# Unjustified, Illegal and Evil Persecution in China







In China now, It is a crime.

## **Facts of brutal persecution**

In July 1999, The Chinese president Jiang Zemin launched a vicious campaign against the Chinese citizens to eradicate Falun Gong. To date, Jiang's group has used every conceivable means to terrorize and pressure Falun Gong practitioners to renounce their faith. The savage tortures are extremely shocking. Following is just a small portion of the brutalities and mistreatments.



In less than three years from July 1999 to now (Jan 31, 2002):

Over 100,000 arrested Over **360** dead from torture

Over **500** illegally sentenced to jail Over 20,000 sent to labour camps without trial

Over **1,000** forcibly sent to mental hospitals

Millions of people's human rights deprived

Millions of books and tapes confiscated, shredded and burned.

Killing and persecution are escalating.....

## How practitioners are tortured and killed in China

- Practitioners are beaten to death in police custody
- Women are stripped naked and thrown into prison cells with violent male criminals
- Widespread use of electric stun devices to shock women on sensitive body parts
- Forced injections of drugs that damage the central nervous system
- Fingers pierced with sharp bamboo sticks or the nipples with wire
- Public humiliation by being paraded through the street wearing derogatory signs
- Sleep deprivation and brainwashing

## Lies and Propaganda

Jan 23, 2001 the Chinese state-run news agency "Xinhua" reported that Falun Gong was responsible for the Self-Immolation on Tiananmen Square. This was highly unusual as all news items released by Xinhua must be first approved by the top officials and thus rarely go out on the same day or week.

Then, what is the real story? From the following facts, you will see that it is a lie and propaganda staged by Jiang's group to frame Falun Gong.

The teachings of Falun Gong forbid killing and regard suicide as a form of killing. Mr. Li Hongzhi, the founder of Falun Gong, has explicitly stated that suicide is a sin.

❖After viewing the deconstruction video of the CCTV footage of the selfimmolations, one can see that victim







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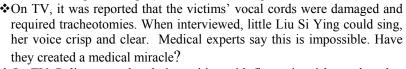
Tan Yongjie, a Falun Gong practitioner, suffered 13 third

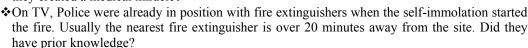
degree burns caused by a Chinese policeman with red-hot iron

Liu Chun Ling was struck by a man behind using a heavy object. Was she burnt to death or beaten to death? (for more details, please visit <a href="www.clearwisdom.net">www.clearwisdom.net</a>)

❖ An investigative report by a reporter of Washington Post revealed that no one ever saw Liu Chun Ling practice the Falun Gong exercises.

❖ Despite being severely burnt, a close up of Wang Jin Dong, a claimed veteran Falun Gong practitioner, showed him still sitting in a meditation pose. But the pose is not the one a real Falun Gong practitioner takes for meditation. Strange enough, a plastic bottle between his legs did not melt under the heat of the burning flames. Did he really self-immolate or was he acting? In addition, is the "immolator" the same person as the CCTV claimed Wang Jin Dong? (Please examine the picture on the left)





❖IED of UN stated on August 14, 2001: "In our investigation, ..... in our view proves that this event (the self-immolation incident) was staged by the government."

## **Question and Answer**

## Why Does Jiang Zemin persecute Falun Gong?

A: Falun Gong is a peaceful cultivation practice devoid of any force. It has no political agenda or affiliation either. However, Falun Gong goes against the atheist ideology of the Communist regime. Also, it was reported that the number of practitioners in China exceeded the number of Communist Party members. The Chinese president Jiang Zemin perceives this as a threat to its dictatorship. Abusing his authority, he personally started the crackdown on Falun Gong in 1999, violating the Chinese constitutional law as well as administrative rules of the government. Practitioners who exercise their belief in public are immediately arrested and often tortured. More than 360 practitioners have been killed while under the ruthless persecution so far.

## Why does China media defame Falun Gong?

A: It is a personal volition of Jiang Zemin to suppress Falun Gong. Many people including some top members of the Chinese government are actually against the suppression. In order to justify the repression, Jiang manipulated and controlled the Chinese media to fabricate slanderous stories, destroy its reputation and even went to the extent of labeling Falun Gong an "evil cult". People can only hear their one sided propaganda. Genuine practitioners have no voice to speak out their grievances. Since the crackdown, reports about Falun Gong on local media are almost negative or quoted from the Chinese media, which are fraudulent. To hide his crimes committed during the persecution, Jiang even made up cases against Falun Gong. The Tiananmen self -immolation is one example.

#### Q: Does Falun Gong forbid practitioners from taking medication?

A: No. The teachings of Falun Gong has never stopped those with illnesses from taking medication. Mr Li Hongzhi simply explained the relationship between cultivation and taking medicine. Those who truly follow the teachings will have a healthy body and hence do not need to visit the doctor or take medication. However, for those who are not true practitioners, Mr Li Hongzhi has on many occasions advised them to seek medical treatment should they fall ill. Hence, it is just a misunderstanding that Falun Gong forbids one from taking medication.

### Q. Can the practice of Falun Gong lead to "cultivation insanity"?

A. No, absolutely not. Cultivation insanity is only a saying among people. It mostly appears in novels, particularly chivalrous fictions or literary and artistic works. It is not something in real cultivation. The so-called cultivation insanity often refers to a person who becomes mentally disordered, appears to be crazy, insane or does things abnormally or in other words, lost consciousness after practicing Qigong. However, Falun Gong differs from common Qigong. It requires people to cultivate one's mind and that its practitioners' Zhu Yishi (main consciousness) should predominate and their mind must be right. It requires its practitioners to cultivate themselves with a clear consciousness and to put cultivating xinxing (mind or heart nature) as the top priority in order to increase Gong (cultivation energy). Therefore, how can it lead to cultivation insanity? Actually, practicing Falun Gong can never lead to cultivation insanity. This is only a misconception by those who do not understand what cultivation is.

"We are not against the government now, nor will we be in the future. Other people may treat us badly, but we do not treat others badly, nor do we treat people as enemies.

"We are calling for all governments, international organizations, and people of goodwill worldwide to extend their support and assistance to us in order to resolve the present crisis that is taking place in China."

-- Li Hongzhi

July 22, 1999



November 20, 2001, 36 western practitioners from 12 different countries appealed on Tiananmen Square and showed a huge banner "Truth, Compassion, and Tolerance."

"We appeal today for the benefit of all Chinese citizens, to let them know that Falun Gong is good and that its practitioners are good people from all over the world."

"... adherents of the Falun Gong spiritual movement have been singled out for arrest and abuse. This persecution is unworthy of all that China has been ----a civilization with a history of tolerance. And this persecution is unworthy of all that China should become – an open society that respects the spiritual dignity of its people.'

George W. Bush, President of the United States

"This outlawing of Falun Dafa is of great concern to the International Community and is well documented around the world and corroborated by independent organizations such as Amnesty International. ... The arrest of Falun Dafa practitioners is in contravention of basic human rights such as the freedom of belief, assembly and expression."

# Senator Viki Bourne, Australia Member of Parliament

"what we are witnessing today in China is the 'criminalization of innocence.' They have taken a spiritual meditation exercise group, outlawed it and declared it illegal, then subjected all its members to intimidation, prosecution, and imprisonment, for no other reason than that they espoused the basic, fundamental values of Truth, Compassion and Forbearance.

... it must be our responsibility, to speak on behalf of those who cannot be heard, to bear witness on behalf of those who cannot testify, to protect those who put not only their livelihood but indeed their lives on the line, and to affirm and reaffirm and recommit ourselves to the values of Truth, Compassion and Forbearance – not only as expressions and examples of the best in ancient Chinese values, but as universal norms that inspire us all."

## Irwin Cotler, Canadian Member of Parliament and Renowned Human Rights Lawyer

"The whole world is condemning China on this issue. Sweden has done so, the European Union, all the institutions, the United States of America, all European countries, Australia, New Zealand, etc... But still, the Chinese regime continues its suppression and systematic acrackdown on Falun Gong practitioners all over the world.

This has to stop! And I will call upon the Chinese regime to stop the suppression immediately and start to respect the freedom of expressions and start negotiating and seeking a dialog with Falun Gong practitioners."

## Cecilia Malmström, Swedish EU Member of Parliament



In April 2001, some 600 Falun Gong practitioners appeal to the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva in memory of those tortured to death in China.

The vigil on the eve of "No Action" vote



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