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Ms. Xiao Shufen Tortured to Death at Heilongjiang Province Women's Prison

(Clearwisdom.net) Falun Dafa practitioner Ms. Xiao Shufen, 66 years old, from Mudanjiang City, Heilongjiang Province, was detained and persecuted at Heilongjiang Province Women's Prison for several years. On June 8, 2006, the prison staff notified Ms. Xiao's family that she had passed away. Ms. Xiao's children asked to see her body on June 9, but the prison refused. Ms. Xiao's children had visited her on May 28, 2006. They said that their mother didn't look seriously ill and she seemed to be mentally fine.

Ms. Xiao was a kind person and a hard worker. After she began practicing Falun Gong, she became healthier. Falun Gong brought a peaceful and pleasant atmosphere to her family. But after July 20, 1999, former president Jiang Zemin and the Chinese Communist Party began the brutal persecution of Falun Gong. Ms. Xiao was illegally detained several times at the Xinglong Detention Center. In late 2002, she was again detained by the Political and Security Brigade of Mudanjiang City, because she told people about the persecution and made truth clarification materials that exposed the lies fabricated by the media. At the Mudanjiang City Police Station, Ms. Xiao was tortured around the clock for seven days. The perpetrators tied her on a tiger bench (1) and forcibly fed her a large quantity of black mustard oil. They put a plastic bag over her head until she was nearly dead. Then, they pulled her teeth with pliers, and tortured her by inserting objects under her fingernails (2). They repeatedly tortured Ms. Xiao and deprived her of sleep for seven days.



(1) Practitioners are forced to sit on a small iron bench with their knees tied together and to the bench. They are forced to sit in painful positions for a long time.



(2) Prison guards insert sharp objects underneath a practitioner's fingernails to cause excruciating pain.

Falun Gong Marching Band Performs at Local Russian Carousel

(Clearwisdom.net) On June 10, 2006, the Divine Land Marching Band of Toronto, which is composed of Falun Gong practitioners from Canada, was invited to perform at the Opening Ceremony of the Fifth Russian Carousel. The carousel is a two-day Russian traditional cultural event held at Mel Lastman Square in the North York District of Toronto. Practitioners introduced Falun Gong to the audience. Connie, a member of the marching band, said, "One of the pieces we played is 'Falun Dafa is Good.' I am 66 years old now, and practicing Falun Gong is helping me get younger and younger."

Introduction to Falun Dafa

Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a practice for benefiting physical health and elevating the mind. 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.

Leads Pointing to Illegal Organ Transplants

(Clearwisdom.net) After the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) crimes of harvesting organs from living Falun Gong practitioners and cremating their bodies were exposed, the *Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong*, founded in April this year, began collecting evidence from many sources.

Lead 1: The advertisement by the Armed Police General Division Hospital in Hebei Province at Shijiazhuang Train Station boasts, "[Our] organ transplant center has an ample supply of donor organs. Address: No 130 West Xinhua Road, Shijiazhuang City. For inquiries, call 86-311-83626303 ext. 8521."

Lead 2: The No. 2 Hospital of Hebei Province received many so-called "felons" from Hebei Province Women's Prison. During our investigation, all the surgeons responsible for organ transplant surgeries at the Hospital said that they stopped performing such procedures six months ago. However, about two months ago, a doctor at this hospital tried to persuade a practitioner's relative to have a kidney transplant.

Lead 3: In just a few days, more than ten kidney transplants were performed at the Tiedong General Hospital in Anshan City, Liaoning Province. According to an insider, each procedure costs between US\$5,000 and 6,250. The doctors primarily look at the patient's physical condition and not the blood type. They tell the patients to arrive as soon as possible. Not long ago, four patients underwent kidney transplants at the same time. Many Falun Gong practitioners were sent to Yuemingshan Detention Center in Anshan City during that time.

Practicing Falun Dafa Makes an Incurable Disease Disappear

(Clearwisdom.net) Ms. Xiao Rong, 35 years old, suffered from inflammation of the nervous system years ago. In the winter of 2005, her hands, feet, shoulders, and legs became so painful that it affected her ability to do daily work. She was diagnosed as having a sensory neural condition, a rare incurable disease. According to the specialists, the prognosis of this illness is very poor. Even with medicine, the life of the patient cannot be guaranteed, because the cause of the illness has never been determined.

Just as the doctor predicted, Ms. Rong's illness worsened significantly even though she kept taking medicine and having injections as prescribed. Not long after, she had difficulty in swallowing.

When Xiao Rong was in a desperate situation, her sister, a Falun Dafa practitioner, came to see her. The words of her sister brought her hope. Ms. Rong started studying the teachings of Falun Dafa and learning the exercises. She decided to stop taking medicine, thinking, "Since hospitals cannot cure my illness, I will believe in Dafa!"

After one week, her health was miraculously restored, as if she had never been ill. She could wash clothes, cook, and she could even go to work without difficulty.

A patient diagnosed with an incurable illness by medical specialists became a healthy person after one week of practicing Falun Gong. Now Xiao Rong often talks about her miraculous experience to the people around her and tells them: "Falun Dafa is good!"

More Persecution Cases in China (Clearwisdom.net)

- Mr. Fang Guohua was arrested in July 2003 and subjected to brainwashing for six months for practicing Falun Gong. On December 2, 2005, a dozen policemen suddenly broke into his home and imprisoned him in Pudong Detention Center in Shanghai for three months. He was injected with unknown drugs that harmed his nervous system. He is now in Dafeng Forced Labor Camp in Jiangsu Province, where he continues to be brutally persecuted.
- Ms. Cao Fengying, 62, from Gansu Province, was detained twice in the Jinchang City Drug Rehabilitation Center, and was later transferred to the Jinchang City Detention Center. Her family paid two thousands yuan (US\$250) to bail her out, but policemen from the Guangchang Street Station often came to her home to harass and threaten her. She was forced to put her fingerprint on a statement promising to stop Falun Gong practice. Ms. Cao died six months later, on January 28, 2004.
- Ms. Xie Lianrong, 23, from Jilin Province, started practicing Falun Dafa in August 1994. She went to Beijing to appeal for justice for Falun Gong on April 25, 1999, and was detained for a month. In October 2000, Ms. Xie was sent for two years of forced labor. The local police constantly harassed her after she was released, causing her mental and physical health to be severely damaged. Xie Lianrong died on May 7, 2006.