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Rape and Sexual Assault in Police Custody



A torture known as "splitting legs."

(Clearwisdom.net) Over the course of the eleven-year persecution of Falun Gong in China, Falun Gong practitioners, especially women, tell wrenching tales of physical and sexual abuse in police custody. They have been gang raped and violated with broomsticks, toothbrushes, plastic bottles or electric batons, causing severe trauma and injury.

"Almost every woman's genitals and breasts or every man's genitals have been sexually assaulted during the persecution in a most vulgar fashion," prominent Chinese human rights attorney Gao Zhisheng wrote in an open letter to Communist Party leaders. A report by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women cites an October 2000 case in which 18 women who practice Falun Gong were stripped naked and thrown into jail cells containing convicted male criminals (U.N. document number E/CN.4/2001/73/Add.1). Further examples of sexual assault of Falun Gong practitioners by law enforcement authorities are provided below.



This practitioner was beaten and raped by a Beijing police officer.

Policeman Rapes Woman on the Street of Beijing: On the evening of May 14, 2001, a Falun Gong practitioner was posting informational flyers about Falun Gong alone along the street in Chaoyang District. A patrolling policeman stopped her and groped her lower body to "conduct a body search." She struggled free and ran down the street. He chased after her and beat her fiercely with a rubber baton. Two of her front teeth were knocked out from the beating. The police officer inflicted many wounds on her head, and her entire body was swollen and bruised.

The policeman gave the practitioner a heavy blow with his baton on her right temple and she lost consciousness. He dragged her under a bridge and raped her. After that, he forced his police baton into her vagina. When the practitioner regained consciousness, she shouted loudly and the officer fled.

Prison Guard Rapes 28-year-old University Student: On the evening of May 13, 2003, Ms. Wei Xingyan, a graduate student from Chongqing University, was arrested for possessing balloons and banners printed with messages about Falun Gong. A prison guard forced her to the floor and raped her in front of two inmates. Once news of Ms. Wei's story was exposed outside of China, her university and the local authorities attempted to erase her identity, denying that she ever existed. Ms. Wei's current whereabouts are unknown.

For more information, visit
<http://clearwisdom.net/html/articles/2010/7/8/118428.html>

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 100 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 Practitioners Participate in July 4 Independence Day Parades

(Clearwisdom.net) July 4, 2010 marked the 234th Independence Day for the United States of America. Falun Dafa practitioners participated in many celebrations and parades all around the country.



Huntington Beach, California: This year was the 106th annual Huntington Beach Parade, which is known as the largest parade west of the Mississippi River. The Falun Dafa procession was led by a large "Falun Dafa" banner. Practitioners on the float demonstrated the exercises while other practitioners walking beside the float carried American flags. The Falun Dafa float won second place award in the parade.



Rosemead, California: This grand parade began at 10 a.m. on July 3, 2010. Over seventy groups participated, with Falun Dafa practitioners joining the parade for the first time. The Falun Gong entry included a lotus flower float, waist drums, and a flag team. The practitioners received a warm welcome from the parade spectators.

Evanston, Illinois: Located in the northern suburbs of Chicago, the Independence Day Parade in Evanston, Illinois is the third largest parade in America. Falun Dafa practitioners have been invited to participate in this parade for many years. The Falun Dafa group presented a decorated float, exercise demonstration, Celestial Maidens Dance Troupe, and a Tang Drum Team. The spectators gave the Dafa practitioners warm applause along the two-mile route.



Saipan Island: On July 4, 2010, the Falun Dafa Association was invited to take part in the annual Independence Day Parade on Saipan Island. The Falun Dafa procession consisted of the Divine Land Marching Band, Celestial Maidens Dance Troupe, Lion Dance, Waist Drum Team and a decorated float. In the evening, the Divine Land Marching Band performed again on the festival stage. The band played "Falun Dafa Is Good," "Ode to Joy" and the American national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner." The audience cheered after every rousing number.

Man Gives Up Wheelchair after Practicing Falun Dafa

(Clearwisdom.net) One April eleven years ago in our town in China, a woman pushed a wheelchair to our group exercise site. In the wheelchair was a man in his 60's. He was emaciated, with dull eyes and a sallow complexion. He was paralyzed on his right side and he did not speak to anyone at all. The woman asked a practitioner about the benefits of practicing Falun Gong. Since then, I saw this man at the exercise site in his wheelchair every day.

After about three weeks, I saw the man in his wheelchair mimicking the exercise movements with his left hand. His body seemed to have straightened up a little and his eyes were wide open. In May, I was surprised to see him sitting on a small stool at the exercise site. I had no idea how he got there from the wheelchair. From that day on, he would do the exercises sitting on the stool. That is, until another two months went by and he suddenly stood up from his stool and started doing the exercises with us. He was about 5'7" in height with a moderate build. His face was now rosy and his eyes were bright. His wrinkles disappeared and he stood up straight. He looked completely healthy.

A few days before July 20, 1999, I saw the man walking home by himself after group exercises. After July 20, the day the persecution of Falun Gong began, we were excluded from the park by the local police. I have not seen him since then. Every time I pass by the exercise site, I often wonder about this man and his amazing recovery.

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