Lawsuit Charges Jiang Zemin with Genocide

The lawsuit against China's Jiang Zemin was filed on October 22, 2002, the first day of his visit to the U.S.

As defined by the UN Convention on Genocide, "genocide means any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such:

- Killing members of the group;
- Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group;
- Deliberately inflicting on the group's conditions of life, calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part;
- Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group;
- Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group."

No one, including heads of state, is exempt from the law if he has committed acts that constitute genocide.

In October 2002, a group of Falun Gong practitioners filed a lawsuit against Jiang Zemin, charging him with genocide. This lawsuit encapsulates and defines the Jiang regime's brutal persecution of Falun Gong practitioners over the past four years. Torture is commonplace. Practitioners are subjected to electric shocks, water dungeons, sleep deprivation, branding and burning, prolonged exposure to heat and cold, heavy physical labor. They are strung up, chained down, and subjected to other forms of torture such as the "tiger bench," where they are forced to sit motionless on a tiny stool that is just inches off the ground. Furthermore, the Jiang regime has sent large numbers of perfectly healthy Falun Gong practitioners to mental hospitals, where they are injected with mind-altering drugs that cause permanent damage. All these acts constitute genocide.

In addition, the Jiang regime systematically uses the state-controlled media to slander and defame Falun Gong. Officials have forced schools, government agencies, and enterprises to institute policies that persecute practitioners. These measures have prevented Falun Gong practitioners from attending school, keeping their jobs, and leading normal lives. Countless families have been broken apart and individuals forced to abandon their homes. Many have very few ways to survive from day to day. These acts also constitute genocide.

This campaign of attempting to eliminate Falun Gong is targeted at Falun Gong's belief system. The intent is to force practitioners to give up their beliefs, thereby eliminating the existence of Falun Gong. Those who resist are sent for brainwashing. The whole purpose of brainwashing is to destroy practitioners' spiritually and mentally. The campaign to eliminate Falun Gong is calculated and systematic, and carried out by the 610 Office, which Jiang specially created for the purpose of overseeing the persecution. This indeed is genocide.

Jiang Zemin faces charges of genocide, torture, and crimes against humanity in a U.S. District Court.

Luo Gan, Zeng Qinghong, Li Lanqing, Liu Qi, and Zhou Yongkang Face Lawsuits or Default Judgment

These Party officials who tortured Falun Gong practitioners in China were charged with genocide and received default judgment from the international community. Falun Gong practitioners do not participate in politics, nor are they against the Chinese government, but conscience demands that the persecution be stopped and perpetrators prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Overseas Media Reports Falun Gong Practitioners' Lawsuit Against Jiang, Luo, and Zeng

Luo Gan, Secretary of the Political and Legislative Affairs Committee of the CPC Central Committee

Zeng Qinghong, Vice President of the People's Republic of China

On October 21, 2002, Falun Gong practitioners announced their joint lawsuit against Jiang Zemin, Luo Gan, and Zeng Qinghong in International Criminal Court. The lawsuit was delivered to the UN Committee Against Torture, the UN Human Rights Committee, and the International Criminal Court. Eight plaintiffs from different countries pointed out that Jiang and his accomplices abused the power of various Chinese government departments in forcing all people and organizations to take part in the persecution of Falun Gong. Overseas media such as *Radio France International*, the *World Journal*, and others reported the news.

Practitioners File Lawsuit Against Li Lanqing, Head of "610 Office"

On December 4, 2002, Falun Gong practitioners in France initiated legal action against the head of China's 610 Office, Li Lanqing, charging him with torture.

The 610 Office headed by Li Lanqing is similar to the "Central Cultural Revolution Commission" formed during the Cultural Revolution in the late 1960's and early 1970's. It is an organization empowered with special authority over national and local government agencies, party units, public security offices, courts, forced-labor camps, national security offices, and the mass media in China. It is the headquarters established to systematically carry out the persecution of Falun Gong. This agency is responsible for orders to the police to target Falun Gong practitioners for torture, sexual abuse, and even murder. The emergence of the 610 Office has destroyed the Chinese legal system.

Li Lanqing, Former Vice-Premier Minister, Head of 610 Office

Beijing Mayor **Liu Qi** was served with a lawsuit filed in a U.S. District Court in San Francisco.

Zhou Yongkang, Minister of Public Security, charged with violating *1789 Alien Tort Claims Act* and *1992 Torture Victim Protection Act*

$50 Million Civil Lawsuit: **Zhao Zhifei**, Public Security Chief of Hubei Province, found guilty of alleged crimes

On January 20, 2003, the World Organization to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong (WOIPFG) was founded by a group of individuals of conscience in North America to stop the persecution of Falun Gong and its practitioners. The founders realized that although the scope, depth, and brutality of this persecution have drawn worldwide attention, with many nations openly condemning the atrocities and calling on the Chinese government to cease such behavior, it requires more than moral reprehension and diplomatic measures to stop this human tragedy. Institutions, organizations, and individuals involved in the persecution – including Jiang himself – need to be held accountable for their criminal conduct.

When the WOIPFG published the results of the investigation into the Tiananmen "Self-immolation" Incident, Canada MP Anders attended the press conference and made a speech to show support.

WOIPFG's mission is to identify and locate the perpetrators of these crimes, and collect evidence to prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law. The organization works with Interpol, the International Criminal Court, and the international community at large to facilitate the necessary legal actions. The Nuremberg Tribunal and the Bosnia War Crimes Trial have clearly shown the world that crimes against humanity will not be tolerated. However, countless lives have already paved the road to this costly realization. The founding of WOIPFG provides an opportunity to stop history from being repeated.

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Special Committee Established to Investigate Corrupt Officials

Before the persecution began on July 20, 1999, Jiang Zemin formed the 610 Office (named for its date of establishment on June 10, 1999) to specifically persecute Falun Gong. For nearly four years, this agency with absolute power over each level of administration in the Party and all other political and judiciary systems has been carrying on a bloody persecution of millions of Falun Gong practitioners. More and more facts indicate that many of those who perpetrate these crimes of persecution are corrupt officials. Under the banner of advocating patriotism and maintaining political stability, they use vicious and barbaric means to suppress innocent practitioners and instigate the public's hatred toward Falun Gong. At the same time, they steal state assets and, in collusion with their family members, transfer the illicit money overseas or conduct illegal trade at the expense of the country.