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U.N. Special Rapporteur on Torture:

Regarding the Persecution of Falun Gong, "Nothing Seems to Have Changed for the Better"

(Clearwisdom.net) "Nothing seems to have changed for the better," Dr. Nowak told the *Epoch Times* in a discussion about the current situation of Falun Gong practitioners persecuted by the Chinese Communist regime. "The majority of the inmates in these [forced labor] camps were Falun Gong members. And that is so frightening, because none of these people were ever given the benefit of a trial. They were never charged."



Dr. Manfred Nowak, U.N. Special Rapporteur on Torture

In his report submitted to the seventh session of the United Nations' Human Rights Council on January 14, 2009, Dr. Nowak wrote,

"Moreover, in many cases, their detention and/or forced treatment are not subject to judicial review. For instance, at the time of the Special Rapporteur's visit to China, 'enforced drug rehabilitation' programs were a specific form of administrative detention."

In a 2005 trip to China, Dr. Nowak discovered that two-thirds of the torture cases in labor camps were Falun Gong practitioners.

The Chinese Communist regime not only carries out the measure of "enforced drug rehabilitation" programs on Falun Gong practitioners in prisons and labor camps, but they also send mentally healthy Falun Gong practitioners to psychiatric facilities or drug rehabilitation centers. In addition, the authorities sometimes force Falun Gong practitioners' family members to inject them with psychiatric drugs at home.

Statistics indicate that cases of Falun Gong practitioners being persecuted with "psychiatric treatment" have spread to 23 out of 33 provinces, autonomous regions, and municipalities under the direct leadership of the central government in China. At least 100 psychiatric facilities at the provincial, city, county or district level have engaged in the persecution of Falun Gong. Based on the number and distribution of these cases, it is evident that the abuse of psychiatric drugs on Falun Gong practitioners has been a well-planned, systematically carried out, top-down policy.

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.

Government Worker from Linghui City Statistics Bureau Arrested Again

(Clearwisdom.net) On the morning of July 20, 2009, Jin Bowen, a Falun Dafa practitioner from Linghai City, Liaoning Province, was arrested at his workplace by plainclothes police officers. The police took him to the Domestic Security Brigade within the Linghai City Police Bureau. At around noon on the following day, police officers ransacked Jin's home. They confiscated his computer, a color printer, Dafa books and a large number of his personal belongings. Mr. Jin is currently illegally detained at Linghai City Detention Center, awaiting trial in the local court system.



Mr. Jin Bowen

The persecution of Jin Bowen started five years earlier. On the morning of April 21, 2004, while Jin was watching a Falun Dafa DVD at home, police officers broke into his home, arrested him and took him to the Linhai City Detention Center. He had been reported by upstairs neighbors. The police also arrested Jin's wife and detained her at the same detention center. They stripped Jin naked and poured twenty pots of cold water over him. Because Jin is also a government worker, his case drew much attention from the people in charge of the municipal government. Government leaders schemed with guards to have several inmates murder Jin. They told the inmates, "It's not a crime to beat a Falun Gong practitioner to death; it'd be treated as just a suicide." The inmates were told that their terms could be reduced, and that they would be paid as well. In response to these incentives, several inmates planned to wait until Mr. Jin fell asleep, then two inmates were to cover his head with a blanket, one would hit him very hard over the head, and they would then hold his head under water until he died. Mr. Jin was alerted to this plot, and shouted from his cell to his wife who was detained in another cell, "If I die, know that I didn't commit suicide. Rather, I was killed by these inmates!"

The following night, several guards took Jin Bowen out to an open space, stripped him naked and then beat him severely. He was left freezing for more than five hours. More than twenty days later, police officers extorted more than 20,000 yuan (2,929 USD) from his wife's family for Mr. Jin's and his wife's release.

Fortune that Money Can't Buy

(Clearwisdom.net) I am 63 years old. When I was in my late teens I caught a chill that left aches in my legs, hips, and arms. I writhed on the ground when the pain grew intense. Acupuncture and medication had no effect. By the time I was in my thirties, my head spun and my chest felt tight. After going for a check-up, I was informed that I had hypertension, which caused myocardial anemia due to coronary heart disease. When my blood pressure was high, my face became taut and I felt dizzy. My entire chest felt like it was under constant pressure whenever the heart disease kicked in. Sometimes, it was like the agony of a knife-cut.

I had to lie in bed all day accompanied by needles and medication, and my wife had to do all the housework along with preparing my medicines. At the time, our child was young, and all of the money from our labors went towards my treatment. With our child so young and money being scarce, everything fell on the shoulders of my wife. She grew tired of preparing medications for me, and her mood turned dark. She often took her anger out on the child. I could only lie in bed, unable to support my family, thinking that life was so painful.

I suffered though this for twenty years, until November 4, 1998, when I had the good fortune to learn Falun Dafa. I studied *Zhuan Falun* (the principal teachings of Falun Gong) and conducted myself according to the principles of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance. About two weeks later, the aches in my legs and hips—all my old problems, disappeared. As I studied the teaching of Falun Dafa and did the exercises, the tightness in my chest faded and my face no longer felt taut. The hypertension and heart disease healed by themselves. My wife witnessed the benefits first-hand, and soon started practicing Falun Dafa as well. From then on, our entire family regained our laughter and was bathed in the splendor of Dafa. There are no words to express our gratitude to Teacher Li Hongzhi.