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Seven Years Later, Still No Justice for Falun Gong Practitioner Who Died in Police Custody

(Clearwisdom.net) Seven years ago, Ms. Li Shuhua, a 32-year-old Falun Gong practitioner from Yushu City, Jilin Province, died just 14 days after she was arrested. Those responsible have yet to be brought to justice.

Ms. Li was a seamstress. Her husband Mr. Yang Zhanjiu and mother Ms. Cui Zhanyun, both Falun Gong practitioners, were arrested in 2002 under the Chinese Communist Party's persecution of Falun Gong. Ms. Li and her two young children went to live with her father. On September 24, 2003, three officers from the Yushu City Police Department went to Ms. Li's home and forcibly took her away. They claimed that they would let her return home within 20 minutes. Two days later on September 26, the police sent a detention certificate that gave no reason or terms for her illegal detention.



Ms. Li Shuhua, mother of two young children, died in police custody in 2003.

Ms. Li was beaten to death on October 7, yet the police did not notify the family until October 9. When her family asked how Ms. Li died, the police said it was due to a hunger strike. Later, a police officer who knew the details told the following story.

After the arrest, Li Shuhua was held at the Yushu City Detention Center. When she refused to answer a police interrogation, several police officers started to torture her. They put a plastic bag over her head and used needles to prick her fingertips, arms, back, and chest. Ms. Li cried out because of the pain. Several inmates and staff members reported hearing her being tortured.

A police officer demanded that Ms. Li give the names of her associates and the sources of her Dafa materials [referring to printed informational materials that Dafa practitioners distribute to explain the facts about Falun Gong and expose the persecution]. When she kept silent, the officer hit Ms. Li so hard in the eye that her eyeball was knocked out. Ms. Li was in excruciating pain and immediately fainted. The officers became frightened, because this would be hard to explain to her family and the public. After discussing this with their supervising officials, the officers were told to kill Ms. Li to cover up the crime. A former inmate confirmed that on October 7, 2003, in the Yushu City Detention Center, Ms. Li was taken away by several people. The inmate heard Ms. Li screaming. She never returned to her cell.

The officers took Ms. Li's body to a hospital where it was soaked in chemicals for several days followed by cosmetic treatment, including freezing, to make the needle holes in her body less visible. Yet, one side of her face was bluish, and during the autopsy, her family saw that her facial skin was lacerated, her nails were bluish and her abdomen was full of blood.

Ms. Li's family has tried to bring those responsible to justice. Her husband Yang Zhanjiu submitted a letter of indictment to the leader of the Jilin Province Public Security Bureau. Yang said, "So far I have not heard a reply."

Introduction to Falun Dafa

Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a practice for benefiting physical health and elevating the mind. Introduced by Mr. Li Hongzhi in China, the practice consists of five gentle exercises including meditation, and diligent effort on the part of practitioners to follow the universal principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance in daily life. Falun Gong is not only beneficial to one's own health and well-being, it also benefits others. Although the practice originated in China, today it is practiced throughout the world by people of all races and walks of life. In the face of the most brutal and vicious persecution perpetrated on them by the Chinese Communist Party, Falun Gong practitioners have found the spiritual strength to resist peacefully and tirelessly by upholding the principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance.



About Clearwisdom

Clearwisdom.net is the most authoritative source of information about the practice of Falun Gong and about the persecution of Falun Gong in China, reporting timely news and events happening inside China as well as from the more than 70 countries around the world where Falun Gong is practiced. Clearwisdom responsibly publishes the experiences and understandings of practitioners themselves, who submit the majority of the articles.

Falun Gong Practitioners Participate in Australia Day Parade

January 26, 2010 was Australia Day. A grand parade was the highlight of the Australia Day celebrations in Melbourne. People of different ethnic groups and communities, dressed in colorful costumes, marched from busy Swanston Street to Alexandra Gardens.

The Divine Land Marching Band led the Falun Gong procession. Following the band were "celestial maidens" dressed in elegant Tang Dynasty costumes, and a fan dance troupe. A banner emblazoned with "Falun Dafa" led the band. The marching band's powerful and majestic music drew much applause from the spectators along the parade route.



The Divine Land Marching Band leading the Falun Gong procession in the Melbourne Australia Day Parade.

Introducing Falun Dafa in Lodz, Poland

On January 23 and 24, several Falun Gong practitioners from Poland traveled to Lodz, the second largest city in the country, to introduce Falun Dafa there.

Practitioners set up display boards and passed out flyers on Piotrkowska Street on January 23, telling people of the beauty of Falun Gong and exposing the brutal persecution of Falun Gong in China. Many people were happy to take the informational materials. The next day, the practitioners went to a local mall to pass out flyers. Moved after learning about Falun Gong and the persecution, the mall administration made an exception to allow the practitioners to distribute fliers at the mall. Practitioners handed out more than 1,700 copies of flyers and other materials that day.



Talking to people about Falun Dafa in Lodz, Poland.

Maori Emirate: "I Support Falun Gong 150%"

On January 10, 2010, 77-year-old Amato Akarana, hereditary Maori chief and member of the Council of Chiefs of the United Tribes of Aotearoa, traveled to the peak of New Zealand's Mt. Eden to support a Falun Gong event.

After reaching the peak of Mt. Eden, Amato Akarana viewed the practitioners' informational displays and told a reporter, "Today I came here to express my support to Falun Gong. My tribe supports Falun Gong 100%, and I personally support Falun Gong 150%."

"My daughter is a Falun Gong practitioner. Falun Gong practitioners have sacrificed a lot. I hope I can stand up [for them], reducing their burden a little." The chief stayed for four hours to help out at the event.



Tourists talk to Amato Akarana (first right) about Falun Gong

Tumors in My Lungs Disappeared

I am a new Falun Gong practitioner in the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region of China. In September 2009, I suddenly felt shortness of breath. A hospital diagnosis revealed tumors in my lungs. The tumors had filled my left lung. I had fluid buildup in my chest and had to have the fluid drained every few days. My mother, who practices Falun Gong, said that only Falun Gong could help me. She helped me to study the teachings and do the Falun Gong exercises.

I experienced tangible changes after only a few days. When I had bloody stool for several days, I realized that my body was being cleansed. My health improved by the day. When I returned to the hospital about 20 days later for another x-ray, the tumors were completely gone. The doctors were speechless. I told them, "Falun Gong saved me!"

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