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Mr. Liu Yujian Savagely Force-fed in Detention



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(Clearwisdom.net) Falun Gong practitioner Mr. Liu Yujian, 40 years old, from Beijing, was arrested on February 28, 2009. He was taken to the Gaoyang Forced Labor Camp in Hebei Province, where he went on a hunger strike to protest the unlawful detention. He was savagely force-fed and suffered injury as a result.

Because he remains steadfast in the practice of Falun Gong and refuses to give up his belief, over the past ten years of persecution, Mr. Liu has been arrested three times and his job was taken away twice.

On December 4, 2008, Mr. Liu was arrested a third time by officers from the Zhongguancun Police Station. He was taken to Gaoyang Forced Labor Camp on February 28, 2009. After starting a protest hunger strike, Mr. Liu was savagely force-fed several times. Doctors from the Gaoyang County Hospital used a long pliers with sharp tips to pry Mr. Liu's mouth open and push the feeding tube through his throat or nose. The forced-feeding loosened Mr. Liu's teeth, tore the corner of his mouth and the inside of his mouth, injured his throat and esophagus, and caused his nose to bleed profusely. His wrists bled and both hands swelled due to being tightly handcuffed. During the forced-feeding, his face was covered with blood and he lost consciousness several times. Mr. Liu is currently extremely weak.

Mr. Chen Naiye Dies as a Result of Persecution

(Clearwisdom.net) Mr. Chen Naiye was from Shanwei City, Guangdong Province. His whole family took up the practice of Falun Gong in 1997 and benefited tremendously. Mr. Chen used to have severe arthritis and migraines. His wife suffered from heart problems and a slipped spinal disc, and his son had a tumor. Their health gradually improved after they began practicing Falun Gong.

After the persecution started in July 1999, agents from the local 610 Office, an agency specifically set up to persecute Falun Gong, often harassed the family and ransacked their home. The 610 Office tried to force the family to write statements denouncing Falun Gong. Mr. Chen was arrested on March 19, 2002. He was taken to the Shanwei Detention Center and tortured. His chest became very swollen after numerous beatings. On July 19, 2002 he was taken to the Sanshui Forced Labor Camp. The camp guards tortured him savagely. Once when he lost consciousness, the guards stuffed him into a freezer and prepared to have him cremated. He regained consciousness and shouted for help. Finally, the guards ordered his family to pick Mr. Chen up. When the family took him home on October 12, 2002, he was wrapped in gauze and barely alive. The torture had left him mentally confused, and he could not take care of himself.

While Mr. Chen was recovering at home, local 610 Office agents and other personnel kept him under surveillance. They frequently went to his home to harass him. In 2006 they once again ransacked his home. Under these circumstances he couldn't study the teachings of Falun Gong or practice the exercises. Mr. Chen died on March 4, 2009, at the age of 63.

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.

Falun Dafa at the Flower Festival in Hiroshima

(Clearwisdom.net) The 33rd Flower Festival in Hiroshima was held from May 3 to May 5. For the eighth year running, Falun Gong practitioners were invited by the organizers to perform at the festival.

The theme of the festival this year was "Sunshine, Flower and Light of Peace." The festival organizers arranged more than 20 performances at 70 locations. The opening of the festival included a grand parade. 7,400 people representing 77 groups participated in the parade, and the spectators numbered 635,000 people.

The Falun Gong entry consisted of 180 practitioners in five different groups: the Divine Land Marching Band, Celestial Maidens dancers, a float, an exercise demonstration team, and a waist drum team. Their performances were warmly welcomed by the spectators. Children especially loved the lion dance with the waist drums.



The Celestial Maidens dancers (left), the Divine Land Marching Band (middle) and the waist drum team (right)

There were several Chinese people among the spectators. Some were surprised at the popularity of Falun Gong overseas, as in China the practice is brutally persecuted by the government. Many of the Chinese visitors had their photos taken with practitioners.

Falun Gong Documentary Draws Support in Gainesville, Florida

(Clearwisdom.net) On April 28, 2009, a documentary on the persecution of Falun Gong, called *Plum Blossom in Snow*, was shown at the Hippodrome State Theatre, a well-known theatre, cinema, and art gallery in downtown Gainesville, Florida.



Audience member talks with a practitioner



Audience at the screening

During the film promotion, Falun Gong practitioners involved in the event were interviewed by reporters from the main local newspaper, as well as by television and radio stations. Many people who took fliers at various events leading up to the screening were eager to help promote the film, offering to send emails and distribute fliers.

The community came together in support of the event and the film was played to a full house. The film was followed by a special guest speaker as well as a question and answer session and a Falun Gong exercise demonstration. During the discussion, many in the audience contributed good points as to why the Chinese Communist Party fears allowing Chinese citizens the freedom of belief.

A middle-school teacher who attended the event commented in a thank you note afterwards: "What a moving and informative evening. We thoroughly enjoyed the presentation...Of course the subject matter (persecution) was very disturbing, and we will spread the word...The exercises are very powerful! No wonder so many people are practicing them around the world. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to learn about Falun Dafa, and the persecution of its practitioners. We will continue to pass on the knowledge that you have given us."