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Behind the "High Class" Products Made at Tilanqiao Prison in Shanghai

(Clearwisdom.net) Bee & Flower (Feng-hua) and Maxam (Mei-jia-jing) are both well-known brand labels from Shanghai, and their products are sold in Southeast Asia as well as all over China. Very few people, however, know that some of these products, such as the soaps, are processed in Tilanqiao Prison and other jails. The companies behind these prestigious labels are participating in the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners and other prisoners, which is in violation of international laws.



图一 蜂花檀香皂（上海提篮桥监狱经常加工的几种）

Bee & Flower Soap Bar



图二 在上海提篮桥监狱包装的美加净香皂

Maxam Soap

Many prisoners at Tilanqiao Prison are forced to work on these products overtime every day. As with other types of contract work that prisoners at Tilanqiao Prison are forced to complete, these companies collaborate with prison officials for their own considerable gain since very little is paid in salaries. This despicable practice also disrupts the global economic market.

Since late 2000, the Shanghai Tilanqiao Prison has actively participated in persecuting Falun Gong practitioners, who believe in Truthfulness, Compassion, Forbearance. Besides being locked in isolation cells, beaten, verbally abused, and subjected to brainwashing, practitioners have been forced to work on packing soap. The "soap group" prisoners work in unequipped but spacious workshops, while Falun Gong practitioners have to work in the hallways outside their cells. Those practitioners under strict monitoring because they refuse to give up practicing Falun Gong usually have to take the soap bars and packing materials into their cells and work on them there. The dark prison cells, measuring only 3.3 square meters, thus become cramped workshops. Most of the practitioners in the prison packed the medical soap as well, when it was in high demand in 2003.

Falun Gong practitioners in the Tilanqiao Prison have also been forced to make handicrafts. Practitioners are not provided with any tools, so they have to use their unprotected hands to make these products. The small pointed hooks quickly penetrate their fingers, causing them to bleed. Their hands are swollen after a whole day of work. One month before the Moon Festival, tons of paper bags for carrying moon cakes are brought to practitioners to work on, and they have to work on the bags in the stuffy hallways of the prison cells on hot summer days.

Products from other well-known Shanghai labels are soaked in prisoners' sweat. Falun Gong practitioners are detained and persecuted by the Chinese Communist Party simply because they believe in Truthfulness, Compassion, Forbearance. Every day after being forced to work extremely hard for more than 10 hours, they are subjected to intense brainwashing by prison wardens in attempts to make them renounce Falun Gong.

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.

"The CCP Must Immediately Stop the Killing" Outside the APEC Meeting Site in Sydney, Australia

(Clearwisdom.net) Sponsored by the organization, Free China, and co-sponsored by over 20 groups, a large-scale rally and parade with the theme, "The CCP Must Immediately Stop the Killing" was held on September 6, 2007 in downtown Sydney. A major focus of the rally and parade was a reenactment that exposed the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) organ harvesting from living Falun Gong practitioners. Numerous media organizations took photos of the reenactment from beginning to end.

Seeing the reenactment of live organ harvesting, some passersby stopped to watch and were shocked. Some burst into tears for the suffering of Falun Gong practitioners in China.

The parade caught the attention of numerous mainstream media organizations and became the focus of attention outside the APEC meeting sites. Over ten media organizations including Australian Channel 9, Channel 7, SBS, ABC TV, BBC, ABC Radio Broadcasting Station, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, Sydney Morning Herald Online, French Channel 24, *The Daily Telegraph*, 3G Radio Broadcasting Station, and 2GB Radio Broadcasting Station conducted interviews, and the ASP ran a special interview on the event.



Reenactment exposing the CCP harvesting organs from living Falun Gong practitioners

Recent Evidence of Organ Harvesting Atrocities

Wang Yu, Director of the Medical and Administrative Department of the Health Ministry, disclosed a huge number of organ transplants

On August 18, 2007, a Chinese Communist Party government official disclosed part of the inside story of the Party's practice of harvesting organs from prisoners. Wang Yu, Director of the Medical and Administrative Department of the Health Ministry reported, "As of today, the Health Ministry has approved 164 hospitals in China to do organ transplants. Every year, over 3,000 liver transplant operations are conducted. By the end of June 2007, 14,613 cases were completed." It is reported that in China there are two organ-transplant registering systems. One system began in 2001, when there were 30 participating hospitals. It has grown and there is now a database of over twenty thousand kidney patients. The other system is the China Liver Transplant Registration System. Currently it is doing over three thousand operations each year. Detailed reports are apparently available.

Mr. Yang Yuxin Tortured to Death in Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region

(Clearwisdom.net) On the afternoon of August 27, 2007, Falun Dafa practitioner Mr. Yang Yuxin, from Dayangshu Town, Oroqen Autonomous Prefecture, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, died of torture during detention. He was only 31 years old.

At around 8:00 p.m. on May 31, 2007, officers from the Jiexi Police Station (in Dayangshu Town) arrested Falun Dafa practitioners Mr. Yang Yuxin and his newlywed wife Ms. Zhen Haiyan. Zhang Shibin pointed a handgun at Mr. Yang Yuxin's head while four to five agents carried him to the vehicle. The couple was taken to the Jiexi Police Station. These agents ransacked their home soon after. Mr. Yang Yuxin and his wife were then taken to the Morin Dawa Prefecture Detention Center.

Nine days later, Yang Yuxin was forcibly taken to a brainwashing center located in Zhang Shibin's home. Mr. Yang did not cooperate with the forced brainwashing attempts and firmly requested to be released as innocent. The guards encouraged prisoners to beat him cruelly. Thus, Mr. Yang started a hunger strike to protest.

Mr. Yang Yuxin's uncle went to visit him twice while he was being severely mistreated, but the Detention Center Administration refused to let him see his nephew. They called his family only after he died. Mr. Yang Yuxin's family requested to have an autopsy done to find out the cause of his death. They saw that his body had dark bruises under his neck, and his mouth could not close. Mr. Yang's body is currently frozen in the funeral home.