

Persecution of Families





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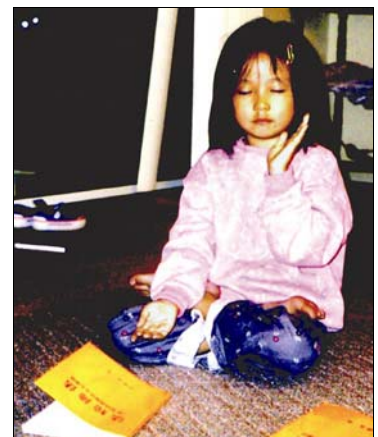
Harmony



Peacefulness



Happy Cultivator



Compassion

Pictures in the back: Who destroyed the happy family ?

Top:

Before July 1999, our whole family practiced Falun Gong. It brought health, happiness and harmony to our family.

Bottom:

After July 1999, my father was kidnapped by the police and has been missing since he went to Beijing to appeal for Falun Gong; my grandmother and my mother were sent to labor camp for doing Falun Gong exercises outdoors.

Overview

To deceive the world, the Chinese government has been fabricating stories of lives lost and families broken up resulting from family member who practice Falun Gong. Nothing could be further from the truth. The official record of the 53rd session of the United Nations Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights noted a statement by the International Education Development, an NGO, to the UN: “In our investigation, the only deaths have been at the hands of the Chinese authorities; families have been broken up because family members have been killed by the regime; people have been broken down, not by Falun Gong, but by extreme torture, incarceration in mental hospitals with brutal treatment, hard labor in labor camps and other such practices.”

With more than 70 million practitioners in China, the persecution of Falun Gong by the Chinese government is undisputedly the greatest human rights violation in human history. Millions upon millions of families have been broken up by government forced divorce or by the loss of family members to death in police custody, long jail terms, or open-ended detention in labor camps. The Chinese government also torments family members in order to pressure Falun Gong practitioners to renounce Falun Gong: brothers and sisters are fired from their jobs, elders are stripped of retirement benefits, and children are expelled from school. The authorities then accuse the Falun Gong practitioners for bringing these disasters upon their families.

Encouraged by all levels of government, the police forces have treated their persecution of Falun Gong practitioners and their families as an opportunity to extort money. Some policemen openly force the victims’ families to choose between a steep ransom and the lives of their loved ones. Some policemen are known to have demanded sexual services in exchange for lives. Many Falun Gong practitioners were beaten to death simply because the policemen’s greedy desires were not fulfilled.

With the prolonged persecution, with more and more people tortured to death, and with the complete legal impunity granted by the government to the extortionists, torturers and murderers, more and more people are forced to become Internally Displaced Persons (a UN technical term to describe people being forced from their homes by various factors). In order to escape the certain torture and likely death, to give their families the excuse of “We don’t know where they are,” or simply because there is nothing left for them under the sky, numerous practitioners have fled their homes to become “IDP.”

Again, due to space limitations, we are only able to present to you some of these tragic stories.

Mother, Do Not Worry About Me

Snow is falling, frost is biting,
Mother,
Do you have enough clothes?

At night, in my dreams,
Mother,
You are always with me.

Mother,
Do not worry about me,
I will take good care of myself;
Nothing can shake my commitment to Falun Dafa,
I will tell all people: Falun Dafa is Good.

Wind is howling, rain is pouring,
Mother,
Are you enduring all kinds of torture?
The darkness will end eventually,
My dear mommy, please stay strong.

Mother,
Do not worry about me,
“Truth-Benevolence-Forbearance” has enlightened my heart;
Hardships and tribulations are nothing,
To defend Dafa is our honor.



(This is a letter from a young Falun Gong practitioner forced to lead a vagrant life because the mother was jailed for being a Falun Gong practitioner)

Forced into Divorce

1. **Miao Limin**, female, over 40, resident of Shihe Town, Jinzhou District, Dalian City, Liaoning Province

Ms. Miao Limin went to Beijing to appeal to the government to stop persecuting practitioners of Falun Gong and was consequently arrested, taken back to her hometown, and detained at the Jinzhou District Detention Center. Her husband, an army man, was forced by the army to divorce her while she was being detained. She was released after two months of detention. Ms. Miao was not allowed to return to their army residence. In July 2000, she was arrested again and sent to the Masanjia Labor Camp in Shenyang City for a one-year term of forced labor. Ms. Miao was released on September 25, 2001 after serving her term in the labor camp. On September 27, 2001, she was arrested again, and was sent to the Jinzhou District Detention Center because she refused to renounce Falun Gong.

2. **Liu Xinlan**, female, resident of Shuangyang Town, Gaomi City, Shandong Province

In July 2000, Ms. Liu Xinlan was arrested because she intended to go to Beijing to appeal to the government to stop persecuting Falun Gong practitioners. She was later sent to the Gaomi City Detention Center and was held for fifteen days. After her release, Ms. Liu was sent back and supervised by the local Street Administrative Office. Ms. Liu was told that she would not be able to live a life free of surveillance and harassment unless she gave up practicing Falun Gong. In particular she was informed that if she did not renounce Falun Gong, she would be sent to a detention center again. In addition, they threatened to force her to sell her house and give them the money from the sale. Her family was unable to endure the enormous pressure. Therefore, her husband signed a divorce agreement, and her child was forced to sign an agreement stating that he wanted to terminate his relationship with his mother. The whole family was thus broken apart.

3. **Wang Xia**, female, resident of Shijiazhuang City, Hebei Province

In October 2000, Ms. Wang Xia went to Beijing to appeal to the government to stop persecuting Falun Gong. Therefore, the Qiaoxi District No. 373 Police Station kept her under surveillance while she was still nursing her baby who was not yet a year old. This police station fined Ms. Wang's family 10,000 Yuan.

In December 2000, Ms. Wang went to the central government to appeal the injustice of the mistreatments forced on her. She was arrested and fined 10,000 Yuan again. Wu Fucui, the Chief of the Qiaoxi District No. 373 Police Station, coerced her husband into threatening to divorce her if she refused to renounce Falun Gong. Under such pressure, her husband did divorce her in February 2001. Her baby was only a year old at that time and is now living without a mother.

4. **Tao Ye**, male, 30, Principal of the Datun Town Elementary School, Datun Town, Chaoyang District, Changchun City, Jilin Province

In March 2001, Mr. Tao Ye was detained at an Anti-Falun Gong Brainwashing Class at the Changchun Agricultural School in Xinglongshan Town of Changchun City because he practices Falun Gong. After Mr. Tao was detained, the Datun Town Police Station fined Mr. Tao's family 4,000 Yuan (about 10 months salary of a urban worker). This put a great deal of pressure on the family, as they lived in poverty. There are three generations of people in Mr. Tao's household. Unable to endure all these pressures, his wife divorced him, leaving his old parents and child unattended at home. The family was torn apart. Since Mr. Tao refused to renounce Falun Gong, he was sentenced to forced labor at the Weizigou Labor Camp of Changchun City.

5. **Ming Yan**, female, resident of Anshan City, Liaoning Province

On December 2, 1999, Ms. Ming Yan went to Beijing to appeal to the government to stop persecuting practitioners of Falun Gong. She was arrested and escorted back to Anshan City, and detained in the local police station. On December 5, 1999, the chief of the police station tried to strangle Ms. Ming by tying her gauze handkerchief tightly around her neck. He didn't release it until she lost consciousness. He pulled out her hair, scattering it everywhere on the ground, and then he beat and kicked her to the point where she could hardly breathe. The police extorted 500 Yuan from her and then sent her to the Yuemingshan Detention Center.

After her release from the detention center on September 3, 2000, Ms. Ming was ordered to return to the police station. At 3 o'clock, six people ransacked her home. Ms. Ming was put into a small cell. The police tortured her by shocking her with an electric baton, forcing her to "ride the airplane" [with one's head and back bent forward at ninety degrees and two arms lifted up high from one's back], and then shocked the bottom of her feet, the palms of her hands and her back.

Because Ms. Ming practices Falun Gong, her husband's work unit wanted to dismiss him. Under this extreme pressure, her husband obtained a court ordered divorce. Later, Ms. Ming left home to avoid further persecution.

6. **Mei Ting**, female, employee of the Jianghuai Aerospace Equipment Manufacturing Company, Hefei City, Anhui Province

On March 19, 2000, Ms. Mei Ting was arrested and escorted back to Hefei City on her third trip to Beijing to appeal. Ms. Mei was held in a detention center. On May 17, 2000, she was sent to the Anhui Women's Labor Camp because she refused to renounce Falun Gong. Her husband did not learn that she was being kept in a forced labor camp until June 2000. He realized that his wife would not be released even when her term was over if she did not renounce Falun Gong. Since he could not stand the anguish, he decided to get a divorce. In August 2000, Ms. Mei was unwillingly divorced.

7. **Yang Shufang**, female, 50, resident of Nan Street, Chengguan Town, Fangshan District, Beijing

On December 6, 2000, Ms. Yang Shufang was dragged from her home, put into a police vehicle and taken to the local police station because local authorities suspected she might go to Beijing to appeal to the government to stop persecuting Falun Gong. Consequently, she was sent to the Zhoukoudian Mental Hospital, Beijing. Ms. Yang's family was not notified of her detention. Her detention seems to be indefinite because she was not told when she would be released. Since Ms. Yang could not go home and take care of her children, her husband requested a divorce.

8. **Wang Hongyan**, female, resident of Qiqihar City, Heilongjiang Province

Ms. Wang Hongyan was detained at the Shuanghe Labor Camp of Qiqihar City because she practiced Falun Gong. Officials at the Shuanghe Labor Camp wrote a letter to her husband, Chen Jun, to encourage him to coerce his wife into renouncing Falun Gong by threatening her with divorce. Since she still refused to renounce Falun Gong, her husband in fact divorced her against her will.

9. **Wang Hongyu**, female, resident of Beima Town, Longkou City, Shandong Province

In early February 2000, Ms. Wang Hongyu was arrested by police officers of the Longkou City Police Station due to practicing Falun Gong. In order to publicly humiliate her, Ms. Wang was paraded through the streets handcuffed as a convict and was then sent to a detention center. During her detention, she was beaten and had cold water poured on her as physical punishment. The local authorities forced her husband to divorce her. The court did the paperwork and granted the divorce without her knowledge.

10. **Liu Wenli**, male, resident of Qianliu Village, Minghua Town, Nangong City, Hebei Province

Mr. Liu Wenli went to Beijing to appeal to the government to end the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners. He was arrested and held at the Beijing Detention Center. During his detention, he was beaten, and his leg was broken during the beating. Later he was sent back to Nangong City in Hebei Province and detained at the Nangong City Detention Center. During the detention, he was repeatedly beaten and shocked with an electric baton. The policemen stripped off all Mr. Liu's clothes and dragged him out onto the snowy ground, leaving him to freeze in the cold for over ten hours.

Since Mr. Liu refused to renounce Falun Gong, he was then sentenced to three-years of forced labor, and was sent to Handan City. An official of the Minghua Town Government threatened Mr. Liu's wife and their ten-year-old son with arrest. They also burned Mr. Liu's 40 wooded acres that his family depended upon for fuel. Mr. Liu's family was fined and their home was ransacked many times. Also, an official forced Mr. Liu's wife to divorce him. His family was told that he was being detained at a forced labor camp in Handan City, but his family was not able to find him there. Mr. Liu's whereabouts are uncertain.

11. **Dong Xiumei**, female, 35, teacher at the Changshan Town Junior High School, Changshan Town, Qianguo County, Songyuan City, Jilin Province

On February 28, 2000, Ms. Dong Xiumei went to Beijing to appeal to the government to stop persecuting Falun Gong. She was arrested and escorted back to her hometown, and was sent to the Qianguo County Detention Center by police officer Wu Dongxu. She was held for 20 days at the Qianguo County Detention Center. The Changshan Town Police Station also took 3,600 Yuan from her wages in the guise of "police station fees."

Because she refused to renounce Falun Gong, Ms. Dong was detained multiple times at an Anti-Falun Gong Brainwashing Class that was held by the Changshan Town Government. Each time, Ms. Dong was only released after paying a fine of 1,000 Yuan. Then her work unit fired her because she refused to renounce Falun Gong. Ms. Dong's husband later divorced her for fear of being persecuted. She has no income and thus has become homeless.

Police Burned a Ten-Year-Old with Cigarettes

Xiao Hong, 10, and **Xiao Rui**, 12, residents of Shandong Province

In May 2000, two young practitioners, a ten-year-old boy, Xiao Hong, and a twelve-year-old girl, Xiao Rui, went to Beijing with their mother to appeal to the central government to stop the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners. On May 7, 2000, the two young practitioners and their mother were arrested and escorted back to their hometown in Shandong Province. They were detained at their local county government office. The two young practitioners were slapped and beaten by Police Officer Wang from the local county government and the police chief from the local police station. The police chief beat Xiao Hong's hips with a stick and asked if he still wanted to practice Falun Gong. Xiao Hong still answered yes so the police chief continued to beat him. The police chief used cigarette butts to burn Xiao Hong's hands. Despite his loud cries because of the severe pain, the police chief still kept up this wicked torture. The two children were tortured for most of the afternoon.

Tragic Cases of Persecuted Families

Zhang Dong's Family Tragedy

Zhang Dong, his wife and his child, residents of Beijing



▲ Mr. Zhang Dong and his wife

Because Mr. Zhang Dong and his wife are Falun Gong practitioners, their property was confiscated. They lost their jobs due to daily harassment by the police. On November 6, 2000, when his wife was about seven months pregnant, Mr. Zhang was arrested again and detained for one month.

In February 2001, around the time of their baby's birth, the Chongweimen Police threatened to arrest Mr. Zhang and his wife if they refused to sign a guarantee to stop practicing Falun Gong. The couple had to leave their home to avoid further persecution. On April 30, 2001, several policemen broke into Mr. Zhang's rented apartment at Yizhuang in Daxing Developing Zone of Beijing. At the time, Mr. and Mrs. Zhang, Ms. Liu Xiaohong (their babysitter), and their 2-month-old baby were taking a nap.

Due to the policemen's violence, Mr. Zhang and the babysitter fell from the fourth floor window and were badly injured. The left side of Mr. Zhang's body hit the ground first. He was bleeding from his eyes, ears, nostrils and mouth. An examination at the Tiantan Hospital showed that Mr. Zhang suffered

three fractures in his left arm, three fractures, with bones shattered, in his left leg, a fracture in his pelvis and a lot of blood in his abdominal cavity. A large part of his intestines were bruised and injured. The wounds continuously oozed blood. He also suffered lung failure. Mr. Zhang gradually regained consciousness after six days in the Intensive Care Ward. His left arm was amputated because the left side of his body was so badly injured.

Ms. Liu's back hit the ground first and she lost consciousness at once. The Tiantan Hospital said she had fractures in her legs. Afterward, she was sent back to her hometown, Sanlangnan Town in Hebei Province.

After this tragic event, Mr. You, the Director of the Chongwen Police Station in Beijing, detained Mrs. Zhang in the police station, separating her from her husband. He tried to force her to renounce Falun Gong even though, at that very moment, her husband's life was in great danger. They did not inform her of her husband's situation. She was not aware that her husband's left arm was being amputated. By the time she learned the information from her relatives, Mr. Zhang's arm had already been amputated. Once again, officers from the Yizhuang Police Station ransacked their home and stole their personal property.



▲ Mr. Zhang's arm had been amputated

Zhang Xiaojie and Her Baby Detained in Brainwashing Class

Zhang Xiaojie, female, music teacher at the Beijing First Middle School, Beijing



▲ Ms. Zhang Xiaojie's family

Ms. Zhang Xiaojie is a teacher and the mother of a little girl. In early 2001, because she refused to renounce Falun Gong, she was arrested and detained at Dongcheng Detention Center, Beijing. During her detention, her little daughter, who was left at home, kept crying for her mother. After Ms. Zhang was detained, her husband, Mr. Lin Chengtao, and her little daughter were also detained at the Donghuamen Police Station for several hours. Then the police forced them to move out of their home. After Ms. Zhang was released, her family did not have a place to live. She had to sleep on the chairs in the school lab, and her husband and daughter had to live in a dormitory with six male students.

Around 7 p.m. on May 26, 2001, the policemen from Dongjiaominxiang Police Station arrested Ms. Zhang again, this time with her little daughter. Both Ms. Zhang and her daughter were sent to an Anti-Falun Gong brainwashing class. 30 days of brainwashing did not change Ms. Zhang's mind in practicing Falun Gong. As such, she was sent to the Dongcheng Detention Center for further persecution. Her daughter was sent to a relative's house.

Persecution of Zhao Jun and His Family

1. **Zhao Jun**, around 40 years old, male, resident of Mudanjiang City, Heilongjiang Province
2. **Zhao Guiling**, female, Zhao Jun's elder sister, from Mudanjiang City, Heilongjiang Province
3. **Zhao Dan**, male, Zhao Jun's son, a medical school student (not a Falun Gong practitioner), from Mudanjiang City, Heilongjiang Province

In February 2001, Ms. Zhao Guiling was arrested by police from the Nanshan Police Station because she practices Falun Gong. She was tortured for more than 20 days while in police custody. Police officers interrogated her nightly from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. They used various means to torture her for more than ten days straight. The methods included "rope tying" (please refer to Torture section), forcing mustard oil into her nose, and covering her head with something to prevent her from breathing properly. As a result, she almost suffocated to death. Ms. Zhao's arms and shoulders still had marks from the rope 10 months later.

On February 24, 2001, the same policemen kidnapped Mr. Zhao Jun and took him from his home to the Nanshan Police Station. In order to force him to renounce Falun Gong, they tortured him with "rope tying" three times. He lost consciousness all three times. The police used coins to scrape his ribs and stuck sharp bamboo sticks into his fingers to wake him up. That night, the nerves throughout his central nervous system including the nerves under his right armpit were injured, rendering him unable to raise his right arm. His right hand was disabled and both of his arms were terribly swollen.

The police also arrested Mr. Zhao's son, Zhao Dan, at his school. They handcuffed Dan to a radiator pipe and dressed him in heavy clothing from head to foot. He felt so hot that he could not breathe. They did not give him water or let him use the bathroom. The policemen wrote several pages of "confessions" according to their needs and forced the son to sign it. They forced Mr. Zhao's family to pay 5,500 Yuan to secure Zhao Dan's release.

Mr. Zhao was sent to a detention center. At that time, his right hand was permanently disabled and his arms were terribly swollen. Later, the medical staff at the police station diagnosed that Mr. Zhao's

central nerve and the nerve of his right arm were severely damaged. So the detention center refused to accept Mr. Zhao. Yet, the police continued to detain him. In addition, they arrested his son again, using him as a hostage to force Mr. Zhao to renounce Falun Gong. On December 12, 2001, Mr. Zhao and Ms. Zhao were tried at the Yangming Court and were denied the right to appeal.

The Persecution of Dai Zhizhen's Family

1. **Chen Chengyong**, male, 35, resident of Haizhu District, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province
2. **Dai Zhizhen**, Chen Chengyong's wife, 38
3. **Chen Fadu**, Mr. Chen Chengyong's daughter, 18 months old
4. **Chen Chengyan**, Chen Chengyong's elder sister, 40
5. **Chen Chaoneng**, Chen Chengyong's father, 68
6. **Dai Fuwen**, Dai Zhizhen's brother, 44



▲ Photo of Mr. Chen Chengyong's family: Mr. Chen, his daughter, his wife Ms. Dai, and his father from left to right

found in an abandoned hut. When his elder sister, Ms. Chen Chengyan, went to identify him, she found that his body had undergone significant decomposition. It is assumed that he had been dead for some time before the police notified his family. The "610 Office" and the police of the Haizhu District in Guangzhou City then abducted Mr. Chen's sister and sentenced her to two years in the Chatou Xiaodao Female Labor Camp of Guangzhou City.

Mr. Chen's father, Mr. Chen Chaoneng's health started to deteriorate after he learned of his son's death and his daughter's detention. In September 2001, he died from the grief.

Although Ms. Dai lost her husband, her sister-in-law, and her father-in-law, she was not given the luxury to grieve. Being alone in Australia with her one-year-old daughter, she still has to worry about the safety of her relatives in China, because the police started to persecute them after her family's story was exposed.

Since July 1999, Mr. Chen Chengyong repeatedly went to Beijing to peacefully appeal to the government to stop persecuting Falun Gong. He was arrested several times, and one time was subjected to severe electric shocks. In November of 2000, in order to avoid a brainwashing class and further torture, he left his home. In January 2001, Mr. Chen's wife, Ms. Dai Zhizhen, went to Australia. On July 21, 2001, while Ms. Dai was in Australia, she learned that her husband had been tortured to death. His body was

Internally Displaced Persons

A Senior College Student Became Destitute

Liang Guiai, male, 23, senior undergraduate student of the Traditional Medicine Basic Science School of Shandong Province, Traditional Medical University, Jinan City, Shandong Province

On December 21, 1999, Mr. Liang Guiai went to Beijing to appeal to the government to stop persecuting Falun Gong. He was escorted back to Jinan City and detained at the University's Security Department for seven days. His parents were called to the university where they were threatened. After seven days and seven nights of interrogation and threats, he was expelled.

On January 1, 2000, Mr. Liang went to Beijing to appeal for the second time. He was arrested and detained at Longkou City in Shandong Province. During the detention, he was beaten and hung up. Eventually, he managed to escape. Mr. Liang is now homeless and has been forced into begging for food. His life on the street has dramatically changed him. His teeth are broken, he has lost his glasses and he is penniless.

Wu Zengjian Tortured, His Bank Account Frozen and Forced to Leave Home

Wu Zengjian, male, 42, resident of Mengyin Town, Mengyin County, Shandong Province

Since 1999, Mr. Wu Zengjian has been detained and beaten many times by the local authorities because he practices Falun Gong. Mr. Wu was detained at an Anti-Falun Gong Brainwashing Class where the Deputy Chief of the Duo Zhuang Town Police Station beat him and broke his nose. They fined him over 10,000 Yuan. In the spring of 2000, the Duo Zhuang Town Police Station froze his bank accounts because Mr. Wu refused to pay the fines, which were illegally imposed upon him. In order to avoid further torture, Mr. Wu left his home.

Three Family Members Became Homeless

1. **Ye Shaoxue**, male, resident of Guiyang City, Guizhou Province
2. **Huang Huaying**, Ye Shaoxue's wife
3. **Ye Jinsong**, Ye Shaoxue's daughter
4. **Ye Heping**, Ye Shaoxue's son

Mr. Ye Shaoxue, Ms. Huang Huaying, and their children, Ye Jinsong and Ye Heping, are all Falun Gong practitioners. The son, Ye Heping, was illegally sentenced to three years in a forced labor camp in November 1999, and he is currently being held in the Zhongba Labor Camp of Guizhou Province. His home was illegally searched many times and his valuables were stolen by police.

In June 2001, the police detained Ms. Huang for fifteen days for bringing Falun Gong materials to practitioners in a labor camp. A few days after Ms. Huang's release, four officials from the Beijing Road Police Station and the Beijing Road Administrative Office broke into her home and informed her that she had been sentenced to three years in a labor camp. They tried to take Ms. Huang away by force, but she jumped from the third floor and ran off. Ms. Huang has been forced to wander on the streets to avoid further persecution.

Since the police could not detain Ms. Huang, they took her daughter Ye Jinsong to the Beijing Road Police Station and detained her overnight. They also threatened Mr. Ye's family members to turn in Ms. Huang. In order to avoid being arrested, Mr. Ye and his daughter had no choice but to abandon their home. They were literally forced into homelessness. The Beijing Road Police Station sent some people to watch their home and arrest anyone who came to visit. They forced Mr. Ye's nephew (a non-practitioner) and Mr. Ye's tenants to go out and find the family. Had they refused, the tenants would have been evicted from the building, and the house would have been closed up. The tenants were also threatened with three years in jail.

Seven-Year-Old Child Forced to Leave Home with Mother

1. **Chen Zheng**, 7, male, China
2. **Chen Zheng's mother**

Since July 22, 1999, the local police harassed Chen Zheng's family, trying to force them to renounce Falun Gong. From August 1999 to July 2000, Cheng Zheng and his mother repeatedly went to Beijing to appeal against the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners and were arrested several times. In July 2000, the policemen in Tiananmen Square shoved them into a police van. One policeman twisted Chen's arms behind his back and then yanked on his ear. Chen felt so much pain that he cried out. The policemen beat Chen's mother around her head, face, and ears. As a result, her face began to swell. While in the Tiananmen Police Station, the police refused them food and did not allow them to go to the bathroom.

After Chen and his mother were released and returned home, the police warned them that as long as they practiced Falun Gong they would be detained again and again. They had no choice but to go into hiding to avoid further persecution.

Sixty-Seven-Year-Old Widow Forced to Leave Home

Han Wenying, female, 67, widow of a soldier who died in the war for his country, resident of Yucai Street, Shijiazhuang City, Hebei Province

On August 10, 2001, policemen from the Yucai Street Police Station of Shijiazhuang City, illegally entered Falun Gong practitioner Ms. Han Wenying's home when the door was not locked. They forced Ms. Han into a police car and stole her Falun Gong materials. This was the third time they ransacked her home. Ms. Han was body-searched and they attempted to send her to a forced labor camp; however, the labor camp did not accept her. After Ms. Han returned home, the officials of the Yucai Street Police Station ordered her to report to them the next day. During the night, Ms. Han left her home. Her current whereabouts are unknown.

Li Guanglian Became Homeless to Avoid Repeated Torture

Li Guanglian, female, employee of the Educational Institution in Chaishan Town of Yishui County, Shandong Province

In September 2000, the Yishui County Education Board detained Ms. Li Guanglian for three days because she practices Falun Gong. She was sent to the Gaozhuang Anti-Falun Gong Brainwashing Class where she was beaten unconscious.

In December 2000, Ms. Li was arrested twice by authorities of the Yishui County government and sent to the Fengjiazhuang Village Anti-Falun Gong Brainwashing Class. At the first arrest, Hao Guijin, Li Ming, and staff of the Politics and Law Committee insulted her and whipped her back and legs with bamboo sticks until Ms. Li lost consciousness and her underwear was soaked with blood. The second time she was arrested with her 5-year-old daughter and was sent to a brainwashing class to be beaten.

In March 2001, at yet another brainwashing class, the Directors of the Politics and Law Committee Gao Zhongping and Li Hongwei beat Ms. Li until her face was covered in bruises and she lost consciousness. They poured cold water on her to freeze her. To avoid imminent torture, Ms. Li had decided not to return home after her release. She is currently homeless.

A Couple Became Homeless to Avoid Further Persecution

1. **Yu Ruiying**, female, 47, resident of Haiyang City, Shandong Province
2. **Qi Xuekuai**, **Yu Ruiying's husband**

On July 21, 1999, Ms. Yu Ruiying went to Beijing to appeal to the government to stop persecuting Falun Gong. She was arrested and escorted back to Haiyang City, and detained at an Anti-Falun Gong Brainwashing Class. After her release, she wrote a letter to the local political department explaining how she had benefited from practicing Falun Gong. Once again, Ms. Yu was sent to the brainwashing class. On February 4, 2000, Ms. Yu was held in custody for several hours just for having stepped outside of her house. The next day, she practiced Falun Gong meditation exercises outdoor and was detained for fifteen days.

Through her husband's workplace the police tried to pressure Ms. Yu to renounce Falun Gong. They forced her husband, Mr. Qi Xuekuai, to choose among three options:

1. He would have to prevent her from appealing or practicing Falun Gong. Otherwise, they would suspend his salary.
2. The work place would send someone to keep her under surveillance, but he would be required to pay for the cost.
3. They would send her to the mental hospital and he would have to pay for the drugs used.

He had to report to his workplace everyday about his wife. Mr. Qi was unable to work for a month due to the mental pressure. Yet, the police of the Haiyang City Police Station continued to threaten him. Finally, Mr. Qi could not bear the pressure any more and left, leaving Ms. Yu and their daughter at home. On July 20, 2000, Ms. Yu went to visit her mother. When the police found out that Ms. Yu was at her mother's, they immediately went to arrest Ms. Yu, but she had already left for her younger sister's house. The police headed there immediately but Ms. Yu managed to escape, and could not return home. The police constantly threaten Ms. Yu's daughter, a high school student. This young girl's performance at school has been adversely affected by the aggravating situation.

A Practitioner's Family Became Homeless to Avoid Further Persecution

1. **Lu Renjuan**, female, resident of Xiadingjia Town, Longkou City, Shandong Province
2. **Liang Bing**, Lu Renjuan's son
3. **Lu Yanna**, Lu Renjuan's niece

In late 1999, after being detained for several months, Ms. Lu Renjuan went to Beijing to appeal to the government to stop persecuting Falun Gong. She was arrested and escorted back to Longkou City. Ms. Lu was detained for fifteen days by the Longkou City Government and then sent to the Xiadingjia Hospital and detained there until January 28, 2000. She was also fined 2,000 Yuan by the Xiadingjia Town Government. During her detention, her son Mr. Liang Bing was also detained for fifteen days just for sending some food to his mother.

From February 2, 2000 to May 2000, Ms. Lu was detained on two separate occasions. The Xiadingjia Town Government beat her while in detention. In March, the Longkou Municipal Government humiliated Ms. Lu by parading her through the streets like a convict. They jailed her until May 2000. In September 2000, the Xiadingjia Town Government once again tried to arrest Ms. Lu. To avoid future persecution, Ms. Lu left home. Her niece Ms. Lu Yanna was under the same persecution and was also forced to leave home. When they could not find Ms. Lu, the local police ransacked her home and detained Ms. Lu's older sister, Ms. Lu Renying, and her younger sister Ms. Lu Renju.

In January 2000, Ms. Lu's son, Mr. Liang Bing, went to Beijing to appeal to the government to stop persecuting Falun Gong practitioners and his family members. He was arrested and detained for more than 35 days and fined 5,000 Yuan. In February 2001, Mr. Liang was also forced to leave home to avoid persecution. His whereabouts are currently unknown.

Luo Zhihui Forced to Leave Home Because of the Persecution

Luo Zhihui, female, a retired employee of the Qiaoxi Grain Station of Shijiazhuang City, resident of Youyi Street, Qiaoxi District, Shijiazhuang City, Hebei Province

On October 24, 1999, Ms. Luo Zhihui went to Beijing to appeal to the government to stop persecuting Falun Gong practitioners. Ms. Luo was arrested and badly tortured. On the evening of October 26, Ms. Luo was sent to the Beijing West Station Detention Center where the policeman slammed and smashed her face until she passed out. After fifteen days of brutal torture, Ms. Luo was escorted back to her hometown and detained at the Langfang Detention Center in Hebei Province.

During Ms. Luo's detention, her husband was forced to pay approximately 6,000 Yuan to the Youyi Street Police Station and other government departments. Ms. Luo was sent back to the Youyi Street Police Station and detained for another forty days. Endless days of torture made her legs swell to twice their normal size. Ms. Luo could not squat down nor take off her pants. At the end of 2000, her husband had to pay another 4,000 Yuan to have her released. After that, Ms. Luo was living under 24-hour surveillance at home.

During March 2000, Ms. Luo was detained and tortured in a mental hospital. In May 2000, she was detained for another forty-one days. Ms. Luo was often denied food and hung up repeatedly for 30-40 hours at a time. On June 30, 2000, Ms. Luo was sent to the Shijiazhuang City No. 4 Labor Camp. On November 20, 2000, after being released, she was forced to live under surveillance. The local authorities made phone calls to threaten Ms. Luo. Secretary Li from the Deputy Office tried to restrain Ms. Luo's activities by ordering her to call him whenever she left her house. This harassment made it impossible for Ms. Luo to stay out of their monitoring and control, which made her physically and mentally exhausted. She was on the verge of an emotional collapse. Ms. Luo decided to leave her home to avoid further persecution. Now Ms. Luo is homeless.

Lu Ran Forced to Leave Home after Two Years of Torture

Lu Ran, female, 22, graduate of the Shijiazhuang Normal School, Shijiazhuang City, Hebei Province

On December 6, 1999, Ms. Lu Ran went to the central government to appeal for the right to practice Falun Gong. She was arrested and detained at the Yudong Police Station for 10 days. After her release, the Department of Education of Shijiazhuang City refused to offer her a job because she practices Falun Gong.

On February 4, 2000, Ms. Lu was arrested again and detained for seventeen days at the Yudong Police Station. During her detention, she was beaten, forced to stand for a long period of time, made to stand outside in cold weather and deprived of sleep for three days and three nights, which left her disoriented and confused. In March and April of 2000, the Yudong Police Station and the Yudong Administrative Office detained Ms. Lu twice.

On May 13, 2000, Ms. Lu went to Beijing to appeal again, and she was arrested and escorted back to the Yudong Police Station. She lived under house arrest for fifteen days until she was sent to the Luancheng County Detention Center for one month. On July 1, 2000, Ms. Lu was sent to the Shijiazhuang Labor Camp where she was tortured. The police handcuffed, slapped, beat, kicked, and shocked her. She was also forced to do more than 10 hours of labor every day and her parents were not allowed to visit her. Ms. Lu went on a hunger strike to protest the illegal detention. As a punishment, she was force-fed many times. Because the Yudong Police Station kept harassing her after her release, she left home. Ms. Lu is wandering about homeless to avoid being detained and tortured again.

A Father Forced to Leave Home

Zhang Yin, male, 55, former Secretary of the Party of No. 5 Branch, Shijiazhuang Branch, the Metallurgy and Construction Company, Shijiazhuang City, Hebei Province

In July 1999, Mr. Zhang Yin was detained for seven days at the Yudong Police Station because he practices Falun Gong, and was repeatedly detained after that. Then he was held for seven days at the No. 5 Branch of the Metallurgy and Construction Company and fired from his job in October 2000. In November 2000, when his company was about to have him sent to a forced labor camp, he escaped and his whereabouts remain unknown.

In December 2000, Mr. Zhang's 16-year-old son Zhang Haibin went to Beijing to appeal to the central government to stop persecuting Falun Gong practitioners and was sent to the Shijiazhuang Labor Camp. When Mr. Zhang wrote seven letters of appeal to the government asking for his son's release, the staff of his company and the police of the Yudong Police Station tried to track him down by harassing and threatening his family.

A Couple Became Homeless Because of the Persecution

1. **Ma Huixin**, female, resident of Quti Village, Anguo City, Hebei Province
2. **Li Feng**, Ma Huixin's husband

Since July 20, 1999, Ms. Ma Huixin and her husband Mr. Li Feng have suffered constant threats and harassments from the Quti Village Police Station because they practice Falun Gong. Police tapped their phone and hired street thugs to watch them. On August 23, 2001, Ms. Ma was arrested by the Anguo City Police Station and detained at a detention center. Mr. Li left home while he still had a chance. Ms. Ma was released when her health deteriorated. She left home to avoid further persecution. Both of them are currently homeless. Right now, their children and elderly parents are left at home alone.

Wang Shucun Forced to Leave Home to Avoid Further Persecution

Wang Shucun, female, 49, resident of Shijiazhuang City, Hebei Province

In July 1999, Ms. Wang Shucun went to Beijing to appeal to the government to stop persecuting Falun Gong practitioners. She was arrested and detained at the Xijiao Police Station, Shijiazhuang City. On May 13, 2000, Ms. Wang again went to Beijing to appeal. She was arrested and detained at the Xijiao Police Station for one month. Her home was ransacked and her family was threatened. On the evening of May 14, 2000, the police station divided all officers and trainees into 4 groups (3-4 people per group) and each group tortured one practitioner. They hit practitioners' faces with shoes, whipped them with belts, and stabbed them with pins. Other torture methods included handcuffing practitioners' hands behind their backs while forcing them to bend forward, beating them with wooden and rubber nightclubs, piercing their fingers with needles and steel pen tips, stabbing pins through their eyelids and ears and burning their hands with cigarettes. This torture continued for six hours. Ms. Wang had swellings and bruises on her eyes, face and back. Injuries to her hips and legs remain unhealed. After she was released, to avoid being arrested, detained, and tortured again, she left home and now is wandering about.

Song Jianguo Became Homeless Because of Police Torture

Song Jianguo, male, resident of Sanhe City, Hebei Province

Because of practicing Falun Gong, Song Jianguo was arrested on April 2, 2001, and tortured by police from the Yanjiao Police Station. Mr. Song was interrogated and beaten. Policeman Liu Yu slapped his face, using both the heel of a shoe and his hands. The Deputy Chief of the Yanjiao Police Station slapped him and used the legs of an iron chair to strike his feet. Mr. Song was also shocked with electric batons. Eventually, Mr. Song escaped from the Police Station. Now, he must stay away from his home in order to avoid being arrested and tortured by the police again.

Falun Gong Practitioner Xu Zhihai's Family Forced to Leave Home

1. **Xu Zhihai**, male, 30, former employee of the Dadong Branch of the Liaoning Province Sub-Bank, Industry and Commercial Bank, Shenyang City, Liaoning Province
2. **Li Jing**, Xu Zhihai's wife, 31, former employee of the Meteorological Center of the North-East Air Traffic Management Bureau, the China Air Services, Shenyang City, Liaoning Province

On July 22, 1999, Mr. Xu Zhihai went to Beijing to appeal to the government to stop persecuting Falun Gong practitioners. On July 27, 1999, he was escorted back and his work unit repeatedly tried to force Mr. Xu to renounce Falun Gong. They threatened to fire him and put him in prison. On September 13, 1999, Mr. Xu, Ms. Li Jing, and their seven-month-old son went to Beijing to appeal to the government for the justice of his mistreatment. They were arrested and Mr. Xu was detained for fifteen days in a detention center and was fired from his work unit. Ms. Li was fined 200 Yuan and confined in a small dormitory in the Taoxian Airport of Shenyang City for fifteen days. Three of her coworkers supervised Ms. Li and her son 24 hours a day. Afterwards, Ms. Li was forced to quit her job and the Communist Party.

On November 19, 2000, two policemen went to Mr. Xu's home and wanted to arrest him. But at that time, only Ms. Li and the baby were at home. Mr. Xu and his wife realized they could be arrested and detained at any time if they did not renounce Falun Gong. To avoid being arrested or harassed again, the whole family left home and started a life of homelessness. After they left home, policemen from the Dadong District Police Station, Chang'an Police Station, Chang'an Administrative Office, and Dadong District Politics and Law Committee went to the home of Mr. Xu's mother several times to threaten her with arrest in order to locate the missing family.

Ma Ying Forced to Become Homeless

Ma Ying, female, resident of Xianyu Town, Dingxing County, Hebei Province

On July 24, 1999, Ms. Ma Ying was arrested for going to Beijing to appeal to the government to stop persecuting Falun Gong practitioners. After being arrested and escorted back to Xianyu Town, Ms. Ma was beaten by the Chief of Xianyu Town Police Station, Li Jinfu, for half a day and detained for seven days. In September 1999, Ms. Ma and her husband went to Beijing to appeal again. The staff from the local Political and Judicial Committee could not find them and arrested Ms. Ma's mother instead. Ms. Ma's mother was beaten. Her body was covered with wounds and bruises and her eyes were so swollen that she could not open them. She lay on the ground unconscious for two days. Half a year later, pus still drained from her wounds.

Repeatedly, Ms. Ma was detained at the village government several times and in an anti-Falun Gong Brainwashing Class. In 2000, Ms. Ma was detained for half a year because she distributed Falun Gong flyers. To avoid further persecution, she had to leave home and as a result was left homeless.

Nursing Mother Detained and Forced to Leave Home

Liang Mei, female, 29, hairdresser, resident of Sichuan Province

In February 2000, Ms. Liang Mei was arrested, tortured and harassed during her child's nursing period. She was forced to leave home to avoid future persecution. Please go to the "Violence against Woman" section for a complete account.

Qi Mingli Became Homeless after Escaping from Labor Camp

Qi Mingli, male, 27, resident of Heping District, Shenyang City, Liaoning Province

On January 26, 2001, Mr. Qi Mingli was arrested by a policeman from the Tiexi District, Siping City, while putting up Falun Gong posters. He was handcuffed and escorted to the Siping Police Bureau, where the policeman injured his eye by striking on the head with his own leather belt. Then the policeman sent Mr. Qi to the Siping Yingxiong Police Station. For the next three days, two policemen tortured him. Then he was escorted back to the police bureau where he was cuffed to an iron bed and forced to sign an arrest warrant for practicing Falun Gong.

Later, Mr. Qi was sent to Siping Detention Center, where he was tortured both psychologically and physically for 40 days. During that time, they shaved his head, forced him to clean washrooms, stripped him and doused him with cold water, beat him, and interrogated him without legal representation. A section Chief named Chen forced Mr. Qi to watch an anti-Falun Gong video and renounce Falun Gong.

On March 7, 2001, Mr. Qi was sentenced to one-year of forced labor in the Siping Labor Camp. As soon as Mr. Qi arrived there, the Team Director, Chen Songling, tried to force him to write a statement to renounce Falun Gong. When he refused, policeman Zhang Xiaosen hit him in the head and chest.

Mr. Qi repeatedly refused to renounce Falun Gong so the authorities added a total of six months to his sentence. They also threatened that they would endlessly detain him. On June 9, 2001, Mr. Qi was able to escape from the labor camp. In order to avoid repeated jail terms and torture, Mr. Qi decided to become homeless.

Xu Chunlin and Guo Longquan Forced into Exile

1. **Xu Chunlin**, male, resident of Yuejin Village, Shuangcheng City, Heilongjiang Province
2. **Guo Longquan**, male, resident of Yuejin Village, Shuangcheng City, Heilongjiang Province

In early 2000, Falun Gong practitioners Mr. Xu Chunlin and Mr. Guo Longquan went to Beijing to appeal to the government to stop the persecution of Falun Gong. In March 2000, the secretary of the Party committee of Yuejin Village sold Mr. Xu's and Mr. Guo's farmlands and properties because they could not pay the fines that were illegally imposed on them. Mr. Xu's and Mr. Guo's families were thus forced to leave their homes and become homeless.

Elementary School Student and Her Father Became Displaced Persons

1. **Xuan Xuemei**, female, 11, a 5th grade student of the Xinqi Elementary School, Boli County, Heilongjiang Province
2. **Xuan Xuemei's Father**, resident of Boli County, Heilongjiang Province

Eleven-year-old Xuan Xuemei and her mother are Falun Gong practitioners. Her mother is wanted by the police and her whereabouts are currently unknown. On March 5, 2001, the police exerted pressure on school authorities to force Xuan Xuemei to sign a banner slandering Falun Gong. They wanted Xuan Xuemei to help them find her mother so she could be arrested. In March 2001, the school principal and her teacher, Li Bo, threatened Ms. Xuan that if she did not give up her belief in Falun Gong, she would not be allowed to attend school. Because of these kinds of threats, Ms. Xuan's father had to leave home with her and they are now displaced persons.

Yang Ziwei and His Wife Forced to Leave Home Because They Practice Falun Gong

1. **Yang Ziwei**, male, 26, a former accountant of the Yuelong Company, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province
2. **Yang Ziwei's wife**

Since June 2000, Mr. Yang Ziwei has been arrested several times because he went to Beijing to appeal to the government to stop persecuting Falun Gong. To get him to renounce Falun Gong, the local police pressured Mr. Yang's relatives, friends and colleagues. They also went to his company to check up on him. In November 2000, to prevent his relatives, friends, and colleagues from being disturbed further, Mr. Yang had no alternative but to quit his job and leave his home.

On January 2, 2001, Mr. Yang and his wife went to Beijing to appeal again. A policeman beat Mr. Yang and his wife over the head several times with a baton. This made his face and ears swell up so badly that he could hardly breathe, and his face was covered in blood from several cuts. Then Mr. Yang was sent to the Shijingshan Detention Center, where the police there beat him up with a wooden stick many times and slammed his head against a wall. Mr. Yang was detained there for fifteen days and was then escorted to the Baiyun District Police Station in Guangzhou City where he was detained for another fifteen days. Later, he was sent to a brainwashing class in the Baiyun District Rehabilitation Center.

On February 26, 2001, Mr. Yang tried to escape from the detention center but fell from the fourth floor of a building, fracturing his legs and feet. In July 2001, after Mr. Yang was released, his wife was arrested and tortured by police from the Guangdong Province Police Department. She became very weak and sick and her body was left covered with scars. While Mr. Yang was at home taking care of his wife, police from Guangdong Province arrested him. After he was released, many policemen tracked him everyday because they wanted to get information about other Falun Gong practitioners. To avoid further persecution, Mr. Yang and his wife have been forced to leave their home and wander about.

Ye Hongfang Forced to Leave Home after Psychiatric Torture

Ye Hongfang, female, 31, employee of the Electrical Power Industry Bureau, Heyuan City, Guangdong Province

In September 1999, Ms. Ye Hongfang was arrested in Beijing for appealing to the government to stop the persecution of Falun Gong. In October, she was escorted back to Heyuan City and then sent to the Bailingtuo Detention Center. On November 23, 1999, she was sent to the Huizhou City Mental Hospital. Once there, she was injected with drugs and forced to take pills twice a day, in doses of 12-13 pills each, which were meant for mental patients. The daily injections and medication made her feel very tired and confused. During that one-month period, Ms. Ye was injected with 26 bottles of narcotics.

In late January 2000, the local policemen threatened Ms. Ye that she would be sent back to the mental hospital if she wouldn't renounce Falun Gong. Ms. Ye refused and was sent back to the Huizhou City Mental Hospital until March 20, 2000. There Dr. Luo injected her with narcotics, forced oral drugs down her throat, and shocked her. Then Ms. Ye had cramps all over her body, her arms and legs felt numb, she developed blurred vision, felt very weak, and had problems with her menstrual period. On March 20, 2000, she was released from the hospital; however, by then, Ms. Ye's health was ruined.

On June 4, 2000 and September 25, 2000, Ms. Ye was sent to the Bailingtuo Detention Center twice and was released after paying large amounts in fines. After her release, the police kept a close watch on her, pressuring the leaders of her company and her family members to make her renounce Falun Gong. Realizing that the police would find excuses to detain her at any time, Ms. Ye left her home on October 15, 2000. Now, she is homeless.

The Tribulations of Disabled Bo Minghua and Her Family

Bo Minghua, female, over 50, resident of Huainan City, Anhui Province. She is blind.

Ms. Bo Minghua is a Falun Gong practitioner who has been blind from birth and cannot take care of herself. Starting on August 21, 2000, merely for her practice of Falun Gong, the local police interrogated her for three days and three nights and did not allow her to sleep. Then they sent her to the Hefei City Women's Labor Camp. The labor camp did not accept her because of her blindness.

Around midnight on August 21, 2001, Wang Huaijing and Xu Hong from the Politics and Security Section of the Huainan City Panji District Police Station ransacked Ms. Bo's home and sent her husband to a brainwashing class in Huainan City. Ms. Bo and her daughter were separately detained at the Huainan City Panji District Police Station. On the third day, Ms. Bo was sent to a brainwashing class and was forced to write a so-called "transformation statement." The second day after her release, she immediately wrote a solemn declaration that the "transformation statement" was invalid. The police tried to arrest her again, so she had to leave home. Ms. Bo is now living on the streets.

Associate Professor Became Homeless

Dan Ling, female, Associate Professor of the Basic Medical Science Institute, Xiehe Medical University, Beijing, has been awarded "Excellent Teacher" for many years.

Before July 1999, Ms. Dan Ling and eleven other experts from seven work units did scientific research on the health of 12,731 Falun Gong practitioners in Beijing. The results showed that the effect of disease recovery from practicing Falun Gong was as high as 99.1%. However, in July 1999, Ms. Dan was fired from her position by the school simply because she practices Falun Gong and had taken part in the research. On October 13, 1999, the police from the 14th Division of the Beijing Police Station arrested Ms. Dan. After her release, her school and the police, threatened her to make her give up Falun Gong. In order to avoid being arrested again she left her home.

Wang Xingui's Family Broken and She was Forced to Leave Home

Wang Xingui, female, farmer from Hejiadian, Shandan Village, Wushan County, Gansu Province

Ms. Wang Xingui, her husband, Mr. Huang Yuanyi, and their two children are all Falun Gong practitioners. Since the July 1999 banning of Falun Gong in China, they have been arrested, detained, beaten, and fined many times. Their home has also been ransacked frequently and they have become destitute. On November 23, 2000, to avoid being detained again, the couple was forced to leave home and live on the streets. On December 22, 2000, they went to Beijing to appeal to the government to stop persecuting Falun Gong. Mr. Huang's mother and two of his children also went to Beijing to appeal in early January 2001. Then Mr. Huang, his mother and the children were arrested and escorted back to Wushan County. Only the 10-year-old daughter was released. Mr. Huang's 66-year-old father could not bear the persecution of his family, and committed suicide. They were not allowed to hold a funeral for the elder Mr. Huang.

In Beijing, Ms. Wang was detained at the Xuanwu District Detention Center. She went on a hunger strike for seventeen days to protest the detention. Fearing that she would die from the hunger strike, the police dragged her out of the detention center and left her on a street in Beijing on the evening of the 19th day of her hunger strike. She cannot return to her home because she will most likely be arrested again. She has to live in exile in other provinces.

Ms. Wang's grandmother-in-law, who is over 80 years old, lives alone with no one to take care of her. Ms. Wang's 15-year-old son is having a very difficult time working on the farm to support two families. And Ms. Wang's 10-year-old daughter is in foster care.

Zhao Qingshan Forced into Homelessness after Escaping from the 610 Office

Zhao Qingshan, male, 50, resident of Shuangcheng City, Heilongjiang Province

Zhao Qingshan was arrested for posting Falun Gong flyers. Mr. Zhao was able to escape after being detained for 28 days at the Nagang Detention Center in Harbin City, and had to live like a fugitive. On January 24, 2001, he was arrested at 10 a.m. for passing out Falun Gong flyers and was sent to the local 610 office. Mr. Zhao was kept in police custody, where they handcuffed his hands behind his back, and started to beat his face and body with a leather belt, an electric baton, and fists. Three policemen took turns beating him while taunting and insulting him. The torture continued for two hours resulting in much blood, loose teeth and a black and blue face. It took over 20 days for Mr. Zhao to recover. Mr. Zhao was able to escape while being taken to the dining hall, though he still had a handcuff on one wrist. To avoid further torture, he was forced to become homeless.

Dang Lanfeng Forced to Leave Home to Escape Torture

Dang Lanfeng, female, 56, a retired employee of the Shijiazhuang City Fertilizer Factory, Shijiazhuang City, Hebei Province.

Home address: No. 101, Gate 1, Building 15, Fourth District, resident complex of the Shijiazhuang City Fertilizer Factory, Shijiazhuang City, Hebei Province

On October 17, 1999, Ms. Dang Lanfeng went to Beijing to appeal to the government to stop persecuting Falun Gong. She was arrested and escorted back to the Shenglibei Police Station. Policeman Zheng Qihong handcuffed Ms. Dang to a tree. On October 20, 1999, Ms. Dang was sent to the Xinle Detention Center. On November 3, 1999, because she still refused to give up Falun Gong, Ms. Dang was sentenced to three-years of forced-labor and sent to group 4 of the Shijiazhuang City Labor Camp. In the labor camp, Ms. Dang was forced to work from 6:00 a.m. to midnight. Ms. Dang was also beaten and forced to

stand for long periods of time. She was released after one year of detention, but the police often went to her home to threaten her and her family members. Ms. Dang had to leave her home to avoid being detained again. Thinking that she might return, the local police always go to her home during the holidays and try to force her husband to reveal her whereabouts.

A Couple Forced to Leave Home Because of Practicing Falun Gong

1. **Chen Shufen**, female, 40, resident of Nanbaisha Village, Boling Town, Boye County, Hebei Province
2. **Huo Shimin**, Chen Shufen's husband.

On July 20, 1999, Chen Shufen went to Beijing to appeal to the government to stop persecuting Falun Gong. Therefore, Ms. Chen was detained at the Boye County Detention Center for ten days and fined 250 Yuan. On October 22, 1999, the local authorities took Ms. Chen by force to the government building and beat her because she refused to renounce Falun Gong. Then they detained Ms. Chen at the Boye County Detention Center for fifteen days and fined her 400 Yuan. On September 21, 2000, Ms. Chen was detained at the Boye County Police Station for six days and fined 1,600 Yuan. On June 1 and June 3, 2001, the chiefs of the County Police Station and the local government officers went to Ms. Chen's home several times to force her to renounce Falun Gong. On June 4, 2001, Ms. Chen left home in order to avoid the torture she knew would follow. Many policemen went to her home, trying to find her. They also tried to force her husband, Huo Shimin, to renounce Falun Gong, which caused him to leave home as well.