

# Clearwisdom Review

## An Update on Falun Dafa Worldwide

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### Two Practitioners Die after Enduring Years of Persecution

**Ms. Wang Yan Dies in Liaoning Province** - Ms. Wang Yan, 56, lived in Benxi City, Liaoning Province. She was an accountant employed by the Paoziyan Civil Construction Institute in Huanren County. After the persecution of Falun Gong started, Ms. Wang went to Beijing twice to appeal for justice for Falun Dafa. She was arrested both times and was detained in the Huanren County Detention Center, where guard Cheng Xianliang (male) shocked her head with two electric batons, and forced her to wear ankle shackles for nine days. After she was released, her employer threatened Ms. Wang numerous times and arranged for her colleagues to watch her closely.



*Illustration:*

*Prison guards torture Falun Gong practitioners with electric batons.*

The local police ransacked her home many times. After Ms. Wang was detained for the third time, she was sentenced to three years of forced labor. Ms. Wang's employer withheld her salary and dismissed her from her position, causing her severe financial difficulties. She suffered tremendous stress and eventually fell sick.

Ms. Wang went to her employer and the County Communist Party Political and Judiciary Committee to request her salary and position back, but her request was denied. In April 2005, Ms. Wang's son was sentenced to three years of forced labor for practicing Falun Gong. In the long eight years of persecution, Ms. Wang and her family have been constantly harassed and threatened. Ms. Wang Yan died on October 20, 2007.

**Ms. Zhang Qingying Dies in Tianjin** - Ms. Zhang Qingying, 50, lived in Tianjin City. She began cultivating Falun Dafa in 1996. On July 10, 2000, she was locked up for 25 days in the Dongli District Brainwashing Center in Yaoliuqiao Township. She went to Beijing to appeal for justice for Falun Gong in August 2000. Ms. Zhang was arrested and sentenced to 18 months in the Tianjin City Women's Forced Labor Camp, where she was forced to do slave labor in the clothing factory. While at the forced labor camp she was deprived of sleep, and her blood pressure reached 220 due to the mental pressure and physical torture. She was released in 2001.

On June 20, 2006, when Ms. Zhang was in the home of another practitioner, she was arrested again and then detained in the Dongli District Detention Center. She was released one week later because she exhibited symptoms of stroke. Under the long-term pressure of the CCP persecution, Ms. Zhang Qingying never recovered, and died on January 8, 2008.

### 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 Practitioners Gain Political Asylum in South Korea for the First Time

On January 16, 2008, two Chinese Falun Gong practitioners won their cases for political asylum in Korea. Their lawyer, Mr. Kim Namjun, revealed that this was the first time in Korea that Falun Gong practitioners will be granted asylum status. The next day, more than twenty media outlets, including the three major TV stations, KBS (Korea Broadcasting Station), MBC, SBS, Yonhap News agency, and major newspapers (*Dong-A Daily*, *Segye Daily*, *Kyunghyang Newspaper*, *Maeily Business Newspaper*, *Korean Daily*) reported the news – the first time that the persecution of Falun Gong in China was widely featured as headline news in Korea.

On the morning of January 16, 2008, in the Seoul Administrative Court, the judge formally decided that two out of the 32 Falun Gong practitioners who applied for asylum in Korea in May 2004 would receive asylum. This decision indicates that the Korean Justice system maintains its independence from China, bases its actions on facts and law, and recognizes that the persecution of Falun Gong in China is still ongoing and illegal. Before this incident, people tended to believe that it was very hard to receive asylum in South Korea. Due to the close distance to China, South Korea is sometimes easily manipulated by China.

Many Asian countries know the facts about Falun Gong practitioners being persecuted in China, but they fail to embrace justice in their courts. In order to avoid pressure from the Chinese Communist Party, some countries try to force Falun Gong practitioners to withdraw their lawsuits against Communist officials.



*Attorney Mr. Kim Namjun,  
defense lawyer for Falun Gong  
practitioners.*

### My Psoriasis Was Cured after Practicing Falun Gong

At the age of 15, I first came down with psoriasis. It began as a thick layer of white scabs on my scalp. I looked like I was wearing a hat. My peers looked at me with disgust, which sent me into despair. I eventually quit middle school. My father took me to many doctors and hospitals but no treatments worked. The psoriasis then spread all over my body. Meanwhile, my mother began to practice Falun Gong, and I saw a huge transformation in her. She suggested that I also learn Falun Gong. I was somewhat skeptical as to whether Falun Gong could cure my psoriasis and did not practice right away.

Later I heard that a hospital in a city about 100 miles away had a cure for psoriasis. My father took me there by motorbike. We traveled to the hospital many times in all kinds of weather. However, the treatment didn't work. I felt as though my life was over, and lost all faith in medicine.

Mother continued to urge me to practice Falun Gong. I thought that I might as well give it a shot because I was at the end of my rope. As soon as I started saying, "Falun Gong is good," I felt in better spirits immediately. I then started to read *Zhuan Falun*, the main text of Falun Gong. I read it from cover to cover twice. In the book I saw hope. I decided to put psoriasis in the back of my mind. I told myself, "I am a healthy person. At least my mind is healthy." Meanwhile my mother encouraged me to continue reading, which I did. I stopped taking medicine. After a few years the psoriasis disappeared without my realizing it.

### San Diego Professor: "My heart was carried away with the Erhu Music!"

The Chinese New Year Spectacular was recently staged by Divine Performing Arts of New York at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido, San Diego, January 15-17, 2008. The audience praised the show as gorgeous, marvelous and rich in traditional Chinese culture. Many said that the dancers gave outstanding performances, and the singers were highly skilled.



*An exuberant audience at the  
New Year Spectacular*

Chen Rongchang, a professor of biomedicine in San Diego, attended the show and said that it was even better than last year. "The Erhu music was very touching; my heart was carried away with it!"

Alice Wang, a software engineer, and her husband Patrick both enjoyed the show. Alice said the show faithfully portrayed traditional Chinese culture, in the classical style. Her favorite performance was "Drummers of the Tang Court," and she also liked the dance, "Water Sleeves." Patrick said that the New Year Spectacular was very harmonious, vibrant and full of pride, loyalty and beauty.