

# Clearwisdom Review

## An Update on Falun Dafa Worldwide

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### China Human Rights Remain Poor and Have Worsened in Some Areas

**(Clearwisdom.net)** On March 11, 2010, the US Department of State published its 2009 Human Rights Report. The report stated: "The [Chinese] government's human rights record remained poor and worsened in some areas... The detention and harassment of human rights activists increased, and public interest lawyers and law firms that took on cases deemed sensitive by the government faced harassment, disbarment and closure. In addition, the government limited freedom of speech and controlled the Internet and Internet access."

The report pointed out that the regime continued to persecute Falun Gong:

"In the past the mere belief in the discipline (even without any public practice of its tenets) sometimes was sufficient grounds for practitioners to receive punishments ranging from loss of employment to imprisonment. Falun Gong sources estimated that since 1999 at least 6,000 Falun Gong practitioners had been sentenced to prison, more than 100,000 practitioners had been sentenced to Reeducation Through Labor (RTL), and almost 3,000 had died from torture while in custody. Some foreign observers estimated that Falun Gong adherents constituted at least half of the 250,000 officially recorded inmates in RTL camps, while Falun Gong sources overseas placed the number even higher."

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"Police continued to detain current and former Falun Gong practitioners and used possession of Falun Gong material as a pretext for arresting political activists. The government continued its use of high-pressure tactics and mandatory anti-Falun Gong study sessions to force practitioners to renounce Falun Gong. Even practitioners who had not protested or made other public demonstrations of belief reportedly were forced to attend anti-Falun Gong classes or were sent directly to RTL camps. These tactics reportedly resulted in large numbers of practitioners signing pledges to renounce the movement."

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"According to China News Weekly, the country had 22 'ankang' institutions (high-security psychiatric hospitals for the criminally insane) directly administered by the Ministry of Public Security (MPS). Political activists, underground religious believers, persons who repeatedly petitioned the government, members of the banned Chinese Democracy Party (CDP), and Falun Gong adherents were among those housed with mentally ill patients in these institutions. The regulations for committing a person to an ankang facility were not clear, and detainees had no mechanism for objecting to public security officials' determinations of mental illness. Patients in these hospitals reportedly were given medicine against their will and forcibly subjected to electric shock treatment. Activists sentenced to administrative detention also reported they were strapped to beds or other devices for days at a time, beaten, forcibly injected or fed medications, and denied food and use of toilet facilities."

### 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.

## Persecution and Hardship Suffered by Mr. Zheng Fangjun Prior to His Death

(Clearwisdom.net) During the past ten years of persecution, Falun Gong practitioner Mr. Zheng Fangjun was detained four times, twice sent to a forced labor camp, and brutally tortured. Mr. Zheng decided to leave home following his release in 2005, in order to avoid further persecution. He was homeless for years and constantly on the run, lacking a secure place to stay. He often went hungry and spent long hours outdoors, rain or shine. The rough living took a toll on Mr. Zheng's health. He had trouble swallowing, constantly coughed, and vomited blood. Finally, he became so weak and exhausted that he had trouble breathing. Zheng Fengjun died at 9:00 a.m. on July 21, 2009.



Mr. Zheng Fangjun

## Parade to Support 70 Million Who Have Quit the Chinese Communist Party

(Clearwisdom.net) On the afternoon on March 17, 2010, the Taiwan Falun Dafa Association and the Global Service Center for Quitting the Chinese Communist Party held a press conference and a parade in one of the busiest areas of Taipei.



After the *Epoch Times* newspaper published a series of editorials – the *Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party* – in November 2004, large numbers of people began quitting the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). As of now, close to 70 million people from China have quit the CCP and its affiliated organizations.

The president of the Taiwanese Falun Dafa Association, Chang Ching-Hsi, spoke at the press conference. He pointed out that the CCP has been a violent and deceptive political party since it was founded 80 years ago. The "Tiananmen Self-immolation," staged by the CCP on January 23, 2001 to frame Falun Gong, is a typical example of how the CCP will stop at nothing to lie to its people in order to stay in power, according to Chang. He also quoted from the recent book by Canadian human rights attorney David Matas and former Canadian Secretary of State David Kilgour, which condemns the harvesting of organs from living Falun Gong practitioners and illegal organ sales directed by the CCP regime, calling it "a disgusting form of evil ... new to this planet." (*Bloody Harvest – The killing of Falun Gong for their organs*)

## Falun Dafa's Miraculous Health Benefits

I used to be able to walk only with the help of crutches. Around 1997, my knees developed cysts and required an operation. At this time, one of my nephews came to visit me. He told me, "Don't get an operation. Falun Dafa is really good. You need to try it." I didn't believe it then, thinking that it might solve minor ailments but not my serious condition. My nephew handed me a book and said, "Just read this book first. It will only take you a few days." I had to accept out of politeness and decency.

As I read the book *Zhuan Falun* (comprising the principle teachings of Falun Gong), I found that Master Li's lectures were great! Although I had some questions, I was able to find the answers while continuing to read. I kept on reading, developing questions and finding my answers. When I finished reading, I found that the cysts on my knees had disappeared without an operation. Wasn't it a miracle? Also, I realized that my heart disease had disappeared and I could sleep soundly. Dafa is really miraculous!

After I started practicing Falun Gong, my family benefited tremendously. Before, because my family was poor, we had to borrow seven thousand yuan for my son's marriage. I asked my son to repay the debt, but his wife – my daughter-in-law – didn't agree and kept on fighting with me with regards to this matter, which aggravated my heart disease. My daughter-in-law catches a cold every winter. After I began practicing Dafa in 1997, she always stayed with me because she felt comfortable around me. Afterwards, she also started to practice Falun Dafa. Since then, her character has improved dramatically, and she has never fought with me again.