

Stop the Suppression of Falun Gong in China

On July 22, 1999, the Chinese government banned Falun Dafa (also named Falun Gong) because of its popularity and its principles which are different from Communist ideology. Since then, mass arrests started and police brutality swept the whole country. Facing numerous fabricated charges against Falun Gong, millions of practitioners took their concerns to the Appeal Office in Beijing in order to present the truth to the Chinese government. However, they were not even allowed to file an appeal. Instead, they were forcibly taken into police custody. Tens of thousands of Falun Gong practitioners in China were sent to hard labor camps without trials or sentenced with long prison terms. Many sane and healthy practitioners were put into psychiatric hospitals. Others have received various harsh punishments such as huge fines, loss of jobs, severe torture, public humiliation, and even being beaten to death in police custody.

Up to now, at least 39 Falun Gong practitioners have died in custody since last July. Some of these cases were widely reported by western media including:

The Wall Street Journal April 20, 2000 WEIFANG, China "Practicing Falun Gong Was a Right, Ms. Chen Said, up to Her Last Day" By Ian Johnson, April 20, 2000 WEIFANG, China -- ...The day before Chen Zixiu died, her captors again demanded that she renounce her faith in Falun Dafa. Barely conscious after repeated jolts from a cattle prod, the 58-year-old stubbornly shook her head. // Enraged, the local officials ordered Ms. Chen to run barefoot in the snow. Two days of torture had left her legs bruised and her short black hair matted with pus and blood, said cellmates and other prisoners who witnessed the incident. She crawled outside, vomited and collapsed. She never regained consciousness, and died on Feb. 21...

AP (Beijing) -- Su Gang, a 32-year-old computer engineer, was in fine health before he was sent to the hospital on May 23...Su died of heart failure on June 10, less than two weeks after his release, the Hong Kong-based Information Center said. While detained in the hospital, Su was forcibly given daily injections of nerve-damaging medicines, it said.

The identified Falun Gong practitioners who have died in police custody are:

Chen Ying, F, age 18	Zhao Dong, M, 38	Wang Guoping, M, 40	Dong Buyun, F, 36	An Xiukun, F, 49
Zhao Jinhua, F, 42	Zhu Shaolan, F, 50	Zhang Shuqi, F, 52	Liu Zhilan, F, 40	Wang Xingtian, M, 44
Gao Xianmin, M, 41	Liu Xuguo, M, 39	Chen Zixiu, F, 59	Yang Xueqin, M, 36	Zhang Zhenggang, M, 36
Li Huixi, M, 40	Guan Chaosheng, M	Zhou Zhichang, M, 45	Yin Shuyun, F, 46	Li Zaiji, M, 44
Mei Yulan, F, 44	Wang Xiuying, F	Li Yanhua, F, 45	Tian Shiqiang, M	Wang Peisheng, M, 68
Miao Qun, F	Su Gang, M, 32	Li Jianbin, M, 23	Yao Baorong, F, 52	Sun Xiuqin, F, in her 50s
Zhang Yuzhen, F, 46	Gong Baohua, F, 35	Li Guihua, F, 47	Xia Wei, F, 43	Fu Xiaojun's mother, 56
Liu Zengqiang, M, 22	Yu Xiangmei, F, 35	Liu Hongchun, F, in her 50s		

Despite the unprecedented suppression by the Chinese government, Falun Gong practitioners still follow the principles of Truth-Compassion-Tolerance. No matter where they are, they endure silently and they bear no hatred but compassion towards everyone. In some jails, their great tolerance and enormous kindness have even moved many hardened criminals to tears. Thus, many of the prisoners have abandoned their bad ways to practice Falun Gong themselves.

As the suppression goes on, many more good people are in danger of abuse and death. In the week of June 20th, at least 1,200 practitioners were detained. Zhao Xin, a lecturer of Beijing Industry & Commerce University, was left paralyzed after being tortured by police. We call for support from all kind-hearted people in the world to help us to stop the brutal suppression of the peaceful practitioners in China. Your support can make a difference. If you would like to help, here are some suggestions:

- **Call or write letters to the Chinese consulate (NYC): Tel.: (212) 868-7752; Fax: (212) 868-7761**
- **Help us tell the truth about Falun Gong to the people around you.**
- **Sponsor us to present Falun Gong to your organization or community**
- **Call or write letters for action or attention from your local media, government, human rights organization, etc.**