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The Persecution of Ms. Zhang Yulan and Her Family — Father and Brother Tortured to Death in Detention

(Clearwisdom.net) Falun Gong practitioner Ms. Zhang Yulan was arrested by local police at about 11:00 a.m. on November 28, 2007, in Baishan City, Jilin Province. Ten police officers went to Ms. Zhang's home, where they arrested her and ransacked her home. The police also claimed that they would not return her confiscated bank deposit book, which gives access to 10,000 yuan [1,375 USD, equivalent to nearly 3 months' salary] in her bank account. No one in her family knows where Ms. Zhang was taken.



Falun Gong practitioner Ms. Zhang Yulan. She and her immediate family have been brutally persecuted by the Chinese Communist Party because they practice Falun Gong.

On January 8, 2003, Zhang Yulan's father, Mr. Zhang Quanfu, 65, was tortured to death in the Chaoyanggou Forced Labor Camp in Changchun City. Ten days later, on January 19, 2003, her brother, Mr. Zhang Qifa, was tortured to death at the same place. In February 2000, Mr. Zhang Quanfu and Mr. Zhang Qifa went to Beijing to appeal to the government for justice for Falun Gong. They were detained and tortured in the Baishan City Forced Labor Camp. On March 6, 2002, 14 days after Mr. Zhang Qifa was released, police officers took him and his father away again and put them in the Chaoyanggou Forced Labor Camp, where they were tortured to death.

In 2000, Ms. Zhang Yulan was sentenced to a three-year term at the Changchun Women's Forced Labor Camp. She was tortured with electric batons shocks, subjected to other corporal punishment, and monitored by former practitioners who had turned against Dafa due to torture and brainwashing. She was also dismissed from her job. Her mother, Ms. Jiao Yongzhi, was sentenced to the same forced labor camp for one year in 2000. Later, even Ms. Zhang's subsistence living allowance was discontinued.

On June 8, 2007, officers from the Jiangyuan County Police Station arrested Ms. Zhang and her mother and confiscated a computer, a printer, and a deposit book that had access to 10,000 yuan. Ms. Zhang was released on June 11. Her mother, Ms. Jiao, was released a few days after that. After they came home, they demanded that the Domestic Security Brigade and the 610 Office [a government agency set up specifically to persecute Falun Gong] return their stolen money. However, the money was not returned, and Ms. Zhang was threatened and placed under tight surveillance. She was monitored constantly and her phone was tapped.

Ms. Zhang has now been arrested again, and her mother, who is 68 years old, is home alone without any help.

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.

2007 Australian Falun Dafa Conference Held in Sydney

(Clearwisdom.net) On December 16, 2007, the Australian Fa Conference was held at West Sydney University. Twenty-three practitioners shared their experiences and insights gained through practicing Falun Gong. The founder of Falun Gong, Master Li Hongzhi sent a congratulatory message to the conference.



Practitioners sharing their experiences

Wang Xiaowei of Sydney shared his experiences gained through more than eight years of practicing Falun Gong. John Deller, a Western practitioner, talked about looking inward to find his attachments and areas where he needed to improve. He shared how he truly came to realize that the practice requires one to look inward in order to make progress. Ms. Huang of Brisbane shared her experience of doing the exercises every day, 365 days a year. Several Western practitioners shared their understandings of how to incorporate Falun Gong practice in daily life.

Ah-Xue, who volunteers at the Service Center for Quitting the Party in Chinatown, shared his experiences of exposing the persecution and helping Chinese people quit the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). Practitioners used to man the service center in Chinatown every weekend, but since more and more Chinese tourists are coming to Australia, practitioners go to Chinatown every day now. They work very hard and have very little time to do the exercises and study the teachings of Falun Gong. However, they have realized that only by studying well can they be effective in helping people understand the nature of the party and the persecution, and help them withdraw from the CCP.

Sweden: Falun Gong Practitioners Raise Awareness about the Persecution on Nobel Prize Awards Day

(Clearwisdom.net) December 10th, 2007 was the annual Nobel Prize Awards Day. The Nobel Prize dinner party that takes place at the Stockholm City Hall is an important part of the Nobel Prize activities, with about 1,300 guests in attendance. Among the guests are royalty, Nobel Prize winners, scholars and government officials.



Swedish Falun Gong practitioners demonstrating the exercises and delivering information about Falun Gong

This annual event has become a good opportunity for practitioners to raise awareness about the persecution of Falun Gong to a prominent, international group of people. The practitioners gathered outside City Hall on the evening of the banquet.

Candlelight and torch light shone upon the practitioners' banners bearing the words, "Falun Gong" and "Truthfulness, Compassion, Tolerance." Accompanied by peaceful, traditional-style Chinese music, the practitioners demonstrated the Falun Gong exercises in the cold wind, drawing the attention of guests attending the dinner. Many people took pictures and asked for more information about Falun Gong. Two young Swedish girls wanted to learn Falun Gong on the spot.

The practitioners told people about the benefits of practicing Falun Gong, as well as about the Chinese Communist Party's inhuman persecution of Falun Gong practitioners over the past eight years. They called on people to uphold justice and help stop the ongoing persecution.