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Norwegian Newspaper Discusses Falun Gong and the Persecution in China

(Clearwisdom.net) "It is important to inform people about the atrocities practitioners are subjected to," says Norwegian Falun Gong practitioner Ms. Terese Eriksen in an article in the *Harstad Tidende Daily* published on the 9th of January 2007. The article brings up the many inhuman crimes, including torture and organ harvesting, that Falun Gong practitioners are suffering in a persecution that started in 1999 in China. The article also mentions Falun Gong's positive effects on practitioners' health, as well as the 18 million withdrawals from the Chinese Communist Party.



The article, "Practice Falun Gong for Peace" was written by journalist Tina Eliertsen and was published on January 9, 2007. The *Harstad Tidende Daily* is the third largest newspaper in Norway's three northern counties.

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.

Falun Gong was made public in 1992 in China and is a cultivation method to improve one's physical and spiritual wellbeing. The method consists of living by the three universal principles of Truth, Compassion and Tolerance. These are values which are fundamental to any society, reported the *Harstad Tidende Daily*.

The Chinese government started the persecution against Falun Gong in 1999, when they discovered that there were more Falun Gong practitioners than members of the Chinese Communist Party. Today, practitioners are subjected to arrests and torture. In the last couple of years the practice of organ harvesting has come to light. The Chinese Communist Party is stealing organs from Falun Gong practitioners without their consent. These organs are sold to unsuspecting foreigners for transplantation. There has been a change in the awareness among the Chinese people after the publication of the book, the *Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party*, Ms. Eriksen continued. She said that nearly 18 million people have voluntarily withdrawn from the Communist Party.

Tears at a Time of Family Reunions: On Behalf of Helpless Falun Gong Orphans

(Clearwisdom.net) The Chinese New Year is here, a time when families reunite. There is a group of children however, who have been separated from their parents after the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) started persecuting Falun Gong on July 20, 1999. They are orphans whose parents died from the persecution of Falun Gong. The following is one of their stories.

Practitioner Mr. Shao Hui from Huadian died as a result of persecution in Jilin City in August 2002. Even now, his son Shao Linyao and his parents do not know that Shao Hui was murdered. When Shao Linyao's mother Mu Ping was released from a labor camp on medical parole after three years of persecution, Shao Linyao followed her everywhere because he was afraid of losing her again. He wouldn't go to sleep at night until his mother returned home.

National Security officials and police in Jilin City arrested Mu Ping at work on October 24, 2006. They ransacked her home and took computers, cash, a 70,000-yuan bank deposit slip, Dafa books and truth-clarification VCDs. They took Ms. Mu to the Jilin City Detention Center. The Chuanying District Court in Jilin City planned to illegally try Mu Ping.

Eleven-year-old Shao Linyao and his grandparents knew nothing about what had happened to Mu Ping. Shao Linyao has been living with his grandparents since his mother's arrest, but his grandparents are suffering from deteriorating health. Shao Linyao's grandfather is 76 years old and has nearly lost all of his eyesight. His grandmother is 69 years old and has been sick for the past six months. Even now, the old couple do not know about the death of their son and they do not know that Mu Ping is facing trial. They can no longer take care of themselves, not to mention taking care of their grandson.



Shao Linyao

A Military Police Officer Knows that Falun Gong Is Good

(Clearwisdom.net) One day, I ran into a military police officer in my county who had just recently retired. When I told him the facts about Falun Dafa, he replied: "Falun Gong is good! When I was in the army, my division was in charge of supervising jailed detainees, and in the jail there were Falun Gong practitioners. They were very good people, and we treated each other like friends. They even taught us the exercises. Isn't there an exercise called 'Arhat Carrying a Mountain on His Back?' When the national guard police beat them to try to force them to renounce Falun Gong, the practitioners went on a hunger strike. One practitioner sat for seven days and seven nights without any food, and she was still in good spirits. I truly admire that!"

When I talked about the staged self-immolation in Tiananmen Square, he said that the government bribed terminally-ill patients to stage the incident, that it was all fraudulent, and that they did it to defame Falun Gong. When I talked to him about the importance of quitting the Communist Party and its affiliated organizations, this armed police officer agreed to do so using his real name to withdraw from the Communist Youth League.

Elderly Woman Thanks Teacher for His Compassion

(Clearwisdom.net) I am a 63-year-old woman in Jilin Province. One night in 2004, I suddenly had difficulty breathing and felt cold. I couldn't lie down for I was too weak to move. The next morning, I was diagnosed with diabetes and myocardial infarction. I was immediately transferred to Jilin University's No.1 Affiliated Hospital in Changchun City, where I was treated with oxygen administration for two days. I stayed there for 11 days, which cost me 20,000 yuan (US\$2500). When I was discharged from the hospital, both my legs were extremely painful. I was suffering from head to toe.

I thought of a relative who had recovered from cancer without treatment after practicing Falun Gong. I started to learn the Falun Gong exercises, read the books, and listened to the lecture audio tapes. That was June 16, 2006. Since then, I haven't needed any insulin injections or heart medicine. I feel energetic every day. Now, I can do the housework just as before. Thanks to Falun Dafa! Thanks to Master Li Hongzhi for giving me a second life. Now, my whole family has quit the CCP and its affiliated organizations and has begun to learn Falun Dafa.