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Ms. Pan Jingxian Persecuted to Disability in a Forced Labor Camp

(Clearwisdom.net) Ms. Pan Jingxian started practicing Falun Dafa in 1998. On the evening of October 8, 2006, Zhang Yaoming, officials from the Fate Town Police Station in Shulan City, along with Cao Yushi, broke into Ms. Pan's house. They shoved Ms. Pan against the wall while officers ransacked her home and stole ten thousand yuan from her cabinet. That night Ms. Pan was taken to the local police station and interrogated. Officer Liu Xuefeng used a plastic bag to cover her head, trying to force her to give up practicing Falun Gong. After one night of detention, Ms. Pan was transferred to the Nanshan Detention Center in Shulan City.

On November 24, 2006, Pan Jingxian was sentenced to one year of forced labor and was transferred to the No. 4 Division of Heizuizi Women's Forced Labor Camp. As soon as she arrived, "collaborators" – former Falun Gong practitioners who had been coerced into giving up the practice through torture and brainwashing, took turns attempting to force her to write "guarantee statements" renouncing Falun Gong. They surrounded Ms. Pan, preventing her from talking with other practitioners. She was forced to read books slandering Dafa and scriptures of other religions. Several collaborators took turns bombarding Ms. Pan with slander against Master Li Hongzhi and Dafa, trying to force her to give up her belief.

Because Ms. Pan Jingxian resisted the persecution, she was badly beaten and abused many times. On one occasion, female police officer Wang Zhufeng brutally beat Ms. Pan. In the attack, Ms. Pan's chest was injured, requiring one month to recover. Another time, Wang Zhufeng attempted to force Ms. Pan to watch videos that slandered Falun Gong. When she refused to watch them, Wang became enraged and beat Ms. Pan, striking the vital parts of her body.



Reenactment of common abuse in detention: beating with cudgels.

Because of the previous injuries to her chest and the onset of severe heart disease, after the second savage beating, Ms. Pan began to have trouble breathing and speaking, and she felt drowsy all the time. When she was sent to the emergency room for medical treatment, her systolic blood pressure was up to 220. Two days later, Ms. Pan experienced severe pain in her legs and toes and she couldn't sleep. Gradually, both of her legs became numb and her muscles atrophied.

She lost her appetite and ate very little. Her body weight rapidly decreased from 127 to 91 pounds.

Even though her health had deteriorated so badly, the labor camp officials still forced Ms. Pan to work. Her physical condition continued to decline and her body weight kept dropping. The numbness in her legs spread to her entire body and she developed symptoms of overall muscular atrophy.

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.

U.S. Dept. of Justice News Release: Justice Department Resolves Discrimination Case

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WASHINGTON - The Justice Department filed a consent decree today resolving claims of religious discrimination against the Lucky Joy restaurant, located in Flushing, N.Y. In the consent decree, the restaurant's owner, Lucky Joy Restaurant Inc., and its president, Xiao Rong Wu, admit that the restaurant engaged in a pattern or practice of wrongfully ejecting Falun Gong practitioners from the premises.

The investigation, conducted jointly by the Housing and Civil Enforcement Section and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York, revealed that Lucky Joy servers ejected ten patrons, including an eight-year-old girl, on three separate occasions during 2008 because members of their parties wore shirts displaying the tenets of the Falun Gong spiritual movement.

Under the consent decree, which must first be approved by the federal court, the defendants are enjoined from discriminating against any patron based on religion, religious expression, religious dress or association with Falun Gong. Additionally, the defendants have agreed that they and their staff will attend training regarding the non-discrimination requirements of Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, will adopt non-discrimination policies and procedures which will be posted publicly (in English and Chinese), and will finance independent testing designed to ensure that Lucky Joy no longer discriminates.

Divine Land Marching Band Participates in Hamilton Carnival Parade

(Clearwisdom.net) On August 7, the Toronto-based Divine Land Marching Band, composed entirely of Falun Gong practitioners, participated in the Mardi Gras Carnival Parade in Hamilton, Ontario. The band received a warm reception from the parade spectators.



Embarking on the Path of Falun Dafa Cultivation

(Clearwisdom.net) My name is Liangliang. I am a new Falun Gong practitioner from Zhangjiakou City, Hebei Province. I was working in Beijing in December 2009, when I suddenly felt a pain in my chest and became short of breath. I had never had such problems before, so I didn't pay much attention to it and continued working. However, my condition got worse and I eventually had to go home and stay with my parents. My parents, who are both Falun Gong practitioners, said that cultivation practice could help improve my physical and mental well-being. However, I was in so much pain and didn't believe what they were saying, so they took me to the county hospital.

After being in the hospital for two days, my condition had not improved, but was instead becoming worse. I was moved to the city hospital and given chemotherapy for twenty days, after which the symptoms were nearly completely alleviated. We had spent over 200,000 yuan on the treatment. When I returned home all I did was rest, but during that time I often felt sick and nauseated. Three months later, I went to a hospital that specialized in the treatment of tuberculosis. I stayed there for over a month, but didn't get better. The doctor who examined me said that I had many diseases in my body for such a young person, and suggested that I go to a better hospital for further treatment.

I wondered, "What should I do? My family has spent all their savings. We can't afford any more treatments." I thought to myself, "Why not go back home and try practicing Falun Dafa?" I started doing the Falun Gong exercises with my mother. After only two days, my body felt very comfortable. Since then, my health has been getting better and better. I stopped taking medicine and continue to feel good and continue to improve. I will keep practicing diligently, as I've truly experienced the miracle of Dafa.

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