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An Update on Falun Dafa Worldwide

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Ms. Yao Caiwei Dies as a Result of Persecution

(Clearwisdom.net) Falun Gong practitioner Ms. Yao Caiwei's husband, Mr. Zhang Tao, was tortured to death in police custody in 2002. Their 22-year-old daughter Ms. Zhang Jianhui, also a practitioner, was sentenced to ten years in prison. Under the intense pressure of the persecution, Ms. Yao suffered a mental collapse and became physically incapacitated. She died on May 18, 2010. The prison authority refused to let her daughter see Ms. Yao before she died, and refused to let her attend her mother's funeral.



Ms. Yao Caiwei, Mr. Zhang Tao, and their daughter Ms. Zhang Jianhui.

After the persecution of Falun Gong began in 1999, the police arrested Ms. Yao, her husband, and their daughter several times between 1999 and 2000, because they went to Beijing to appeal for justice for Falun Gong.

On November 10, 2001, Mr. Zhang was taken to the Harbin Police Department and tortured for 12 days. He was sentenced to three years in the Changlinzi Forced Labor Camp in Harbin City. Mr. Zhang was beaten in the labor camp and experienced severe pain afterwards. The doctor at Harbin 2nd Hospital found that he had internal injuries and that he retained fluid in his abdomen. Mr. Zhang was released for medical reasons.

On April 19, 2002, just nine days after Mr. Zhang was released, agents from the 610 Office (an agency instituted specifically to persecute Falun Gong) stormed into the couple's house and dragged them into a police vehicle. The police beat Mr. Zhang and took him back to the Changlinzi Camp. He was locked in solitary confinement. On July 30, 2002, the camp administrators alerted Mr. Zhang's brother that he had died of "heart disease." When his brother went to tend to the body on August 2, 2002, he saw that Mr. Zhang's neck was swollen and bruised, and one of his arms was fractured.

After the April 19 arrest, Ms. Yao was put in the Wanjia Forced Labor Camp. When her husband died, she asked to see his body but the authorities refused and had him cremated. Their daughter was also arrested on April 19. The guards beat her and disfigured her face. She was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment and has been detained in the Heilongjiang Province Women's Prison since January 2003.

Ms. Yao suffered a mental collapse as a result of the death of her husband, her daughter's imprisonment, and due to the fact that her son was nowhere to be found. She cried constantly and her vision became blurred. In the winter of 2008, her family helped Ms. Yao see the prison director and requested that Zhang Jianhui be released to take care of her mother. The request was denied. After returning home, Ms. Yao's condition worsened. On May 18, 2010, she had a convulsion and died.

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 100 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.

Cleveland Officials Proclaim May 29 as Shen Yun Performing Arts Day

(**Clearwisdom.net**) City of Cleveland Mayor Frank G. Jackson more than just welcomed Shen Yun Performing Arts to his fine city. He went a step further and publicly proclaimed May 29, 2010 as "Shen Yun Performing Arts Day" in paying honor of the company.

"It [Shen Yun] draws on the expression of Chinese classical performance to showcase true traditional Chinese culture, devoid of any elements of Chinese communist culture," Mr. Jackson said.



Proclamations in recognition of Shen Yun Performing Arts

Mr. Jackson was joined by the Mayor of the City of Westlake, Dennis M. Clough, Mayor of Beachwood, Merle S. Gorden and the City of Cleveland's Council President Martin J. Sweeney in declaring public recognition of Shen Yun Performing Arts Day.

Shen Yun Performing Arts International Company played its premiere on May 29th at Cleveland's Playhouse Square. Shen Yun has already graced many of the world's greatest stages, including New York's Radio City Music Hall, London's Royal Festival Hall, Washington D.C.'s Kennedy Center, and Paris' Le Palais de Congrès.

A resolution was passed by Cleveland City Council members to support both mayors in their decision to proclaim May 29 as Shen Yun Performing Arts Day. "Cleveland is extremely honored to be among those cities hosting this phenomenal show which represents a true renaissance of classical Chinese culture," the Council President, Mr. Sweeney said.

Diabetes and Other Illnesses Resolved after Reading *Zhuan Falun*

(**Clearwisdom.net**) In early September 2009, I suddenly felt very weak. I felt dizzy and could not eat. I was diagnosed with diabetes. My blood pressure was also very high, at 230/60. I dropped 35 pounds in one month. I could not walk on my own. I continued to take medications but my health continued to deteriorate.

A close friend who is a Falun Dafa practitioner told me that maybe I would benefit from reading the book *Zhuan Falun*, the principal text of Falun Gong. After I read the book once, I felt better and regained my appetite. After I finished reading the book for a second time, my condition improved even more. I seldom felt dizzy and could eat a normal diet, and my blood pressure stabilized at around 150/90. I continued to read the book and completely recovered from my illnesses by early March. I have gained 20 pounds and I can walk without feeling tired. One of my doctors was amazed to see such a transformation and said, "If this is the result, you should read that book more!"

Falun Gong Popular at World Village Festival in Helsinki

(**Clearwisdom.net**) The annual World Village Festival in Helsinki, Finland, was celebrated May 29 and 30, 2010. Tens of thousands of people attend this multicultural celebration every year. It is among the most popular events in Finland. As in previous years, Falun Gong practitioners participated in the festival. Visitors to the festival were drawn to the music and the Falun Gong exercises.

One boy quietly watched the exercises and asked to learn them. A practitioner gave him information about a local exercise site and schedule. The boy thanked the practitioner repeatedly and said he would definitely go. A young girl has been helping at the Falun Gong booth for years. She brought her friends this time. They made folded paper lotus flowers and talked about Falun Gong to visitors.

As soon as people found out about how Falun Gong has been persecuted over the past eleven years in China, they signed a petition in support of Falun Gong's efforts to end the persecution.



Visitors sign in support of Falun Gong