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New York City Councilman Calls for Investigation of CCP Involvement in Flushing Incident

(Clearwisdom.net) Falun Gong practitioners in New York held a press conference in front of Manhattan's City Hall at noon on July 10, 2008. They condemned the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) for inciting the assaults targeting Falun Gong practitioners in Flushing, and called for justice and an in-depth investigation into this hate crime. They also called for the U.S. government and people worldwide to help stop the escalating persecution of Falun Gong practitioners in China in the run-up to the Olympic Games.



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Falun Gong practitioner Yi Rong said the CCP started provocations on May 17. The paid accomplices fiercely cursed at and assaulted Falun Gong practitioners. Two weeks later, with police protection and cooperation, the Service Center for Quitting the CCP, in front of the Flushing Public Library, has re-opened and grown to five centers on other busy streets.

Two Chinese-American councilpersons openly met with those who attacked Falun Gong practitioners. Falun Gong practitioners are calling for justice to oppose the CCP's infiltration into the United States, and are calling for a thorough investigation of the incident.

Falun Gong practitioners Judy Chen and Yu Wenzhong recounted their experiences of being assaulted and threatened on May 19 and May 20. The police arrested twelve people in connection with the attacks, and some have been convicted, while others are still in legal proceedings.

New York City Councilman Tony Avella spoke at the press conference. He said such personal attacks against Falun Gong practitioners are intolerable in the U.S. where there is freedom of speech, faith and assembly. Some of the attackers have been sued in court. Councilman Avella made a council proposal to condemn the assaults of Falun Gong practitioners in Flushing and other places in the U.S., and to call for the FBI and U.S. government organizations to investigate possible intervention by the Chinese Consulate General regarding the Flushing incident. If the Chinese government is proved to have been involved in, encouraged or supported the assaults in any format, these people could be expelled from the U.S., as foreign governments are not allowed to intervene in the affairs of U.S. citizens.

Mr. Gao Dawei, representative for the Service Center for Quitting the CCP, said, "The violent attacks in Flushing targeted the quitting the CCP activities. However, we have received more and more phone calls from Chinese people condemning the attacks and asking for help to quit the CCP."

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 Takes Part in Independence Day Parade in Annapolis

(**Clearwisdom.net**) In the evening on July 4, a large annual Independence Day celebration was held in Annapolis, the capital of Maryland. The celebration activities included a parade, a concert at the Naval Academy and a fireworks display. As the only Chinese group in the celebration, Falun Gong practitioners from the Greater Washington DC area participated in the parade, bringing a pleasant surprise to the local residents.



Falun Gong exercise demonstration



Practitioners' dragon dance



Spectators enjoy the parade in the rain

The practitioners presented a waist drum performance, a dragon dance, and a beautiful float on which they demonstrated the Falun Gong exercises. Many spectators were enthralled by the procession and asked for Falun Gong fliers.

The Plight of Wu Yingqi Who Lost His Parents in the Persecution of Falun Gong

(**Clearwisdom.net**) Wu Yingqi is a 14-year-old orphan from Shuangyashan City, Heilongjiang Province. His mother died in a traffic accident and his father, Mr. Wu Yueqing, was arrested by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) police and unlawfully sentenced to prison because he practices Falun Gong. Mr. Wu was subjected to inhuman torture at the hands of guards in the Mudanjiang City Prison and came very close to losing his life. Wanting to avoid responsibility for his untimely death, the prison authorities sent him home, where he died shortly thereafter.



Wu Yingqi



Wu Yingqi's aunt Ms. Wu Yuexia

The Shuangyashan City Police Department imprisoned Wu Yingqi's only guardian, his aunt Ms. Wu Yuexia, who also practices Falun Gong. She remains to this day in the Jiamusi City Forced Labor Camp. The local Civil Administration Bureau took young Wu Yingqi to the Jiamusi City Orphanage as there was no one left at home to look after him.

In June and July 2000, Mr. Wu Yueqing went to Beijing to appeal for justice for Falun Gong. He was arrested and forcibly taken to the Tiebei Community Detention Center in Changchun City. To protest his imprisonment, he went on a hunger strike. The guards and the prison doctor barbarically force-fed him and even forced a mineral water bottle down his throat, which damaged his throat. The tube used for force-feeding was inserted into Mr. Wu's trachea instead of his stomach, damaging his lungs. As a result, Mr. Wu was taken to the hospital. In the hospital, a police officer incited criminals to fiercely beat Mr. Wu and pour cold water on him.

In January 2002, Wu Yueqing was sentenced to 12 years in the Mudanjiang Prison in Shuangyashan City, Heilongjiang Province. He later contracted a serious case of pulmonary tuberculosis. Only when Mr. Wu's life was in danger did the police take him to a hospital, where he was injected with an unknown drug. His condition rapidly deteriorated.

One of Mr. Wu's lungs had a large, festering hole in it, and his weight dropped to 80 pounds. Mr. Wu was released when he was close to death. While at home, Mr. Wu's elder sister, Ms. Wu Yuexia, also a Falun Gong practitioner, looked after him. On September 28, 2007, Baoshan District police officers took Ms. Wu Yuexia to the Jiamusi Forced Labor Camp. With no one to care for him, Wu Yueqing died on December 23, 2007, leaving behind his young son.