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Mr. Xu Guangdao Died as a Result of Torture, His Younger Brother Still Under Persecution

(**Clearwisdom.net**) In 2001, Mr. Xu Guangdao from Pan County, Guizhou Province, went to Beijing to appeal on behalf of Falun Gong. Beijing police tortured him to death.

At the beginning of 2007, Ms. Chen Yumei, the wife of Mr. Xu's brother, was arrested. She is still in detention. Xu's brother, Mr. Xu Qihua, chose to go into exile to avoid further persecution. In September 2007, agents from the National Security Division in Guiyang City arrested Mr. Xu Qihua. He has become disfigured because of torture. Xu Qihua's three children and Xu Guangdao's two children must now depend on their grandparents, and life is very difficult for them.



Mr. Xu Guangdao before his death

Mr. Xu Guangdao was a practitioner from Guizhou Province. When he went to Beijing to appeal for Falun Gong, he was arrested and held in the Dongcheng Detention Center in Beijing. He was beaten many times and tortured with electric needles. Prisoners carried him back to the cell following a beating. He died that evening in February 2001. Dongcheng Detention Center officials told inmates to tell the same story that Mr. Xu had died from an illness. A cell head later on told us that Mr. Xu was beaten to death. Three people were responsible.

After his death, Mr. Xu's brother took care of his three young children, his own wife and two children, and his elderly parents. In January 2007, during a new round of large-scale persecution of Falun Gong practitioners, Mr. Xu's brother chose to leave home to avoid further persecution. His wife, Ms. Chen, was arrested and is being unlawfully held in a local detention center. Their children now have to rely on their elderly grandparents.

However, Communist agents did not stop harassing this family, made up of only the elderly parents and children. Police officer Cha installed two monitoring devices in front of their house and hired the neighbors to watch the family.

In the second half of September of 2007, Guiyang City National Security Police agents arrested Mr. Xu Qihua. The police tortured him and several other practitioners who were arrested together. So far, no one knows whether or not these practitioners are still alive.

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.

India: Falun Gong Recognized at National Schools Association Celebration

(Clearwisdom.net) The National Schools Association of India (NSAI) held their 50th anniversary celebration on November 28-30. Principals from high-achieving private schools across India gathered in Bangalore to attend the celebrations and awards ceremony for the highest achieving schools.



Practitioners demonstrate the Falun Gong exercises.



Falun Gong practitioners receive bouquets.

The NSAI is a nationwide association of private schools, with the aim of improving the quality of education in India. Each year the association assesses the academic records of all member schools and awards the highest achievers.

The Falun Dafa Association of India applied for a display table at the event. Practitioners showed introductory films about Falun Dafa's special characteristics and its wide dissemination throughout the world. Practitioners from Taiwan and Malaysia also taught the exercises. The display was extremely popular out of the hundreds of displays at the venue.

The event organizers arranged for Falun Gong practitioners to demonstrate the five sets of exercises on stage. As the beautiful exercise melodies began, the gentle movements followed, and the demonstration was received with enthusiastic applause from the audience. After the demonstrations, Principal Verkey, who introduced Falun Gong at the event, and all the practitioners were presented with bouquets of flowers. Principals from more than twenty schools invited Falun Gong practitioners to teach the practice at their schools. To date, over sixty schools have expressed their interest in learning the practice, including several universities.

Canadian Court Restricts ACLA's Intervention in Lawsuit Against Jiang Zemin

(Clearwisdom.net) The Ontario Supreme Court ruled on November 23, 2007 that the All-China Lawyers Association (ACLA), which had sought to intervene in Falun Gong practitioners' lawsuit against Jiang Zemin, would have five restrictions in its involvement, including being forbidden to submit evidence or make arguments in the case. (Former Chinese president Jian Zemin is responsible for initiating the persecution of Falun Gong in 1999.)

Attorney Theresa Chu, CEO of the U.S. Human Rights Law Foundation's Asia branch, which helps Falun Gong with lawsuits against Jiang Zemin around the world, told a reporter, "After a default judgment was given in Bo Xilai's case in Australia, Jiang worries about the civil charges being brought against him in the lawsuits in seventeen countries. Therefore, Jiang is working harder to intervene in these lawsuits through overseas intermediaries in an attempt to influence the court's decision. The Falun Gong human right lawsuits are regarded as being highly politically sensitive. They are a litmus test of whether the courts put politics before law, or if they follow the law and international justice standards to make independent judgments."

According to the homepage of the Chinese Department of Justice, ACLA is a subordinate organization of the Department of Justice. In the Constitution of the ACLA, which is available at www.legalinfo.gov.cn/gb/moj/zhishudanwei/lvshixiehui.htm, Items 4 and 17 state that "ACLA is supervised and guided by the department of justice" and "the justice department has the right to assign a qualified lawyer to enter the election campaign of ACLA as a candidate."

(Right: This Chinese government website shows that ACLA is a subordinate organization under the Department of Justice.)



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