

Tortured in Mental Hospitals with Drugs and Electric Shocks

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. Some known drugs include Perphenazine, Chlorpromazine, Fluphenazine, and Fluorohydroxypiperidine. In addition, practitioners are subjected to electric shock treatments for the purpose of destroying their minds and causing excruciating pain. Many practitioners suffer headaches, nausea, vomiting, slow mental reactions, memory loss, fatigue, and numbness due to this type of torture. They cannot take care of themselves, and some are victims of overdoses. It has been confirmed that six practitioners were tortured to death in mental hospitals.



Ma Yanfang, a female factory worker, walked for over 10 days to appeal in Beijing. Afterward, she was arrested and locked in her factory for several months, where she suffered from all kinds of inhumane torture. Even though she was very healthy

both physically and mentally, she was forced to enter a mental hospital where she ultimately was tortured to death.



Shi Bei, a 49-year-old woman who, according to her daughter, had no mental illness but was nevertheless involuntarily admitted to Seventh Hospital of Hangzhou City (a psychiatric hospital) in Zhejiang Province. She was sent there in May 2000 because she did not want to give up

Falun Gong. The staff members of the hospital, under pressure from the police, gave her forced injections of sedatives in large doses. They did not give her any food for a whole week, in order to prevent her from speaking on her behalf. In the end, Shi Bei starved to death. Officials from the hospital refused to make comments to the reporter.



Lu Hongfeng, 37, was the vice principal of the Number 1 Elementary School of Lingwu City, Ningxia Province. She was fired and had her rank taken away after she signed an open letter to the provincial assembly urging a stop to the persecution of Falun Gong. Her husband Qin Yuhuan, Chair of the

Communist Party Committee at the Number 1 Construction Company in Lingwu City, beat Lu and threw her out of their home on May 6, 2000. Homeless, Lu continued to publicly tell the truth about the persecution of Falun Gong. Her husband, further angered, forcibly abducted her on June 7 and had her bound to a bed in Lingwu Mental Hospital. She was held there for more than 50 days with the collaboration of hospital officials.

Lu was medicated involuntarily with drugs that damage the central nervous system. Dr. Yong reported that Lu was forced to take 24 tablets of a medicine imported from Germany, which will cause ordinary people to lose consciousness for three days with only one tablet.

Lu was returned home in late July 2000, her health weak and precarious after such abuse in the mental hospital. Even in such a condition, her husband continued inflicting physical and mental torture upon her, including more forced medication. Lu died on September 6.

Su Gang was a 32-year-old computer engineer working at the QiLu Oil Chemical Company. His family stated that he was in good health and had no mental illness. He had been repeatedly detained by the security department of his workplace for refusing to renounce Falun Gong. *The Washington Post* reported: "After traveling to Beijing on April 25th to protest the ban on Falun Gong, he was arrested again; on May 23rd, his employer, a state-run petrochemical company, approved commitment papers that authorized the police to admit him to a mental hospital. According to his father, the doctors injected Mr. Su twice a day with an unknown substance. When Mr. Su emerged a week later, he could not eat or move his limbs normally." He could not remember what happened to him in the hospital and he stopped speaking. On June 10th, the previously healthy young man died.