

# The Persecution of Scholars

*In 53 countries around the world, people can practice Falun Gong freely. In over 100 colleges and universities in the United States, there are people who practice Falun Gong. In Taiwan, Falun Gong is taught in some high schools and colleges. However, in mainland China, many college professors have been fired from their jobs only because they refuse to give up Falun Gong; many students have been expelled from school. Some are even sent to prisons and detention centers, and tortured to death. When, one after another, scholars are stripped of their rights to study and work—and even killed, how can we not do anything? Please voice your call for justice. Every voice is powerful. Collectively, we can stop the persecution.*



Zhao Xin was a lecturer at Beijing University of Industry and Commerce. She was a kind woman and an outstanding teacher. On June 19th, 2000, she went to the Zizu Yuan Park to practice. She was stopped and sent to the park's police substation. Later, she was transferred to a detention center supervised by the Haidian police. She was beaten; on June 22, the fourth, fifth, and sixth vertebrae of her spine were fractured, leaving her in critical condition. The police sent her to the Haidian hospital without notifying her family and employer. When she arrived at the hospital, she was still handcuffed and wearing shackles. Zhao miraculously survived but was blind in the left eye and paralyzed from the neck down. In the following months, she endured unspoken pain. She passed away six months later on December 11th, 2000.



## Six Chinese Scholars Sentenced to Prison for Distributing Falun Gong Information

According to the Information Center for Human Rights and Democracy in Hong Kong, of the six scholars sentenced to prison terms on December 13, 2001, four were graduate students from the renowned Tsinghua University. They were sentenced to 3 to 12 years in prison for downloading Falun Gong material from the Internet and distributing it.

## 29-Year-Old Tsinghua Alumnus Died from Torture

Yuan Jiang was the deputy general manager of the Information Technology Engineering Corporation in Lanzhou City, a subsidiary of the provincial postal master. He was also the main Falun Gong contact person in Gansu Province. He was well respected in his company for being a devoted, caring person. Later, he was removed from his position and demoted to chief technology officer because he did not give up practicing Falun Gong.

After the persecution began on July 20, 1999, Yuan had been illegally detained for six months. In January of 2001, he was forced to leave home due to incessant harassment from local police and the 610 Office. On September 30 of that year, he was captured again. At the request of the police, his former employer provided one of the company's facilities in Lanzhou to be used as the "torture center." Hatchet men quickly gathered there. It was said that various instruments of torture alone were shipped in two trucks. Because Yuan knew a lot of practitioners across China, his captors brutally tortured him in order to obtain information. At the end of October, despite many injuries, Yuan miraculously escaped that place of living hell. Because he was very weak, he had to hide in a cave. He remained in a coma for four days in the cave. Outside, two thousand police and military personnel turned the place upside-down searching for Yuan. After the police left the area, Yuan crawled out of the cave. With unbelievable will power, he reached a practitioner's home. He was well treated and taken care of there. However, he remained in critical condition due to the extensive injuries. On November 9, 2001, Yuan Jiang passed away. In order to destroy evidence of torture, the police took his body. Immediately after, mass arrests began. Police detained many practitioners who once helped or cared for Yuan. Yuan's parents were also put under tight surveillance....

