hastie went to the Hyatt Hotel in Canberra, where Bo was going to stay. Around 10:30 p.m., Chinese President Hu Jintao, Bo Xilai and other Chinese officials arrived at the hotel. Mr. Solomon recognized Bo and shouted his name in Chinese. Bo was shocked. Solomon delivered the lawsuit to Bo before the Chinese bodyguards rushed over to them. Solomon told Bo, "You are served." Then, he and Hastie said, "Falun Dafa is good," and left the hotel without any incident. After delivering the lawsuit, they attended a candlelight vigil in front of the Chinese Embassy in support of persecuted Falun Gong practitioners.

In April 2006, when Bo Xilai visited Australia with Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao, Pan Yu, an Australian citizen and a Falun Gong practitioner, filed a lawsuit against him for the crime of torture. In 2000, Pan Yu was jailed in Longshan Labor Camp in Liaoning province, where he was badly tortured because of his Falun Gong belief.

Mr. Newton, legal counsel for the plaintiffs, told the press conference that the lawsuit delivered to Bo this time is an updated version of the one served in 2006.

The *Sydney Morning Herald* published an article on September 4, "Chinese President to be handled with care." The article mentioned the lawsuit against Bo and reported: "Members of the Falun Gong spiritual group yesterday called on the Federal Government to ban the entry of the Chinese Minister for Commerce, Bo Xilai, who is due to arrive tomorrow for the APEC forum."

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.

Paper Lotus Flowers Touch People in Russia

(Clearwisdom.net) On September 1-2, 2007, Falun Gong practitioners in Russia held an activity to clarify the facts of the persecution and spread the beauty of Falun Dafa on the Square of the Lenexpo Exhibition Centre in St. Petersburg. The place was packed with people as the National Agricultural Economic Expo and the practitioners' activity took place at the time.



Practitioners taught people how to make origami lotus flowers and told passersby that the lotus was a symbol of their good wishes for children in China. Due to the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) persecution, many practitioners have been killed and left their children behind with no one to take care of them. The Russian people expressed indignation towards the CCP's persecution of innocent citizens, especially its atrocities of organ harvesting from living Falun Gong practitioners for profit. They signed a petition to support Falun Gong. A lecturer at a medical school promised to expose the CCP's crimes of organ harvesting during his lectures.

Several practitioners continuously demonstrated the five Falun Gong exercises during the event, while some onlookers followed along with the movements. Others asked to learn more about the practice of Falun Gong.

Chinese People Awaken to the Truth

A High-level Official Quits the CCP - A Falun Gong practitioner discussed the *Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party*, a publication exposing the crimes of the Communist Party (CCP), with a provincial official and tried to persuade him to quit the CCP. The official said that he would think about it. Later the official went to Hong Kong. Right after he returned, he found the practitioner and said, "Help me quit the CCP now - right now! I went to Hong Kong for a visit and I came across Falun Dafa activities outside China. I now understand the wickedness of the CCP."

Understanding the Truth of Falun Dafa After a Motorcycle Accident - In April 2005, practitioner Ms. Li was run down by a motorcycle from behind. The man on the motorcycle was scared after he realized that he had hit a 60-year-old woman. He immediately went over and offered help to Ms. Li. Ms. Li stood up and said, "I am not hurt and I will not hold you responsible." The man was very grateful. Ms. Li told him about the beauty of Falun Dafa and the evilness of the persecution against Falun Dafa. After understanding the truth, the man immediately announced that he would quit the CCP.

Prison Guards' Brutality against Falun Gong Practitioners

(Clearwisdom.net) Guards from Shenyang No. 3 Prison in Liaoning Province enticed inmates with sentence reductions and ordered them to torture Falun Gong practitioners. These inmates would drag the practitioners by their hair and throw them against the wall. They forced practitioners to recite the prison rules. If anyone refused to cooperate, they would be forced to stand and bend their upper body forward at 90 degrees, head against the wall, while an inmate would push their heads into the wall. They also forced practitioners to squat for more than ten hours with no bathroom break. Some practitioners were forced to sit up straight on a narrow bench with their legs crossed for as long as 15 hours. When a practitioner was persecuted to death, the guards would order other inmates to clean up the body and reward them with alcohol.



Painful torture: Long sharp objects are forced under the fingernails.

In December 2002, a guard ordered a criminal to pour cold water on practitioner Mr. Lan's head until he collapsed on the floor. He later developed severe diarrhea and was sent to the Prison Hospital. Due to continued torture, Mr. Lan subsequently died in the hospital.

In November 2003, prison guards ordered an inmate to stab Mr. Li Huailiang's fingers with needles because he refused to renounce Falun Gong. The severe pain caused Mr. Li to lose control of his bowels.