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Ms. Li Shihong Sentenced to Four Years in Prison

(Clearwisdom.net) After being illegally detained for more than a year, Falun Gong practitioner Ms. Li Shihong was sentenced to four years in prison on April 7, 2010, by the Jiangan Court. She was not allowed to defend herself during the court proceedings. Her lawyer filed an appeal to a higher court and is awaiting a new hearing, as there was no incriminating evidence or legal basis for the original sentence. When Ms. Li's 70-year-old mother and three other elderly practitioners – Ms. Wu Bilin, Ms. Huang Jing, and Ms. Sun Jingping – went to the Jiangan Court to appeal for justice for Li Shihong on April 30, they were arrested.



Li Shihong

Mother and daughter suffer repeated persecution

Ms. Li had been previously arrested in 2002. Her mother Song Wenxiu was arrested at home on March 31, 2009. The police ransacked her apartment and confiscated 1,200 yuan in cash. When Ms. Li got home that afternoon, she was also arrested. Her case was not accepted in court until December 2009, due to lack of evidence.

Ms. Li's mother was arrested again on the morning of June 12, 2009. She was taken to the Chenjiaji Brainwashing Center, where she was subjected to physical and mental torture in the authorities' attempts to force her to renounce Falun Gong.

Husband and son are also victims of the persecution

Ms. Li's husband Lu Qiqi was in prison at the time of his wife's arrest in 2009. He had been arrested in December 2007 while distributing informational materials about Falun Gong and the persecution, and was sentenced to four years in prison by the Baoan Court in Shenzhen.

Mr. Lu went missing in April 2004. More than four months later, in September, his family was finally informed that he had been arrested and detained at the Jiangan Brainwashing Center. In October 2005, Mr. Lu was sent to Hewan Forced Labor Camp in Wuhan for another year.

Mr. Lu had previously been arrested in 2000, and was detained at the Wuhan Police Station, the Wuhan Detention Center, and the Jiangan Brainwashing Center. After he was released, he became homeless in an effort to avoid further harassment.

Ms. Li's son Lu Hai was only five years old when he first witnessed his parents' arrests. He was taken care of by Ms. Li's mother while his parents were incarcerated. When Ms. Li's mother was arrested in 2009, officers from the Jiangan Police Station and the Danshuichi Police Station brought in 13-year-old Lu Hai for questioning but subsequently released him to his aunt.

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.



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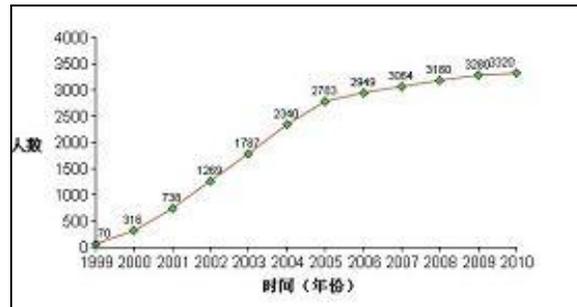
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Candlelight Vigil at Washington Monument Commemorates Falun Gong Practitioners Killed in the Persecution



Falun Gong practitioners from around the world gathered at the Washington Monument in Washington DC on July 22, 2010, to mourn practitioners in China who have lost their lives in the persecution of Falun Gong.

(Clearwisdom.net) On the evening of July 22, 2010, more than a thousand Falun Gong practitioners from around the world participated in a candlelight vigil in front of the Washington Monument to commemorate practitioners in mainland China who have died as a result of the persecution.



3,397 Falun Gong practitioners have been verified to have died as a direct result of the persecution in China. The death cases are distributed across more than 30 provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities. The chart above only includes data from death cases in which the year of death is known. There are another 77 deaths where the year of death is unknown.

My Sister Recovered from a Fractured Spine in Three Days

(Clearwisdom.net) My sister divorced more than ten years ago. She took a factory job in the city to support her family and provide for her daughter's education. She led a hard life.

However, just as the saying goes, "Human destiny is as unpredictable as the weather," something unfortunate happened to her in the most unexpected way. She fell down when she was working in the factory, and an X-ray showed that she had fractured her lower spine. She was in severe pain. The doctor told her to stay in bed for at least two months. It is widely believed that it takes at least 100 days to recover from such an injury. Even after recovering, the person will be advised to avoid heavy physical labor to prevent a recurrence of injury. My sister did physical work in the factory, which meant that she would have to give up her job even if she did recover.

When I went to see my sister, she asked me right away, "Did you bring me any painkillers?" I gave her an MP3 player with the Falun Gong exercise music and the founder of Falun Dafa, Master Li Honzhi, teaching the principles of Falun Gong. I said to her, "If you believe in Falun Dafa genuinely, and do the Falun Gong exercises, you will recover soon without taking any medicine." She said, "Yes, I believe. But it hurts so much--even my internal organs seem to hurt." I said to her, "You just listen to the lectures. Don't worry about it."

Over the following three days, I was very busy at work so I did not get to ask my sister about her condition. On the third night, just after I left work, I got a call from her telling me that the pain was gone. She told me that she could now stand and walk as before and that she felt even better than before! Then she told me her story. During the three days that my sister listened to the lectures, she had exactly the same dream every night: a man tried to grab something away from her lower back. On the first two days, he failed. At 6 a.m. on the third day, while she was still half asleep, she felt as if someone grabbed something away from her lower back. It was done with such force that her whole body shook, and she woke up with a start. Then she realized that she felt very well and that the pain was gone. She felt as if she had recovered, and she immediately started walking. My sister was so excited!

My sister said, "I would never have believed that this could be true if I had not experienced it myself. It is so miraculous that I was able to recover so quickly. The doctors said that I would have to stay in bed for at least two months, but I recovered in only three days while listening to Teacher Li Hongzhi's lectures. Modern medical science simply cannot explain how this could have happened."