

# State Terrorism in China

As Falun Gong's popularity grew, so did the unfounded suspicions and fears of Jiang Zemin. When the number of practitioners exceeded the membership of the Communist Party, he declared Falun Gong illegal nationwide on July 20, 1999. The persecution escalated to unimaginable levels of brutality as practitioners refused to renounce their belief in the practice that had so enriched their lives.

In August 2001, the International Education Development Bureau issued a statement that condemned the Jiang Zemin regime's persecution of Falun Gong, calling it "state terrorism." The Bureau asked the UN Subcommittee for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, and the international community, to stop Jiang's terrorist behavior:

*"In our investigation, the only deaths have been at the hands of the Chinese authorities; families have been broken up because family members have been killed by the regime; people have been broken down, not by Falun Gong, but by extreme torture, incarceration in mental hospitals with brutal treatment, hard labour in labour camps and other such practices. As was reported in the International Herald Tribune on August 6, 2001, the regime admits that it has officially sanctioned violence against practitioners in order to wipe out Falun Gong...."*

Jiang Zemin's persecution of Falun Gong practitioners is indeed state terrorism. Its implementation is organized by the "610" Office, established on June 10, 1999, specifically for this purpose. The 610 Office, headed by Luo Gan, who reports directly to Jiang Zemin, is like the Gestapo of Hitler's Nazi regime. It is independent from any other bodies of government and has absolute power. All orders to frame, slander, and persecute Falun Gong come from the 610 Office. Statements like "Complete elimination within three months," and orders such as "Defame them, destroy them financially, and eliminate them physically," originate from the 610 Office. The 610 Office directives "All murders are counted as suicides" and "If murdered, do not identify the victim, cremate the body immediately" are in effect throughout the country. The widespread torture of Falun Gong practitioners in China is the direct result of the systematic terror planned by the 610 Office.

As of March 8, 2002, according to incomplete statistics, 375 Falun Gong practitioners have been tortured to death. Sources indicate, however, that the real number of casualties is over 1,600. Over 500 have been illegally sentenced to prison terms, 1,000 forcibly held in mental hospitals, 20,000 sent to labor camps without due process, 100,000 detained. Countless practitioners have lost their families, jobs, and homes. Relatives, friends, classmates, and colleagues have been implicated and punished for their association with Falun Gong practitioners. The pictures included in this book are only partial witness to the terrorist activities carried out against Falun Gong by Jiang Zemin

and his cronies. We hope that through these candid pictures, the conscience of human society can be awakened.

Jiang Zemin's evil regime has massacred many kind people who believe in Truth, Compassion, and Tolerance. Under his reign of terror, Falun Gong practitioners throughout the country are beaten to death. Some were burned alive in Beijing, Huaian, and Hubei Province. Some were tied to motorcycles and dragged to their death, as happened in Hubei Province. Others were thrown to their death from high buildings, as in Liaoning and Shandong Provinces. Even infants, the handicapped, and senior practitioners are not spared from this torture. Shandong Province and three other provinces in northeast China have the highest death rate. In June 2001, two mass killings occurred in Heilongjiang Province, where 25 practitioners were killed within two days. Death reports are received daily.

Many practitioners were horribly tortured to death and had visible bruises all over their bodies. The murderers feared that evidence would be left behind, so they justified their crimes by using the Jiang regime's policy, "You will not be held accountable for beating Falun Gong practitioners to death, [for] they shall be counted as suicide cases," ... "[there is] no need to find out the identity of dead practitioners; directly cremate their bodies." There were reports of three unconscious practitioners cremated while still alive.

Ever since July 1999, at least 43 mental hospitals in China have participated in the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners. Currently, over 1,000 physically and mentally fit Falun Gong practitioners are being illegally detained in mental hospitals. Every day, they are forced to take or are forcibly injected with large doses of drugs that are harmful to the nervous system. In addition, practitioners are subjected to electric shock treatments for the purpose of destroying their minds and causing excruciating pain.

Many Falun Gong practitioners suffer all kinds of ruthless torture. Their necks are broken. Female practitioners' genital areas are violated. They are forced to stand barefoot in the snow, resulting in necrosis of all ten toes. A practitioner's leg covered with needle holes indicates the electric shocks that led to whole-body spasms. Although Jiang Zemin's criminal regime has subjected Falun Gong practitioners to some of the cruelest tortures seen in the history of civilization, they still fail to shake the practitioners' faith in Truth, Compassion, and Tolerance.

The Jiang Zemin regime uses the most barbaric and horrific torture methods known to human civilization. An incomplete report shows over 100 methods being used to torture and abuse Falun Gong practitioners, including:

- Raping, gang raping, and throwing stripped female practitioners into male prison cells.
- Using electric batons to shock practitioners' sensitive body parts.