

Clearwisdom Review

An Update on Falun Dafa Worldwide

VOLUME 5 ISSUE 12 APRIL 2, 2010

Mr. Mei Chunfu Dies as a Result of Persecution

(Clearwisdom.net) After the persecution of Falun Gong began in 1999, Dafa practitioner Mr. Mei Chunfu was detained for seven years. His life was endangered as a result as of abuse in detention.



Illustration of painful torture method used on Mr. Mei Chunfu at the Qi County Detention Center.

Mr. Mei went to Beijing to appeal against the persecution of Falun Gong in October 1999. The police arrested him and detained him in the Qi County Detention Center. The guards tortured Mr. Mei with "Tightening the Ropes" (1) and ankle shackles; they punched and kicked him, locked him up in a small cell, and deprived him of drinking water. Because Mr. Mei refused to be brainwashed and renounce Falun Gong, the guards locked his shackles together with handcuffs, forcing him into a very painful bent position for a long period of time. Once, when Mr. Mei talked to the guards about the persecution, the guards locked in the small cell for another 15 days without drinking water. He could not bear the thirst and had to drink water from the toilet.

In May 2000, Mr. Mei went to Beijing again to appeal for justice for Falun Gong. The Qi County police arrested him and sentenced him to three years in a forced labor camp. Not long after he was released from the labor camp, Mr. Mei went to Kaifeng City to visit family on March 16, 2004. Because he talked to people about the persecution of Falun Gong, he was arrested and sentenced to another three years at the Kaifeng City Forced Labor Camp. In 2006, Mr. Mei was transferred to the Xuchang City Forced Labor Camp, where he was brutally tortured.

Two months after he was released, on February 7, 2007, Qi County Domestic Security Division Chief Liu Hongtao took Mr. Mei to the Shawuo Township Police Station. After a few questions, Liu decided that Mr. Mei was "still not 'reformed'" and detained him. Mr. Mei went on a ten-day hunger strike to protest his arrest. He became emaciated and could not walk. The police finally notified his family to pick him up. However, the authorities never left him in peace and kept harassing him after his release. Mr. Mei could never fully recover from this round of persecution, and died in 2009.

(1) "Tightening the Ropes" –The persecutors set a wet, finger-thick hemp rope around a practitioner's neck, and tightly wrap it around the arms. Usually, three or more persecutors work together to apply this torture. When the rope reaches the wrists, it is tightened. They pull the practitioner's hands behind his back, both ends of the rope are inserted through the portion of the rope on the neck, then two people forcefully pull both ends of the rope down as hard as they can and then tie it. At this time, the blood circulation is cut off and the victim will experience increased heart rate, excruciating pain in both arms and within a few minutes, heavy sweating. Each session of "Tightening Rope" lasts ten to twenty minutes. After the rope is loosened, the victim has lost the feeling in his arms. Some people tortured with this method suffer permanent disability to their arms.

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.

Psychiatric Torture of Falun Gong Practitioners Exposed to the United Nations



Mr. Chen Shizhong speaks against the persecution in front of the United Nations.

(Clearwisdom.net) On March 17, The Conscience Foundation, the Falun Gong Human Rights Working Group, and the United Nations Association of San Diego held a press conference in front of the United Nations to formally release the document, "Report on the Psychiatric Torture of Falun Gong Practitioners by the Chinese Communist Government."

Chen Shizhong, representative for the United Nations Association of San Diego, said in his opening remarks that the violent persecution of Falun Gong practitioners has entered its 11th year. "Failing to break the will of Falun Gong practitioners, Chinese authorities have escalated the use of nerve-damaging drugs to directly destroy their capacity of mental clarity and conscience. This horrifying mind-destroying medical torture has caused hundreds to become insane. The use of other harmful chemicals has also paralyzed and killed many Falun Gong practitioners," said Chen.

"We have identified the doctors who used their professional skills to commit unethical acts, which is against what they are trained for. In fact it is against any standards of humanity. Therefore we are here to bring out this report to the world and ask the world to act to stop such crimes. Staying silent about mind-destroying crimes amounts to suicide of our collective humanity and conscience."

From Opposing Falun Dafa to Becoming a Dafa Practitioner

(Clearwisdom.net) I am a new Falun Dafa practitioner who started practicing Falun Dafa three months ago. In March 2009, I suddenly had a bad headache and my whole body felt numb. I felt hot and cold at the same time. I could not bear the slightest wind and I had to keep all the doors and windows closed, even on hot summer days in July. My husband and I visited quite a few hospitals but no doctor was able to make a definite diagnosis, only a vague conclusion of nerve disorder. My illness worsened and I felt helpless, stuck between life and death.

My mother became a Falun Gong practitioner in 1998. She had told me about Falun Dafa many times throughout the years, but I had always rejected it because I was deceived by the Chinese Communist regime's slanderous propaganda about Falun Dafa. When I was suffering from the strange disease, my mother reminded me again about the health benefits of Falun Dafa. I decided to give it a try.

Within a week, all my symptoms of illness were gone. I now feel so light and free of illness. I am very grateful to Master Li for bringing us Dafa, and to the Dafa practitioners for their selfless help.

San Francisco Falun Gong Practitioners Participate in St. Patrick's Day Parade

(Clearwisdom.net) On the morning of March 13, 2010, Falun Gong practitioners participated in the 159th St. Patrick's Day parade in San Francisco. Several hundred thousand people watched the parade.

The Falun Gong procession included the Divine Land Marching Band, an exercise demonstration, and a float. As the band marched by playing "Falun Dafa Is Good," San Francisco resident Alison applauded and said that the band's performance was "wonderful!" Peter, from Ireland, said he very much enjoyed the music. "I especially like their costumes and even pace. I like Falun Gong's values and their effort to realize their freedom of belief [in China]," said Peter. The parade organizer also said that he was impressed with the Divine Land Marching Band, and expressed appreciation for the band's being a part of the St. Patrick's Day parade.



Falun Gong procession in the San Francisco St. Patrick's Day parade.