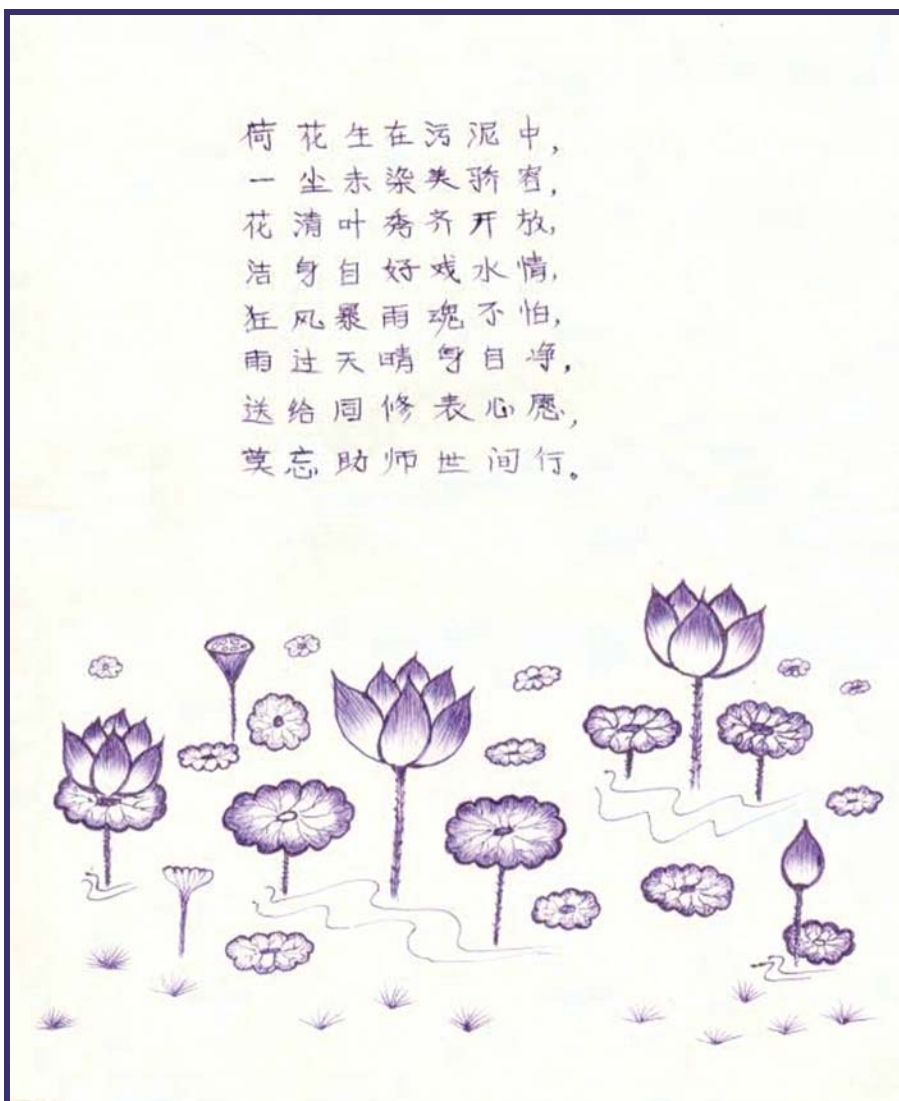


Violence Against Women

荷花生在污泥中，
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Another poem and painting by a Falun Gong practitioner while in detention (please also see the poem and painting in the section “Murder and Execution”). For Chinese, the lotus flower symbolizes purity and transcendence (from soil). The poem extols the transcendent teaching of Falun Gong, which purifies practitioners from materialism and the corrupted morality of contemporary Chinese society. It is a metaphor of the PRC government’s violence as merely a thunderstorm that washes dust away from the lotus flowers.

Overview

The vulnerability of women to torture is not only of no concern to the PRC government, but is in fact ruthlessly exploited to persecute Falun Gong practitioners.

The international community has long recognized that women—especially pregnant women and nursing mothers—are particularly vulnerable to degrading and inhuman treatment, and has adopted declarations, conventions, and measures to prevent various forms of violence against women from taking place. In particular, government violence against women is absolutely prohibited by every relevant human rights instrument since the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.

As a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, China is bound by the declarations and conventions passed by the general assembly of the United Nations. The PRC government's own laws and codes also specifically prohibit the torture and sexual violation of female inmates, and they strictly forbid the incarceration of pregnant and nursing mothers.

However, violence against women has been systematically used by the Chinese regime to persecute dissidents, religious persons, and other nonconformists, often for no other reason than to maintain the presence of terror. This practice by the PRC government has long been noted and condemned by international human rights organizations.

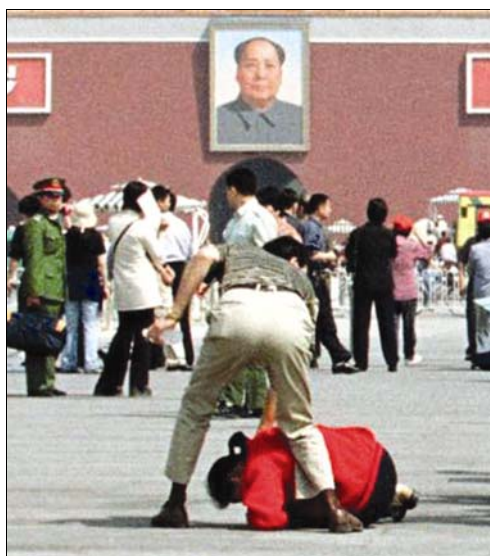
In the persecution of Falun Gong, the PRC government's violence against women has reached an extreme, both in terms of its prevalence and of cruelty to the victims. Police brutality against women is so rampant that very few of the hundreds of thousands of detained female Falun Gong practitioners have been spared from some form of violations, such as the humiliation of being stripped naked (sometimes for extended periods), the denial of sanitary napkins, sexual humiliation and rape threats, or beating and kicking to breasts and genitals. In more severe cases, female practitioners were raped or gang raped by police, shocked by electric batons inserted into the vagina, tortured by forceful scraping with hard brushes inserted into the vagina, or were stripped naked and thrown into the male criminal jail cells. One woman who has survived these grotesque tortures said, "One cannot imagine the sinister nature of the police."

Below, we have chosen to report on some of the most egregious cases of violence against women Falun Gong practitioners.





▲ Female practitioners display banners
“Falun Dafa is Good” and “Falun Dafa is Righteous”



▲ Plainclothes Policeman Beating a
Female Practitioner

Forced Abortions Used to Persecute Falun Gong Practitioners

The Chinese laws and codes explicitly prohibit the jailing of pregnant women. However, with the instructions from the central government that, “No measure is too excessive [when dealing with] Falun Gong,” the Chinese police not only regularly jail pregnant Falun Gong practitioners, but also use their pregnancy to force them to choose between their unborn children and their practice of Falun Gong.

Listed below are only cases we have confirmed, even though we have received information for many more unconfirmed cases. With the information blockage by the Chinese government, we fear that the actual degree of atrocity is much greater.

A. Pregnant Falun Gong Practitioners Who Suffered Forced Abortions

1. **Zhang Hanyun**, 33, resident of Hanzhong City, Shanxi Province

In March of 2000, Ms. Zhang Hanyun’s pregnancy had reached full term. The Hanzhong City 610 Office (a government agency formed specifically for the purpose of persecuting Falun Gong practitioners), however, ordered her to be detained at an anti-Falun Gong brainwashing class. To avoid the persecution, Ms. Zhang hid in her relative’s home. The authorities closed down the business of Ms. Zhang’s father and brother and forced them to hand over Ms. Zhang. They also handcuffed Ms. Zhang’s husband to the Jialing River Bridge of Hanzhong City to humiliate him in public. When the authorities eventually found, arrested, and forcefully sent Ms. Zhang to the brainwashing class, they took her to a hospital and used the dilation-and-extraction procedure to extract her full-term baby.

2. **Liu Qiuhong**, 39, employee of Zhongce Pharmacy Company, resident of Yantai City, Shandong Province

Ms. Liu Qiuhong was arrested at her home by the Zhifu District Police Station of Yantai City, merely because she practiced Falun Gong. Ms. Liu was more than eight months pregnant at the time. The police, however, tied her down and forcefully induced an early labor. The baby was born alive and healthy, and was crying when the police forced it from her womb. The authorities did not even allow Ms. Liu any time to recover. They immediately sent her to an Anti-Falun Gong Brainwashing Center for one month, and then sentenced her to a forced labor camp. No one knows what became of the child.

3. **Wang Shaona**, resident of Shekou District, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

On February 15, 2000, Ms. Wang Shaona and her husband went to Beijing to appeal to the government to stop the persecution of Falun Gong. The couple was arrested and detained in the Shekou Detention Center. Ms. Wang was six months pregnant at the time. To “legally” detain Ms. Wang, the police subjected her to a forced abortion.

On June 30, 2000, policemen from the Shuiwan Police Station arrested Ms. Wang and her husband again at their home. They were detained in the Nanshan District Detention Center. When the police found that she was pregnant, they shackled her and took her to a hospital for a second forced abortion. Later, Ms. Wang was sent to the Nanshan District Detention Center, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province.

4. **Wu Jiuying**, farmer, resident of Weiyuan County, Neijiang City, Sichuan Province

Ms. Wu Jiuying was arrested and sentenced to do forced labor for her practice of Falun Gong. At the time, she was seven months pregnant. To “legally” place her in the labor camp, the police forcibly drugged her to induce labor. When the police saw that Ms. Wu did not go into labor, they administered a second injection the same night. Ms. Wu’s current situation is unknown.

5. **Wang Hongmei**, Ph. D. candidate in the History Department, Lanzhou University, Lanzhou City, Gansu Province

On June 7, 2001, police from the Lanzhou University Police Station arrested Ms. Wang Hongmei merely because she refused to stop practicing Falun Gong. She was sent to the Taoshuping Detention Center in Lanzhou City, where she went on a hunger strike to protest her detention. Because she was pregnant at the time, she was sent back to her dorm at Lanzhou University and placed under surveillance. The university authorities pressured her to renounce and defame Falun Gong. Ms. Wang refused, and as a result they escorted her back to the detention center. There the police cruelly subjected her to a forced abortion.

6. **Yang Ping**, 43, employee of Caidian Fishery Company, Wuhan City, Hubei Province

In March 2000, Ms. Yang Ping went to Beijing to appeal to the central government to stop the persecution of Falun Gong. She was arrested and escorted back to Wuhan City. She was first detained in the Zhonghualu Police Station in Wuhan City and then in the Caidian Police Station in Wuhan City. The police at the Caidian Police Station tried to force Ms. Yang to renounce Falun Gong, Ms. Yang refused. At that time, Ms. Yang was pregnant.

In April 2000, because Ms. Yang still refused to renounce Falun Gong, the police escorted her to the Health Center for Women and Children in the Caidian District for a forced abortion. Afterwards, she was sent to the Wuhan City Drug Rehabilitation Center for one and a half years of forced labor. Even though she had just been subjected to the forced abortion, she

was given cold showers and only provided with cold water to drink. The unsanitary conditions and forced labor caused her to suffer complications. She went on a hunger strike to protest her illegal detention and ill treatment. Her husband, Mr. Wang Jianjun, appealed for her, and 4,320 Yuan was extorted from him. Ms. Yang was released after 3 months of the forced labor. By that time her health had seriously deteriorated and her whole body had become swollen.

7. **Wang Xia**, 29, resident of Linhe City, Neimenggu Province [Inner Mongolia]

On February 19, 2000, Ms. Wang Xia was arrested in Beijing for appealing to the government to stop the persecution of Falun Gong. The police escorted her back to the Linhe City Police Station. In the police station, three policemen took turns beating and interrogating her for an entire night, trying to force her to renounce Falun Gong.

The next day, Ms. Wang was shackled and escorted to the Hohhot City Women’s Labor Camp. Even though Ms. Wang was already three months pregnant, she was forced to do hard labor, which included unloading 3 tons of coal or wrapping more than 10,000 pairs of chopsticks each day.

The guards in the labor camp tortured her often. Every morning Ms. Wang was handcuffed to the stair rail and forced to squat for a long time. She was often shocked with electric batons. Deputy Captain Chang Hong also ordered the guards to hang her up by her handcuffed wrists. The handcuffs made deep cuts in her skin. Though her arms turned black, cold, and numb after two hours of hanging, the police would not let her down and left her hanging for an entire day.

On July 30, 2000 when Ms. Wang was eight months pregnant, the labor camp sent her back to the Linhe City Police Station, with her hands still cuffed. The police station then subjected her to a forced abortion. The injection to induce labor did not work, however. Less than a month after Ms. Wang gave birth, the police gave her an ultimatum: either write a statement renouncing Falun Gong, or lose her house. To avoid further persecution, Ms. Wang and her child were forced to become homeless.

8. **Lu Yunzhen**, 31, resident of Fengcheng City, Jiangxi Province

In January 2000, Ms. Lu Yunzhen was arrested in Beijing because she appealed to the government to stop the persecution of Falun Gong. She was escorted back to Fengcheng City. Ms. Lu was pregnant at the time. In order to detain her longer, the Chief of the Fengcheng Police Station took her to the hospital. There, she was tied down and given a forced abortion.

9. **Zhang Wuying**, a teacher at Changzhou City's Technology Education Institute, resident of Changzhou City, Jiangsu Province

Because of her refusal to renounce Falun Gong, Ms. Zhang Wuying was demoted from her teaching job to do copy work in an environment polluted with toxic fumes. She was pregnant at the time. Police from the Cuizhu Police Station often detained her at the station and forced her to stand in one place all night. Ms. Zhang and her husband went to the central government in early April 2000 to appeal for an end to the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners. Although she was more than 4 months pregnant, over twenty policemen beat and kicked her and her husband in front of the State Appeal's Office.

When Ms. Zhang was 5 months pregnant, Officer Li from the Cuizhu Police Station ordered the principal of her school, Li Minmin, to send her to the Military 102 Mental Hospital to have an abortion. There, she was tied to a bed, injected with a labor-inducing drug, and force-fed some unknown drugs. The forced-abortion failed.

Just before Ms. Zhang gave birth, the police detained her husband for 40 days, leaving no one to take care of her at home. Even when she gave birth to a son in a hospital at the end of August 2000, she was under constant police surveillance. On February 8, 2001, when Ms. Zhang and her husband came back from visiting their parents in Shandong Province, the Changzhou City Police arrested them at the Changzhou Railway Station. The police injured her son's head and legs during the forceful arrest. The police also threatened to send Ms. Zhang to a labor camp when her son reached one year of age.

B. Pregnant Falun Gong Practitioners Suffer Miscarriages Due to Torture and Hard Labor

1. **Dou Jianhua**, 28, kindergarten teacher, resident of Mishan City, Heilongjiang Province

In June 2000, Ms. Dou Jianhua went to Beijing to appeal to the government to stop the persecution of Falun Gong. She was arrested and escorted back to the Beishan Detention Center in Lianzhushan Town. When the police noticed that Ms. Dou was pregnant, they forced her to load heavy bricks, which required repetitive kneeling and bending. This caused Ms. Dou massive bleeding, which resulted in a miscarriage. The police extorted 2,000 Yuan from Ms. Dou's family in exchange for her release. However, less than a week later, the police came and took Ms. Dou back to the detention center.

2. **Jiang Zhongli**, 25, employee of the Hengyang Blood Bank, resident of Hengyang City, Hunan Province

In January 2000, Ms. Jiang Zhongli was arrested for her practice of Falun Gong. She was pregnant at the time. She was detained in the Hengyang City Detention Center. To force her to renounce Falun Gong, the guards at the detention center frequently beat her. In early February 2000, the guards savagely beat Ms. Jiang again, causing her to hemorrhage and miscarry. Even then, the police refused to give Ms. Jiang any medical treatment, and they let her health deteriorate to a critical condition. Afraid that she would die in the detention center, the police extorted 1,500 Yuan from Ms. Jiang's family in exchange for her release. Ms. Jiang is currently under house arrest.

3. **Wang Youxia**, resident of Shangchangzhuang Village, Cuijiagu Town, Yishui County, Shandong Province

In August 2001, the Cuijiagu Town officers arrested Ms. Wang Youxia for hanging up Falun Gong banners. She was pregnant at the time. The police officers severely beat her, causing her to bleed and suffer a miscarriage. The police extorted 5,000 Yuan from her family, but they still refused to release her.

Cruel Treatment of Pregnant and Nursing Mothers

The fact that a Falun Gong practitioner is carrying or nursing a child does not prevent the authorities from detaining and torturing her. The authorities do not give any consideration to the baby's well being. Many pregnant practitioners have suffered extended periods of incarceration under unsanitary conditions, sustained severe beatings, even to their abdomen and breasts, and have been forced to do hard labor. Many nursing mothers are separated from their infants. When not separated, some babies are put in detention along with their mothers in the most horrific living conditions. Various types of breast complications compound the physical torture inflicted on these lactating mothers when the infant is not there to consume the produced milk. The psychological torture to a mother deprived of the right to care for her infant is even worse. And there is, of course, unfathomable, permanent damage to the infant who experiences separation from its mother or even imprisonment. This child abuse and woman abuse are an extreme form of depravity, clearly directed by the Chinese State.

A. Pregnant Women Detained, Tortured, Threatened with Forced Abortion, and Forced to Do Hard Labor

1. **Shu Ping**, 26, resident of Zhangjiakou City, Hebei Province

Ms. Shu Ping was detained at the Gaoyang Labor Camp in Hebei Province because she refused to renounce Falun Gong. Although she was four months pregnant at the time, the prison guard shocked her with an electric baton on her feet and mouth and forced her to remain bent over with her arms stretched out straight from her sides. The guards tortured Ms. Shu for more than 20 hours, causing her to vomit and suffer severe pain in her lower back and abdominal area. When she protested, "How can you treat a pregnant woman like this?" one guard answered, "Who will prove that you are pregnant? When you die, we will simply cremate your body and all your family will see are your ashes."

2. **Liu Yanhua**, resident of Weifang City, Shandong Province

In October 2000, Ms. Liu Yanhua was arrested and detained at the Yingtaoyuan Police Station of Weifang City for appealing to the government to stop persecuting Falun Gong. She was pregnant at the time; nevertheless, the Vice Chief of the Yingtaoyuan Police Station, Qi Shuguang, used a wooden board to beat her hands and feet until they turned black and blue. Qi then stuffed lit cigarettes into Ms. Liu's nose. When Ms. Liu took the cigarettes out, he kicked her hard in her back, and then stuffed the cigarettes back into her nose again.

3. **Liu Jiezheng**, resident of Guiping City, Guangxi Province

In June 2000, Ms. Liu Jiezheng was arrested in Beijing for appealing to the government to stop the persecution of Falun Gong. She was escorted back to Guiping City, and was sentenced to forced labor. She was four months pregnant at the time, but the police said, "So what, just abort it."

4. **Zhu Xia**, resident of Chengdu City, Sichuan Province

Because of her practice of Falun Gong, and while pregnant, Ms. Zhu Xia was detained in the Xindu Detention Center in Xindu County of Sichuan Province in October 1999, and in December she was transferred to the Wenchuan Detention Center. She gave birth to her son in April 2000. The police threatened to send her infant to an orphanage if she refused to renounce Falun Gong. In May 2001, when her son was barely one year old, Ms. Zhu was arrested again. On August 15, 2001, she was sentenced to forced labor in Nanmusi Women's Labor Camp in Zizhong City, Sichuan Province. Her husband was already detained at a Mianyang City Labor Camp, leaving the child parentless.

5. **Qiu Sihui**, 30, resident of Anshan City, Liaoning Province

Ms. Qiu Sihui and her husband Mr. Liu Qiang were arrested by the police on October 23, 1999 in Beijing for appealing to the government to stop the persecution of Falun Gong. The police escorted them back to Anshan City where they were detained in the Anshan Third Detention Center.

Ms. Qiu was pregnant at the time, but was handcuffed and hung in the air by her hands. More than ten police officers beat her with plastic tubing and wooden rods. Some policemen heavily slapped and kicked her. When she was finally lowered down, one officer kicked her while dragging her across the floor.

Later, Ms. Qiu was transferred to the Anshan Women's Rehabilitation School. Even though she had very severe morning sickness and chronic fatigue, the police still forced her to do hard labor. An officer also threatened her with forced abortion if she refused to renounce Falun Gong. In the morning she was forced to go through boot camp style drills. The police also incited other inmates to tie up Ms. Qiu in extremely painful positions, slap her face, and stuff her mouth with dirty rags. The police only released Ms. Qiu when, exhausted from hard labor, she fainted and fell from a three-meter-high workstation.

In September 2000, three months after Ms. Qiu gave birth to a daughter, her husband was arrested again for distributing Falun Gong flyers. Ms. Qiu was then constantly under police harassment and intimidation. One day, policeman Zhao and the chief of the Jiefang Road Community Center came and took away her refrigerator. She was forced to move to her parents' home. Policeman Ni and the Chief of the Neighborhood Community Center then started to harass and intimidate her parents. To spare her family the relentless persecution, Ms. Qiu had no choice but to leave her daughter with her parents and wander around homeless.

6. **Liu Xiaofen**, Wuzhan Town, Zhaodong City, Heilongjiang Province

In January 2000, Ms. Liu Xiaofen was arrested by the police from the Wuzhan Town Police Station for practicing Falun Gong exercises outdoors. Despite the fact that she was 5 months pregnant and expecting twins, Ms. Liu was detained by the authorities for several months in the Wuzhan Town Police Station. During her detention, Director Hu Xianlong beat her, dragged her by the hair, and kicked her. The police extorted 5,000 Yuan from her and released her just before she gave birth. She had to give birth to the babies alone because her family members had all been detained, tortured to death, or placed under surveillance for being Falun Gong practitioners. The following is a description of what happened to each of her family members.

In 1999, Ms. Liu's sister-in-law, Liu Xiaoling, 36, was detained in the Zhaodong City Detention Center. During her detention, she went on a hunger strike to protest the detention. On May 13, 2001, Ms. Liu Xiaoling died after an untrained policeman ineptly tried to force-feed her.

In 1999, Ms. Liu's mother-in-law, Ge Yahua, 60, was detained for over 50 days for appealing to the government to stop persecuting Falun Gong. In January 2000, Ms. Ge was arrested and detained for 5 months for practicing Falun Gong exercises. She was released after paying a large amount of money. At the end of 2000, Ms. Ge was arrested again and sent to a labor camp.

In January 2000, Ms. Liu's husband was detained for five months for practicing Falun Gong exercises outdoors. He was released after being fined a large amount of money.

7. **Xiu Yihong**, resident of Nanyao Village, Shihuiyao Town, Yantai City, Shandong Province

In January 2000, Ms. Xiu Yihong was arrested, along with eight other Falun Gong practitioners, by the Nanyao Village Communist Party Committee, for holding a Falun Gong group practice. Ms. Xiu was pregnant at the time. The authorities locked the practitioners in a classroom at the Nanyao Elementary School. They were not given any blankets, and had to sleep on the cold cement floor. The authorities often forced them to stand still for a whole night. Ms. Xiu was detained in these inhuman conditions for more than four months.

8. **Yang Zhifang**, 28, a teacher of the Anatomy and Physiology Department of the Weifang City Husbandry and Veterinarian School, Weifang City, Shandong Province

In October 1999, Ms. Yang Zhifang went to Beijing to appeal to the government to stop persecuting Falun Gong. She was arrested and escorted back to Weifang City Husbandry and Veterinarian School. She was three months pregnant at the time, but was still detained for two months by the authorities. The school fired her afterwards, and continued to send people to follow, harass and intimidate her. The school even ordered employees to take turns stalking her. In March 2000, the authorities threatened to send her to an anti-Falun Gong brainwashing class. To avoid the persecution, Ms. Yang was forced to leave home and wander the streets.

Ms. Yang's husband, Mr. Hua Yuliang, is also a Falun Gong practitioner. He was sentenced to three years of forced labor in the Changle Detention Center for appealing to the government to stop persecuting Falun Gong.

9. **Ding Likun**, 32, resident of Yanfeng District, Hengyang City, Hunan Province

Ms. Ding Likun was arrested by the Changsha Police Station in Changsha City and detained at the Hengnan County Detention Center when she was two months pregnant. During her detention, she was handcuffed and shackled for two months. She was detained until she was eight months pregnant.

10. **Xue Weiwei**, 31, Ph.D. candidate at the Research Center of Remote Sensing, Beijing University resident of Jinan City, Shandong Province

On April 13, 2000, Ms. Xue Weiwei and her husband were arrested for appealing to the government to stop persecuting Falun Gong. She was sent back to her hometown of Jinan City. She was pregnant, but was still detained for four months at the Jinan Detention Center. She was then dismissed from Beijing University for being a Falun Gong practitioner.

11. **Sun Xuezhi**, resident of Dalian City, Liaoning Province

In early 2000, Ms. Sun Xuezhi was detained at the Dalian Drug Rehabilitation Center for appealing to the government to stop persecuting Falun Gong. Although she was three months pregnant at the time, she was severely beaten by the guards. The police only released her when she developed severe abdominal pains and was in danger of having a miscarriage.

B. The Persecution of Nursing Mothers and Their Infants

1. **Wang Lixuan**, 27, and her son **Meng Hao**, 8 months old, residents of Nangou Village, Qixiakou Town of Yantai City, Shandong Province

On October 21, 2000, on the way to Beijing to appeal to the central government to end the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners, Ms. Wang Lixuan and her 8-month-old son, Meng Hao, were arrested and detained at Tuanhe Labor Camp, Beijing. On November 7, 2000, Ms. Wang and her baby son were tortured to death at the labor camp. *Please see the chapter "Murder and Execution" for a complete account.

2. **Gu Peng**, 27, a kindergarten teacher at the Baoding City Cigarette Factory, resident of Baoding City, Hebei Province

In January 2001, Ms. Gu Peng, her husband, and their six-month-old baby were arrested in Beijing for appealing to the government to stop persecuting Falun Gong. The police repeatedly shocked Ms. Gu with an electron baton. After the family was escorted from Beijing to Baoding City, her husband was detained at the Baoding Detention Center. Ms. Gu was kept under surveillance and was fired from her teaching position.

Ms. Gu appealed to the labor camp for the release of her husband. However, the local 610 Office imprisoned her in a mental hospital. She was given injections and force-fed mentally debilitating drugs every day in the hospital. Her mind became seriously incapacitated. Now, Ms. Gu ceaselessly paces the floor in a drug-induced stupor. Her baby is deprived of vital nutrition and his mother's care because of her mistreatment and torture in the mental hospital.

3. **Liang Mei**, 29, resident of Sichuan Province

In February 2000, Ms. Liang Mei was arrested for practicing Falun Gong outdoors. The police not only slapped Ms. Liang's face, but her infant daughter's face as well. The abuse was so violent that the baby cried loudly for a long time. Ms. Liang was then put under surveillance for three months. Every day she was forced to go to the police station to do cleaning services for the police. The police handcuffed her at will.

At midnight on July 19, 2000, policeman Huang, from the local police station, and several other policemen broke into Ms. Liang's home and dragged her out of bed because they discovered that she continued to practice Falun Gong. They took this nursing mother to the police station, shackled her arms behind a tree, and sealed her mouth with tape. She was handcuffed to the tree for such a long time that her clothes became soaked by her milk. Later she was detained at a detention center for 15 days, leaving her infant without her milk.

On August 3, 2000, the day before she was released, Ms. Liang was handcuffed and hung up by her wrists overnight and until the next afternoon. Even after she was released she was required to report to the police station every day. Under continued harassment and threats from the local police department, Ms. Liang was forced to leave home, leaving her baby with her family. Without mother's milk, the baby is suffering from malnutrition.

4. **Jiao Yang**, resident of Huadian City, Jilin Province

In October 2000, Ms. Jiao Yang was arrested for appealing to the government to stop persecuting Falun Gong and was detained at the Huadian Detention Center. She was nursing a nine-month-old baby at that time, but the police detained her for a month and left the baby with its grandmother.

Seven days after Ms. Jiao was released, the Huadian Police Station detained her for another 28 days because she still refused to renounce Falun Gong. Due to the physical and mental torment, by the time Ms. Jiao was released from her second detention term she was unable to produce milk. To avoid further arrest, Ms. Jiao fled home, and left her baby daughter with its grandmother. In February 2001, the Political Security Department of Hongshi Forestry Bureau arrested her again.

5. **Ms. Xu**, in her 20's, resident of Xinglong Town, Guanghan City, Sichuan Province

In late July 2001, the Xinglong Town Local Government arrested Ms. Xu because she refused to renounce Falun Gong. Although she was nursing a nine-month-old baby at the time, she was detained at a government building and was not allowed to go home to nurse her baby. To force her to renounce Falun Gong, the police hung her up by her handcuffed wrists and beat her. The pressure on her breasts resulting from the hanging and the police beating forced her milk out and soaked her clothes. As of August 5, 2001, she was still being detained.

6. **Sun Weiqing**, employee of the Nanyang Silk Mill, Nanyang City, resident of Henan Province

On May 10, 2001, the chief of the Nanyang Silk Mill told Ms. Sun Weiqing that they needed to take her to have a pregnancy test. At that time she was nursing a five-month-old baby and was on maternity leave. After Ms. Sun got into the car, however, she was taken to an anti-Falun Gong brainwashing class. Because she refused to renounce Falun Gong, she was detained at the class site until May 17, 2001, leaving her baby without her milk.

7. **Xie Hong**, employee of Anhui Construction Bank, resident of Hefei City, Anhui Province

In April 2001, Anhui Construction Bank deceived Ms. Xie Hong, asking her to come to the bank for her salary. When she arrived, she was forcibly sent to an anti-Falun Gong brainwashing class. At that time, she was on maternity leave and was nursing a four-month-old baby. She was detained for more than 4 months, separating her from her baby.

8. **Qi Shuying**, faculty of Baoding Normal College, resident of Baoding City, Hebei Province

In an attempt to force them to renounce Falun Gong, on January 20, 2001, the authorities of Baoding Normal College deceived Ms. Qi Shuying and five other faculty members who are Falun Gong practitioners by asking them to come to a room in a dormitory. When they got there, they were locked in. Ms. Qi was nursing her infant at that time. Her infant was also locked in the dormitory by the school authorities.

9. **Liu Jiazheng**, employee of Dalian Development Company, resident of Dalian City, Liaoning Province

In March 2001, four policemen from the Huanghai Road Police Station of Dalian City came to Ms. Liu Jiazheng's workplace to arrest her for distributing Falun Gong flyers. The police dragged Ms. Liu by her hair and threw her into the police van. They took her to the police station and severely beat her to force her to reveal the source of the flyers. Ms. Liu was nursing her nine-month-old daughter at that time. Ms. Liu's mother brought the baby girl to the police station to plead with the police to release Ms. Liu, but the police refused.

C. Withdrawal of "Birth Permit"

1. **Zhang Yanhua**, 30, employee of the Nanyang Embroidery Company, Nanyang City, Henan Province

In February 2000, Ms. Zhang Yanhua went to Beijing to appeal to the government to stop persecuting Falun Gong. At the time she was six months pregnant. She was escorted back to her hometown, kept in police custody for one month, and fined 2,000 Yuan. Because Ms. Zhang was a Falun Gong practitioner, the head of her company withdrew her birth permit, even though she was already pregnant. This made her pregnancy "illegal" under the one child policy in China. Ms. Zhang gave birth to her child, but the baby had no residential permit and no official identification. This meant the baby had no access to medical care, would not be able to attend school and could be taken by the authorities from her mother at any time as legally she did not exist.

2. Bo Minghua's third daughter, **Xiaosan**, resident of Huainan City, Anhui Province

Ms. Bo Minghua is a Falun Gong practitioner. Despite great pressure, she refused to renounce Falun Gong. One night in October 2000, policemen Wang Huaijing and Xu Hong broke into her home and ransacked it. When they found some Falun Gong materials, they took her third daughter, who was pregnant at that time, to the Huainan City No.2 Detention Center. The police then threatened Ms. Bo and her daughter that if Ms. Bo refused to renounce Falun Gong, they would not issue a birth permit, and also threatened to perform a forced abortion on her daughter.

Sexual Violations and Torture of Female Falun Gong Practitioners

1. Beijing Police Officer Beat and Raped a Female Falun Gong Practitioner in Public

A female Falun Gong practitioner (name withheld to protect the victim)



▲ The injuries to this practitioner

On May 14, 2001, after 9 p.m., a Falun Gong practitioner was posting Falun Gong flyers alone along the street from Dabeyao to the Yonganli City canal in the Chaoyang District. A plainclothes policeman who was on patrol duty stopped her. He viciously groped around this practitioner's lower body under the excuse of conducting a body search. She struggled free and ran down the street. He chased after her on his bicycle, and beat her fiercely with a rubber baton. He threateningly told her, "My superior has said not to let go of any Falun Gong practitioner. Today, I will either kill you and throw your body into the city canal, or take you to the police station." She tried to run away but did not succeed. The policeman beat her for over an hour, bringing her to the verge of death. There were about a dozen passersby who came to watch during that time. He shouted to them, "She is a Falun Gong practitioner. She is an active counterrevolutionary. If I beat her to death, it will count as nothing." All passersby hastily left.

Two of her front teeth were knocked out from the beating. This rogue police officer inflicted many wounds on her head, and left her whole body swollen and bruised.

The plainclothes policeman gave her a heavy blow with his baton on her right ear and temple. She then lost consciousness. After she lost consciousness, he dragged her under the bridge and ripped off her pants. He raped her. After that, he forced his rubber baton into her vagina using his full strength and sat on her. When this practitioner regained consciousness and a little strength, she shouted as loudly as she could; he then rode away on his bicycle.

2. Huang Qifen Seriously Burned by Electric Shock in Sensitive Parts of her Body

Huang Qifen, in her 50's, a member of the clinical staff in Yanjiang District's Internal-combustion Engine Factory Hospital in Ziyang City, Sichuan Province

On December 20, 2000, Ms. Huang Qifen went to Tiananmen Square in Beijing to peacefully appeal to the government to end the persecution of Falun Gong. She was subsequently arrested and detained in a Beijing police station and endured all kinds of torture. Her face, breasts, genitals and other parts of the body were seriously burned and injured from being shocked with electric batons. She fell unconscious from the severe shocks. When Ms. Huang woke up, they told her that she could only be released if she agreed to tell others that her burns were self-inflicted. After Ms. Huang returned home, she could not go outside of her home unless her face and body were covered since they were horribly burned. The black burn marks, which turned into open wounds, were repulsive to see.

3. Guards Abused Female Practitioners' Private Parts

- 1) **Bai Lili**, resident of Shijiazhuang City, Hebei Province
- 2) **Chan Shuhua**, resident of Shijiazhuang City, Hebei Province
- 3) **Zheng Baohua**, 23, a junior student at the Education College of the Northern China Oil-field, Hebei Province

Since May 2000, Falun Gong practitioners detained at the Women's Labor Camp in Shijiazhuang City have suffered inhuman torture for refusing to renounce Falun Gong. For example, the guards have repeatedly slapped the practitioners' faces with the soles of their shoes. Ms. Bai Lili lost her hearing from such beatings. Practitioners have been tortured so badly that they have bruises all over their bodies. Ms. Chan Shuhua had many scars on her body from being scratched. Ms. Zheng Baohua was hung up with only her toes slightly touching the ground for an extended period of time. The guards have even abused practitioners sexually, such as rubbing their pubes and beating them on their breasts. On July 3, many practitioners were detained in a room that was about 40° Celsius (104° Fahrenheit) for a whole day. They were prohibited from going out or using the toilet.

4. Elderly Female Practitioners Forced to Walk Naked in Public

Liu Jiaming, over 55; **Wang Rulan**, over 55; **Chen Lihua**, over 55

In August 2000, four elderly female Falun Gong practitioners, Ms. Liu Jiaming, Ms. Wang Rulan, Ms. Chen Lihua, and one whose name is unknown were arrested and sent to the Dispatch Center in Daxing County, Beijing. Upon their arrival, police examined all of their belongings, taking apart their quilts to see whether they had anything inside them. Then the police forced them to take off all of their clothing. After all the checking was done, the police forced the four naked, elderly women into the courtyard and made them reassemble their quilts. At the time, male policemen were patrolling in the courtyard and the women were exposed to all the male criminal inmates.

5. Female Practitioner Stripped Naked and Tortured

Wang Li, 31, a journalist from the Women's Newspaper of Hubei Province

Since July 22, 1999, Ms. Wang Li has been detained several times for appealing to the central government to stop the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners. On the evening of February 18, 2000, she was detained in the Baofeng Road Detention Center in Wuhan City. In order to force her to renounce Falun Gong, the police hung her up by the window for three days with her face facing the wall and her feet barely touching the ground. Afterwards, the police put the "dead shackles" on her. Ms. Wang was then stripped of her clothes, shackled to a wooden board, and kept there immobilized for 11 days straight. There was a hole on the board for urinating and defecating.

After that Ms. Wang was made to bear a kind of "live shackles," that is, both her hands and feet were shackled 24 hours a day, for 18 days. At the end of March 2000 she received a sentence of one and a half years of forced labor. On April 3, 2000, she was sent to the Wuhan Drug Rehabilitation Center. She was beaten and insulted by the inmates in the center. Ms. Wang was forced to do heavy labor for nearly 18 hours a day. She was only given a small amount of rice, one cup of salt water, and a few pieces of vegetables daily.

In July 2000, Ms. Wang went on a hunger strike for more than 10 days to protest the detention. She was force-fed more than 10 times. After the force-feeding, the tube withdrawn from her nose was covered with congealed blood. She was also forced to do heavy labor during her hunger strike. After 5 months torture, Ms. Wang's weight dropped from 93 lbs to 66 lbs.

6. Massive Sexual Abuse in Masanjia Labor Camp

In June 2000, 18 female practitioners at the Masanjia Labor Camp were stripped naked and thrown into prison cells with violent male criminals who were encouraged to rape and abuse them. Practitioners were forced to stand naked in front of video monitors as a form of humiliation, and to stand naked in the snow for extended periods of time.



▲ *A female practitioner stripped naked and thrown into male jail*

Female practitioners in the Masanjia Labor Camp are constantly subject to being stripped and shocked on their genitals with electric stun batons. They are sexually degraded and humiliated while being interrogated – all in an effort to force them to renounce Falun Gong.

6.1 Li Shuyun Shocked on Sensitive Body Areas

Li Shuyun, from Liaoning Province

The guards forced Ms. Li Shuyun to strip down to her underwear. They then surrounded her and used several electric batons to shock sensitive areas on her body. After this torture, her neck and the arches of her feet were covered with large blisters and lumps.

6.2 Liu Fengmei Stripped and Shocked on Sensitive Parts of Her Body

Liu Fengmei, 36, a worker from Niuerhe Spinning Mill, resident of Taihe District, Jinzhou City, Liaoning Province

In November 1999, the police stripped off Ms. Liu Fengmei's clothes and pressed her into the snowy ground outside. This caused not only mental suffering from the humiliation, but also physical pain from the extreme cold. Then the police tied Ms. Liu's legs together and shocked sensitive parts of her body. When Ms. Liu was trembling from the shocks, they sat on her thighs to stop her from shaking and continued with the electric shock torture for over 2 hours. The skin on her neck was burnt and dark, and large areas of blisters appeared all over her neck. She had large blisters on her hands as well. It took a long time for the blisters to heal.



▲ *Ms. Liu Fengmei*

6.3 Zhang Guishuang Stripped Naked and Stunned with Electronic Batons

Zhang Guishuang, from Liaoning Province

In Masanjia Labor Camp, Ms. Zhang Guishuang was stripped naked and repeatedly stunned with electronic batons. She was tortured so badly that she began to roll around on the ground crying in pain. Her body was covered with blisters and bumps.

6.4 Qi Zhenrong Stripped Naked and Shocked with Electronic Batons

Qi Zhenrong, 41, from Huanren Town, Benxi City, Liaoning Province

On October 29, 1999, Ms. Qi Zhenrong was sentenced to three years of forced labor and sent to the Masanjia Labor Camp. Once, she was stripped naked and simultaneously stunned with several electric batons for an extended period of time. Her whole body was covered with blisters and red bumps. She had been on a hunger strike for 40 days to protest the illegal extension of Falun Gong practitioners' sentences. She was sent to the labor camp hospital, for which the police at the labor camp charged her family 5,000 Yuan.

6.5 Shi Yingchun Shocked on Her Breasts

Shi Yingchun, over 50, resident of Huludao City, Liaoning Province

Because she would not renounce Falun Gong, Officer Zhang shocked Ms. Shi Yingchun's face, mouth, palms, soles of her feet, sides and some sensitive acupuncture points with an electric baton. He even shocked her breasts. Officer Zhang then called in three convicted prisoners and ordered them to beat her for two hours. He forced Ms. Shi to do labor until 9 or 10 p.m. daily, even with her severe injuries.

6.6 Wang Hui Shocked on Her Breasts

Wang Hui, 33, from Dalian City, Liaoning Province

Ms. Wang Hui was handcuffed to a bed with a dishtowel stuffed in her mouth and shocked with an electric baton on her face, head, lower jaw, breasts, stomach, shoulders and, most often, her wrists and her hands. After this torture, her eyes became dull and her body was shaking uncontrollably. Her neck and hands swelled where the flesh had cracked from the shocks. The shock tortures lasted for 20 to 30 minutes.

In Room #1, in front of other practitioners, guard Wang beat Ms. Wang's head, kicked her with his boots, made her squat down, cursed at her and repeatedly slapped her face.

After this mental abuse and physical beating, Ms. Wang looked pale, her lips looked colorless and she could not see properly. Ms. Wang's arms and wrists could not move without severe pain for a long time afterwards because she had been shocked so seriously.

6.7 Yan Fengqin Shocked on Her Breasts

Yan Fengqin, resident of Liaoning Province

Ms. Yan Fengqin was taken into a separate room, slapped, and kicked. The guard took two electric batons and discharged them on Ms. Yan's body, including her face, neck, chest, and breasts. This torture caused extreme pain.

6.8 Tian Miao Shocked on Her Breasts and Genitals

Tian Miao, resident of Liaoning Province

Ms. Tian Miao was taken to an office and stripped of her clothing. Two female guards tortured her with electric batons, especially on her breasts, the soles of her feet, and genitals. She was rolling on the floor in pain. They cuffed her hands together and cuffed her feet apart to two legs of a table. To muffle her screams of pain, they stuffed a filthy cloth into her mouth. The two guards took turns torturing her with more than 10 electric batons for nearly one hour.

6.9 Zhang Xiujie Shocked in the Vagina

Zhang Xiujie, resident of Liaoning Province

Ms. Zhang Xiujie was beaten and shocked with electric batons and was even shocked in the vagina. She lost consciousness from the repeated electric shocks.

6.10 Zou Guirong Forced to Expose Her Breasts and Tortured

Zou Guirong, over 30, resident of Fushun City, Liaoning Province

Ms. Zou Guirong has been tortured relentlessly since February 2000. When some journalists and officials visited the Masanjia Labor Camp, Ms. Zou stood up and started to say good things about Falun Gong but was immediately beaten up by nearby inmates. She has gone through multiple severe beatings and electric shocks during her time at the Labor Camp. They even inserted toothpicks under her fingernails. After causing wounds and bruises all over her body, the guards humiliated Ms. Zou by forcing her to bare her breasts and walk from one cell to another. Sometimes she was made to bend over and sometimes she was hung upside down until her face turned red and her eyes protruded. She endured such torture for over half a year.

6.11 Qi Yuling Shocked on Her Nipples

Qi Yuling, resident of Liaoning Province

Ms. Qi Yuling was punished by being forced to sit on the cement floor in winter while the police beat and kicked her. She was shocked on her nipples and suffered unbearable pain. She was also repeatedly sent to solitary confinement for extended periods. These tortures caused her great physical and mental suffering.

6.12 Wang Manli Beaten and Shocked into Unconsciousness

Wang Manli, 32, resident of Benxi City, Liaoning Province

The guards forced Ms. Wang Manli to bend over at the waist as far as possible (with both legs straight, fingers pointing to the ground and head hanging upside down), since Ms. Wang refused to renounce Falun Gong. The guards also forced more than ten Falun Gong practitioners in the same room into the same contorted position. These practitioners were forced to do this continuously, night after night. Some people vomited. Others lost consciousness. The head guard and a supervisor slapped Ms. Wang's face until she could not stand up anymore. Then they beat her head and shocked her with electric batons until she lost consciousness.

6.13 Jia Naizhi Stripped Naked and Her Breasts Shocked

Jia Naizhi, 40, resident of Fushun City, Liaoning Province

Ms. Jia Naizhi was held and tortured in a "small cell" for 19 days. The police, including Yang Yu, Zhang Yan, Zhang Jun and Dong Bin, stripped off her clothes and shocked her breasts, feet and other sensitive parts of her body with electric batons. Her ankles became swollen to the diameter of a saucer, and she could not bend her legs. She had to crawl on the floor in order to defecate. Her arms were handcuffed and she was hung up for six days until she began running a high fever. Even then, she was not released from the handcuffs; they were only lowered slightly. Her request for water and a blanket was denied. Instead they continued to shock her with electric batons.

7. Government Officials Tortured Female Practitioners on the Breasts

- 1) **Zhang Xuefeng**, 22, resident of Daqinjin Town, Zhaoyuan City, Shandong Province
- 2) **Chen Diancui**, resident of Daqinjin Town, Zhaoyuan City, Shandong Province
- 3) **Li Meixin**, resident of Daqinjin Town, Zhaoyuan City, Shandong Province
- 4) **Li Juhua**, resident of Daqinjin Town, Zhaoyuan City, Shandong Province

During January 13, 2000, several female Falun Gong practitioners were arrested and tortured in Daqinjin Town of Zhaoyuan City because they refused to renounce Falun Gong. On the night of January 1, 2000, Officer Sheng from the Daqinjin Town Government and other people beat Ms. Zhang Xuefeng to the ground. Then, Sheng clasped his fingers around her breast and lifted her up off the ground. "I will make you infertile..." he vowed, then kicked her very hard in her lower abdomen. He continued torturing Ms. Zhang, even spitting into her mouth several times, until she lost consciousness, and then he continued to sexually violate her in various ways. After Ms. Zhang regained consciousness, she found that she had lost control of her bladder, and started to vomit violently.

On the night of January 1, 2000, Officers Sheng and Yu and their fellow officers beat Ms. Li Juhua with wooden sticks. After two wooden sticks were broken, they used another baton to continue to beat Ms. Li. Her face was swollen and contorted. On the night of January 2, 2000, the officials from the Daqinjin Town Government stripped off the clothes of Ms. Chen Diancui and kept her outdoors for up to 2 hours. During the night, it was about -25° Celsius (-13° Fahrenheit).

8. Torture Caused Ms. Li's Vaginal Bleeding

Li Shulan, 46, from Yonghong District, Jiamusi City, Heilongjiang Province

On November 30, 2000, Ms. Li Shulan was arrested and badly tortured at the Haidian Branch of the Beijing Police Bureau. The police stripped off all of her clothing, except for her underwear, and put her in

a cell. A policeman with the last name Li ordered the criminal inmates to beat her up. The criminals pulled her hair, which caused much of her hair to fall out, and knocked her head against the wall, leaving her head covered with bruises. They also put socks into Ms. Li's mouth and used a towel tied tightly around her neck to choke her until she lost consciousness. Then they poured cold water over her body to revive her and continue the torture. They pierced Ms. Li's eyelids, face, breast, and chest with a ballpoint pen. This made her face and body bleed, and she could not open her eyes and mouth. After the torture, Ms. Li's head and legs became swollen and she was not able to bend her hands, arms, or legs. Her body was black and blue all over. In spite of her condition, the police continued to torture her by shocking her all over her body with an electric baton. To protest the torture, Ms. Li went on a hunger strike. On the 13th day of the hunger strike, she was sentenced to one year of forced labor. The swelling in Ms. Li's eyes did not recede for one month, and the bruises on her body did not fade for six months. Ms. Li has suffered from vaginal bleeding, and half of her body remained numb for a year. When she was released at the end of a year, she still could not walk normally.

9. Chen Yali Sexually Humiliated and Abused at Wanjia Labor Camp

Chen Yali, 32, resident of Harbin City, Heilongjiang Province

When detained in the Wanjia Labor Camp, Ms. Chen Yali was tied up and hung in the air for 27 hours. She was beaten and sexually assaulted by policeman Li Min. He hung her up very high, only allowing her toes to touch the floor, and then he swung her back and forth to make her scream. He also grabbed her breasts and private parts of her body, and shouted vile words to insult her. Later, she was locked in the "small cell." It is a torture device in China: the detainee is locked in a very small cell, handcuffed in a fixed position so she can neither move nor lie down. It is very damp and there is no natural lighting. Detainees have to urinate and defecate in the cell. At night rats run around. The stench is usually so bad that it is difficult to breathe. She became infected with scabies in this environment.

10. Severely Beaten and Sexually Abused by Police

Yan Juying, an employee of the Yanjiao Road and Bridge Company, Sanhe City, Hebei Province

On October 6, 2000, Ms. Yan Juying went to Beijing to appeal to the government to stop persecuting Falun Gong practitioners. She was arrested and sent back to the Sanhe City Police Bureau. While she was in the police car, policemen kicked her, beat her, pulled her hair, slapped her face and forcefully kicked her private parts. Then they lifted her into the air and violently threw her onto the ground. They beat Ms. Yan's buttocks hundreds of times with a wooden rod. Her buttocks became black and blue and badly swollen. Later, policeman Yang whipped Ms. Yan numerous times and inflicted electric shocks upon her whole body. She was tortured so badly that no area of her body was left uninjured. Her face was deformed because Yang used a slipper to slap her face and an electric baton to shock her mouth.

In the end, Yang threatened to splash her body with boiling water and ordered her to take her clothes off. Ms. Yan resisted firmly. Yang also threatened that he would find some men to rape her. He then forcefully abused Ms. Yan's genitals. That night, she was sent to the town government's hall to attend a brainwashing class.

11. Farm Woman Sexually Tortured in Labor Camp

Huang Xiuling, 59, a farm woman, resident of Fuma Village, Majuqiao Town, Tongzhou District, Beijing

In the afternoon of June 30, 2000, because of practicing Falun Gong, Ms. Huang Xiuling was arrested and sent to the Tongzhou's Qiaozhuan Detention Center in Beijing. In the detention center, policemen ordered three or four male prisoners to beat her up. She was handcuffed and chained. They used electric batons to shock her body, and stomped on her feet. These insane criminals held up her breasts and pinched the tips of her nipples. Later, Ms. Huang said that it was so painful that she couldn't breathe. They kicked her in her groin, and only stopped beating her when they became tired.

To protest the illegal detention and torture, Ms. Huang went on a hunger strike. By that time, Ms. Huang had injuries all over her body. Her face and knees were dark purple, and her insteps were mutilated. On the afternoon of July 2, the police started to force-feed her with a tube—the tube was inserted into her nose and down into her stomach. It was extremely painful. Police wanted her to pay 10 Yuan for the single-use disposable tube. Since Ms. Huang didn't have any money, the police left the tube in her body so that they could use it again.

In the evening, the pain became unbearable and she pulled the tube out. The next day, when she was force-fed again, the police put her hands behind her back and filled the tube. One end of the tube was left in her stomach, the other side came out from her nose. That evening, after Ms. Huang developed a high fever, they gave her some medicine. Her high fever didn't settle and she started vomiting. When the police realized that Ms. Huang's life was in danger, they hastily sentenced her to the labor camp for one year. Later that evening, they sent Ms. Huang home and asked the village committee to watch her.

Within five days, a perfectly healthy person was almost tortured to death. Ms. Huang returned home and began to practice the Falun Gong exercises. She recovered very quickly. Gradually, she recovered her ability to swallow rice porridge. However, the police were not finished with her. On July 13, 2000, only a few days later, they illegally took Ms. Huang away from her home and sent her to the Beijing Tiantanghe Female Labor Camp for forced labor. In the labor camp, they used all kinds of vicious methods to torture the practitioners. Ms. Huang was tortured so badly that her neck could no longer hold her head upright.

12. A Practitioner Humiliated and Sexually Tortured

Feng Chunming, 49, detained in Shijiazhuang Labor Camp, Hebei Province

Ms. Feng Chunming was detained and beaten in the Shijiazhuang Labor Camp for practicing Falun Gong. Policemen punched and kicked her, and pulled her hair, causing bunches of hair to fall out. Her legs were kicked countless times, becoming swollen like steamed bread with hard bruises that did not heal for over two months. After the beating, the policeman also hung her up against an iron gate, with her toes barely touching the ground, for an hour and a half. During this period, policewoman Chen Rong swung the iron gate back and forth, causing her elbows to hit the wall. This policewoman also poured dirty water onto Ms. Feng's body, and poured boiling water onto her, saying: "This is to sterilize you with high heat." The supervisor handcuffed Ms. Feng to the window for 6 days, exposing her to the scorching sun for hours each day, which caused her legs to swell and turn black and purple. Ms. Feng was forced to squat while being handcuffed to the leg of a table. She was not allowed to sit down. Her hands, arms and legs were badly swollen. Once she sat down, the supervisor vehemently hit her.

Ms. Feng was handcuffed 24 hours a day for 9 consecutive days without rest or sleep. In the labor camps, it is normal for Falun Gong practitioners to be beaten and kicked. This treatment lasted for over two months. During this time, the police even stuffed her mouth with toothpaste, soap, feminine pads, hot peppers and used bathroom tissues coated with phlegm. The torture also included such barbaric treatment as pinching her breasts and private parts.

13. Stripped Naked and Tortured in Unsanitary Conditions

Yu Lixin, 36, holds a bachelor's degree, a former Communist Party member and an employee of Jilin City Worker's Union

On May 29, 2001, Falun Gong practitioner Ms. Yu Lixin was sentenced to 5 years in jail and sent to the Heizui Women's Labor Camp of Changchun City. She went on a hunger strike three times to protest the persecution. Later, she was sent to the Changchun Police Central Hospital. When her relatives visited her at the hospital, they found her handcuffed, shackled, and chained to the bed. Her hands and feet were stretched out and chained to each corner of the bed. She was naked except for a T-shirt. An intravenous drip bottle was attached to her foot and a feeding tube had been inserted into her stomach through her nose. She was not allowed to move at all and had to defecate and urinate directly on the bed. When she was unable to urinate, the doctor inserted a catheter into her bladder to empty it. Though immobile, she was under strict 24-hour surveillance.