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Mr. Li Yukun Dies as a Result of Persecution in Shandong Province

Falun Gong practitioner Mr. Li Yukun, 60, lived in the Xiashan District, Weifang City, Shandong Province. During the past nine years of persecution, this quiet farmer endured unimaginably cruel torture and ongoing harassment by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) authorities.

In October 1999, police officer Cao Jinhui and others ransacked Li Yukun's home and arrested him. They then viciously beat him for more than an hour in the detention center office. In 2000, Mr. Li rode his bicycle to Beijing with six other practitioners to appeal for justice for Falun Gong. They were arrested, and local officers beat Mr. Li in the Weifang City Liaison Office in Beijing. The practitioners were taken back home that night, and officer Qin Jie tortured Mr. Li by shocking his head with an electric baton and beating him with a spiked rubber baton from his upper back to his ankles.

In Spring 2001, the persecution escalated. After Mr. Li returned home from a personal trip, he was taken to the local police station and beaten. Qin Jie kicked out his front teeth with one kick, then hit his head with a stool, shattering the stool in the process. He stomped on Mr. Li's head with his leather boots. Mr. Li was abused continuously into the next evening.



Demonstration of the abuse suffered by Li Yukun: Officer Qin Jie kicked out Mr. Li's front teeth with one blow, hit his head with a wooden stool, then stomped on his head.

At around 10:00 a.m. on November 9, 2007, seven officers came to Mr. Li's home to ransack it again.

On August 3, 2008, five days before the Olympics Opening Ceremony, Mr. Li heard that his uncle was dying and tried to visit him in Qingdao City with his two older brothers. When they were going through a security ID check in the Gaomi Train Station, the computer system showed that Mr. Li was a Falun Dafa practitioner. He was arrested and taken to the local police station. The police forced his family to pay five thousand yuan to bail him out. His family posted bail on August 5, 2008, but Mr. Li was still forced to call the local CCP secretary at the local police station twice every day.

The ongoing abuse and harassment was highly stressful to Li Yukun, and he became severely depressed. He was startled whenever his family spoke loudly or slammed the door. He was worn down from being constantly harassed by the police. His wife slept in her clothes at night because of the frequent intrusions of police storming into their home in the middle of the night. The family was living in poverty due to the police extortion, and Mr. Li was not able to support his family. Under the overwhelming difficulty and stress of the persecution, Mr. Li passed away on September 17, 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.

Students and Teachers at Many Schools in India Are Practicing Falun Gong



Students at Jyothi School practicing the Falun Gong exercises

After Falun Gong practitioner Chitra introduced Falun Gong to a number of schools in India, more and more students and teachers have taken up the practice. According to Chitra, Bangalore has the largest number of people practicing Falun Gong. There are over 80 schools in the Bangalore area that have incorporated the Falun Gong exercises as part of the Physical Education curriculum.

Joythi School is in the small town of Chintamani, not far from Bangalore. Father Verkey is a Catholic priest and principal of the school. Inspired by his own experiences with Falun Gong, he shared the practice with teachers and students. After a short time of trying it out, both teachers and students experienced health improvement. In addition, the more rambunctious students were able to concentrate in class better and the overall grades of the students are improving. In a society lacking many medical resources, the free Falun Gong exercises are a true gift.

Word of Father Verkey's experiences and the positive effects of Falun Gong on teachers and students soon spread to other schools. Father Verkey also promoted the practice at meetings and conferences, and many principals wanted to try it out at their schools too. Since the exercises are so effective, in a short period of time, over 40 schools adopted Falun Gong as a PE class. Last year, Father Verkey shared his experiences of practicing Falun Gong at a national conference for principals of schools with high academic achievement. His presentation drew a large response from other principals who wanted to participate in the program, and many invited Falun Gong practitioners to teach in their schools. Later, approximately 40 more schools adopted Falun Gong into the curriculum.

My Life Has Been Renewed by Falun Dafa

(Clearwisdom.net) At a snack shop right beside Yangmingshan Teachers' Center, one snack, taro noodle, is very popular among the customers. Some people travel all the way from south central Taiwan in order to try it. Seeing the owner, Ms. Zhang Jian Yahui, working so hard, no one would think that she suffered from severe depression and physical problems that made it very difficult for her to walk.

"Before, I always felt lots of pressure, pressure from taking care of my child, my family, and business. I was always under a lot of stress. Even when it came to petty things, I would get upset very easily," Ms. Zhang said.

Due to this situation, Ms. Zhang felt more and more pressure. In addition, she had a conflict with her family because of business interests, which triggered her mental problems. She developed depression. The depression in turn led to physical problems, which caused her a lot of difficulty walking. She was always exhausted. "My feet felt as though they were extremely heavy, and it was hard for me to walk even one step. It took me ten minutes to walk a short distance of 100 feet."

"Finally, I couldn't stand it anymore. I went to see Mr. Hu Naiwen, a well-known doctor of Chinese medicine. After he saw me, he not only gave me some herbs, but also recommended that I learn Falun Gong. I didn't know what it was at the time, but I wrote it down. Later, I ran into a practitioner who showed me the exercises, and I began to practice Falun Gong right then."

"Soon after I started to practice, the most significant feeling was that my body felt light, as did my feet. It was just like what is said in *Zhuan Falun*, the principal text of Falun Gong. Not only did my whole body become very light, I also became very energetic, so that I didn't feel tired at all after having worked hard all day. This was totally different than I felt before. Because I used to lack physical strength, I did things only half way, lost my patience and had a very bad temper. Now I feel as though I have become a new person."

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