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Mr. Zhang Litian Beaten to Death in Jinzhou City Prison

(Clearwisdom.net) Falun Gong practitioner Mr. Zhang Litian, 36, was from Chaoyang City, Liaoning Province. Only one month after being detained in Jinzhou City Prison, he was beaten to death by two wardens and two prisoners.



Mr. Zhang Litian

Mr. Zhang Litian protested his illegal imprisonment by refusing to do forced labor. Warden Cheng Jun and Deputy Warden Zhang Baozhi often tortured Mr. Zhang Litian. At 9:00 a.m. on November 17, 2008, Cheng Jun and Zhang Baozhi called Mr. Zhang to a small room on the second floor. He had been on a hunger strike for 24 hours in protest of his detention. The two wardens also called prisoners Li Yong and Liu Peiyan to the room. Under the two

wardens' instruction, the four of them beat Mr. Zhang brutally. They took turns, stopping to rest when they got tired, then starting again.

The prisoners beat Mr. Zhang for the last time at around 2:00 p.m. Then Mr. Zhang sat in the corner, not moving. The two wardens ordered prisoners to watch Mr. Zhang. When they went to pull Mr. Zhang up, they discovered that he had died with both eyes open.

At 3:00 p.m., people saw prisoner Li Jinggang and a few others carrying Mr. Zhang down from the second floor. They pushed his body to the prison clinic on the meal cart. The doctor said, "He's already dead, why bother sending him to me now?" The entire body of 163 prisoners in the Twentieth Ward knew that Mr. Zhang had been beaten to death.

On November 20, 2008, the Jinzhou City Suburban Procurator arrived at the prison to investigate Zhang Litian's death. The two wardens ordered designated prisoners to tell the investigators that Mr. Zhang died from sickness. These prisoners did so in exchange for reduced terms.

On November 24, 2008, Mr. Zhang's family went to the funeral home to see his body. One guard told the crematorium employee to cremate the body as soon as the family had seen it, but the employee said that the order must be signed by the family. So the attempt to destroy the body failed.

Mr. Zhang's family found injuries on his body. They requested the death certificate from the prison, but Deputy Warden Zhang Baozhi refused. On November 24, 2008, the lawyer hired by the family requested that an autopsy be done to ascertain the cause of death. On November 28, a Jinzhou Suburban Procuratorate employee said that an autopsy would be allowed, but it had to be done by an appointed hospital.

Mr. Zhang's family fears that a local autopsy may produce false results, so they requested that the autopsy be done by third-party forensic experts that they would hire from the outside.

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.

Body and Mind Renewed

(Clearwisdom.net) Ms. Ni Liling was one week from her surgery for hyperostosis. She was suffering tremendously from the bone disease. She was not able to sleep for more than four hours without having to sit up to ease the pain in her back. Then within an hour, she would start to feel pain again. She had tried many doctors and treatments in vain. She decided to have surgery, although she was aware of others who became paralyzed when the surgery was unsuccessful.



Ms. Ni (at right) goes to a park to do the exercises every morning.

One morning Ms. Ni was walking in Ren'ai Park in Yonghe City, Northern Taiwan, when she saw several Falun Gong practitioners doing the exercises. A local assistant at the practice site taught Ms. Ni the exercises. As Ms. Ni did the exercises, her body felt very light. A week went by, and she canceled her hyperostosis operation. She said, "I read *Zhuan Falun* (the principle teachings of Falun Gong) and went to the nine-day lecture series. I did the exercises every day. Before I knew it, my back problem disappeared."

Nine Falun Gong Practitioners Illegally Sentenced

(Clearwisdom.net) Since June 2008, citing security for the Olympic Games as an excuse, agents from the 610 Offices in Shuangyashan City and Baoqing County ransacked many Baoqing County Falun Gong practitioners' homes and confiscated their Falun Gong materials and computers. Nine practitioners were arrested as a result, and detained in the Baoqing County Detention Center. The authorities told the practitioners' families they would be released after the Olympic Games. However, it did not happen.

On December 4, innocent of any crime, the nine practitioners were illegally sentenced by the court in Baoqing County, Shuangyashan City, Heilongjiang Province. Mr. Liu Junzhong and Ms. Wang Junhong were sentenced to ten years, Mr. Yu Zhanhong to nine years, Mr. Tian Xiaoxuan received eight years, Ms. Jiang Jie seven years, Mr. Meng Xianguo and his wife Mrs. Wang Yarong each received seven years, Mr. Tian Chengjun five years, and Mr. Jiang Guifu four years.



Mr. Liu Junzhong, Ms. Jiang Jie, and Mr. Yu Zhanhong.



Mrs. Wang Yarong and her husband Mr. Meng Xianguo.

A Police Offers Quits His Job Rather Than Persecute Falun Gong

(Clearwisdom.net) While the Chinese Communist Party's persecution of Falun Gong continues, many people have come to understand that Falun Gong is a truly good practice and that the persecution is wrong. A certain policeman frequently had to participate in the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners. Once, the police arrested a practitioner in her seventies, and they locked her up in his office. He saw that she was forced to lie on the cement floor. She told him, "My child, please don't persecute us. We Falun Gong practitioners are all good people. You see, I am an old lady who used to suffer from all kinds of illnesses. After practicing Falun Gong, all my illnesses disappeared. I have been forced to lie on this cold cement floor for 7 or 8 days already, but I am still fine. If it were you, I bet you would not be able to withstand it."

After he heard what she said, the police officer was moved. He did not have the heart to continue participating in the persecution. He decided to quit his job. After returning home, he told his wife his thoughts and his wife supported him in his decision. In 2006 this policeman retired, as he no longer wants to do a job against his conscience.