

OVERVIEW OF VIOLENCE AGAINST PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

In China, there are 60 million persons with disabilities due to hearing, speech, visual, physical, mental, or other impairments. The Law of People's Republic of China on the Protection of Disabled Persons was enacted in 1990 to ensure persons with disabilities equal rights including rights to rehabilitation, education, employment, cultural life, and welfare benefits. This law guarantees protection against discrimination, insult and injury, ill-treatment, and abandonment. The Chinese Constitution also grants civil rights to persons with disabilities. These efforts have made significant strides in advancing the overall human rights of persons with disabilities.

Yet, Chinese Communist Party (CCP) violates its country's laws including those protecting people with disabilities when it shamelessly ignores them to enforce a "policy of implication." This term means that a group in society is seen as 'good' one day and 'bad or evil' the next, and subsequently targeted for destruction by terror and violence. Some 70 million civilians have met this fate and died due to the implication policies implemented by the CCP in its 80-year history. These civilians include farmers, intellectuals, citizens following traditional culture or religion, and pro-democracy students. The latest segment of Chinese society to be victimized by this warped form of ruling is Falun Dafa practitioners. As of July 20, 1999 citizens refusing to give up their beliefs in Falun Dafa, a peaceful meditation and exercise self-healing practice, have been and continue to be subject to a country-wide persecution campaign.

The samples in this report illustrate the horrifying impact the persecution is having on persons with disabilities who are Falun Dafa practitioners. They must contend with one or more disabilities in constantly changing, hostile, violent, cruel, non-accessible, and unsanitary environments. They persevere without the aid of established support systems, adaptive devices, care-takers and medications. Persons with disabilities have been illegally imprisoned in facilities that by law should not have admitted them since they require care for daily activities and unable to do manual labor. Being blind, deaf, mentally or physically disabled, or relying on a wheelchair for mobility does not prevent them from being tortured, humiliated, harassed, and killed. The laws meant to protect persons with disabilities are often ignored because of the implication policy. So, practitioners with disabilities face discrimination by courts, employers, housing programs, government programs, etc. Because of this persecution campaign, they often are insulted, injured, ill-treated, subject to extortion, abandonment, and much more. Not surprisingly, their physical and mental health is often compromised by their disabilities; therefore, added stress from the persecution can lead to life threatening illness and death.

This report contains just a sampling of cases of persecution against persons with disabilities who are Falun Dafa practitioners in China. These cases reflect the uncompromising courage, strength, resilience, and determination of these practitioners in holding strong to their beliefs. Due to space limitations, we are only able to present a small number of these tragic stories.

Disabled Falun Gong Practitioner Tortured To Death by Labor Camp

Victim:

Zheng Wei, male, with a disability due to severe hunchback condition, from Dalian City, Liaoning Province

Locations of Detention and Torture:

The Dalian Labor Camp

Perpetrators:

The staff at the Dalian Labor Camp

Brief Report of Incident:

On March 29, 2001 the Falun Dafa Information Center reported the news from Dalian City, Liaoning Province, that a disabled Falun Gong practitioner, Mr. **Zheng Wei**, died after being cruelly tortured in

Dalian Labor Camp. This is the fifth Falun Gong practitioner confirmed to have been tortured to death at this labor camp in the last two years. Zheng Wei was disabled due to a severe hunchback condition. He had been illegally detained at Dalian Labor Camp for reeducation through labor because of his firm belief in Falun Gong. During the detention period, the labor camp did not show any sympathy for his condition, but instead tortured him, treated him inhumanely, humiliated him and made fun of him. He died shortly after his release in April of 2001.

Disabled Young Woman Persecuted to Death in Yunnan Province (Warning: Shocking Image)



Police from Xishan District in Kunming City arrested Dafa disciple Yang Suhong from Yunnan Province, and took her to the Yunnan Provincial Women's Forced Labor Camp in November 2004. After enduring enormous mental and physical torture, the innocent 24-year-old woman passed away on June 11, 2005. Yang Suhong was released after prolonged torture left her emaciated and on the brink of death.

Ms. Yang Suhong was physically handicapped prior to the persecution. At age 24, she was only 30 inches tall and weighed 50 pounds. Ms. Yang lived in the Jishan Neighborhood, administered by the Majie Office in Xishan District.

Yang Suhong was unfortunate since childhood. At the age of eight, she began to be attacked by various long-term diseases, including tubercular-peritonitis, leukemia, and other illnesses. Her parents took her to every well-known hospital in Kunming City. In 1998, the Kunming Tumor Hospital diagnosed her with final-stage bone cancer. The doctor said that she would live for only a few more months.

In February 1999, when it looked like her life was over, Yang Suhong began practicing Falun Dafa. As she practiced and cultivated herself according to the principles of "Truthfulness, Compassion, Forbearance," her body and mind changed dramatically. Gradually, all her illness symptoms vanished. She was finally able to throw out the box of medication that had plagued her for over ten years, and enjoy life again. The doctor who had made the terminal diagnosis was shocked, "We can't believe that you're still alive!"

After the persecution of Falun Dafa began on July 20, 1999, Yang Suhong stuck with her belief, and was persistent in clarifying the true nature of Falun Gong and the persecution. Corrupt officials persecuted her with illegal ransacking of her home, interrogation, imprisonment, and various forms of harassment. In the face of illegal threats and deception by 610 Office personnel (in charge of persecution), the local police, and the Association for the Handicapped, Yang Suhong submitted an article to the Minghui/Clearwisdom website on June 26, 2004. She wrote, "As a handicapped person who suffered incurable illnesses, I should have received assistance from the government and society, but no one offered any help. By practicing Falun Gong, I obtained a healthy body, understood the principle of being a good person, and enlightened to the real meaning of life. I was no longer a burden to my family, and would not let them continue to pay for expensive medication on my behalf. I was no longer a burden to society. Yet, they wanted me to give up the practice of Falun Gong. Isn't that pushing me back to the painful past? Wouldn't that put my parents through that huge disaster again? This pushes me into a dead end!"

"I am a practitioner. Falun Gong taught us to put aside everyday people's concerns for fame, profit, and sentiment in order to achieve perfection. I do not desire to gain something in human society, but I am a Chinese citizen living on Chinese land, and I should have the basic physical conditions to maintain a normal life, to have the freedom to think and the freedom of belief. I can distinguish good from bad, and kindness from wickedness. I will in no way lie against my conscience, and I will never give up my faith because of heavy pressure from the authorities abusing their power."

On November 30, 2004, police from the National Security Department in Xishan District, Kunming City deceived and arrested Yang Suhong, then took her to the Yunnan Provincial Women's Forced Labor Camp at Dabanqiao. Yang Suhong firmly refused to sign the "guarantee letter" that she would never practice Falun Gong, and rejected all so-called transformation attempts.

During her six months in the labor camp, Yang Suhong was forced to participate in the same hard physical labor as other prisoners. She was tortured until she was emaciated and on the brink of death. In May 2005, Ms. Yang was finally sent home. Just over one month after her release, Yang Suhong passed away.

A Handicapped Child and Her Mother Persecuted in Beijing

I am a handicapped person with brain paralysis. People always laughed at me and ridiculed me so frequently that, more than once, I had the idea of ending my life. My mother and I began Falun Dafa cultivation in 1997. After cultivation, I started to realize the true meaning of life. As I elevated my mind nature, my physical condition and personal image improved a great deal. Falun Dafa gives me the strength to keep on living. For that reason, mother and I did not hesitate about going to Beijing to tell about Falun Dafa when Falun Dafa was being slandered and persecuted.

On the evening of October 1, 2001, mother and I went to Tiananmen Square and we spread out Dafa banners. As we raised the banners, some uniformed and plainclothes policemen swarmed all over us. They dragged us to a remote corner where there were few visitors and searched us. Then a police vehicle came and hauled us away. We were taken to Qianmen Police Station. They dragged mother away and locked her in a big cage. Three or four policemen held me down in an effort to take a picture of me. A police officer said, "Why not just twist her neck and break it?"

Upon seeing this, mother shouted loudly from the cage, "The police are mistreating a disabled child!" They didn't stop even though they were tearing my undergarments. It went on for half an hour but they were not successful in taking my picture, so they put me in the cage. A little later, some policemen took us to a room and wanted to register us. We only told them that we came to tell the government what was on our minds and that "Falun Dafa is good, and we have personally benefited from practicing it." Other than that, we didn't tell them anything. Because we didn't tell them our names or address, the police locked us in the cage again.

A short while later, a policeman got us out of the cage and asked for our names and address again. This time his approach was of a milder manner and he also ordered some food for us. My mother told him that we weren't hungry, that we didn't break any law and that good people shouldn't be locked up here. He started to threaten us, "You don't know what is best for you and there are many people more unyielding than you. If you don't behave, we have means to deal with you!" He told mother, "We know how to handle people like you and the idiot child. We'll send you to a hospital and give you a shot. You will not know anything about gong. We'll have the TV's 'Focal Point' people broadcast a story about a woman practicing Falun Gong with her child and that the normal child has become an idiot."

Mother said, "This is a lie. It is illegal!" He said, "We'll listen to whoever offers us money. I am not afraid to tell you this. All of the TV's 'Focal Point' news about Falun Gong has come from us, right here. Whatever our superior says you are that is what will be reported."

We ignored him. They again locked us in the iron cage. There was an elderly fellow practitioner already in the cage. Soon after, they took mother away. I was worried about her and started shouting. After some time they brought mother back. They kept taking mother for questioning all night long. At daybreak, more Falun Dafa practitioners were brought in. I saw some male practitioners that were beaten and bloody all over their bodies because they refused to have their pictures taken. Some who were beaten were missing their shoes. They were tearing the clothing of some female practitioners just like they tore mine. I also saw several policemen using batons to beat a female practitioner.

Later, they took mother away again. Meanwhile, from outside the cage, they were trying to take a picture of me in secret. I knew their stated intention of exploiting my disability, so I turned around and faced the wall to avoid such an occurrence. After a while, mother was brought back to the cage. Mother told me that they had beaten her in an effort to force her to tell them her name and address. When mother refused to tell them, they kicked her in the ribs and lower body. When mother still refused to say anything, they howled, "If you were here a little earlier, I would have killed you already." In the afternoon, one policeman whispered to the other, "Maybe we should just take them to the square, pour gasoline over them and burn them. We'll say they were victims of self-immolation with hopes of going to heaven."

The police tried every means without succeeding to get our names and address. Thus, they had the provincial local liaison offices in Beijing try to identify us, but they could not identify any one of us. The police then dragged us away one by one. I heard a policeman viciously say, "I'll find a good place for you. I just don't believe when you get to the basement your mouths will still be so tight." Mother and I were very surprised that there was a basement where they torture practitioners.

When the two of us were the only people left in the cage, a police chief told us we could go home. It was dark when we were released from the police branch station. We quickly went to a friend's home to tell them what had happened.

Disabled Falun Gong Practitioner Killed by Police in China

Victim:

Zhang Shengfan, male, 38, mobility impairment requiring the use of a cane, from Shuangcheng City.

Locations of Detention and Torture:

1. The Shuangchange detention center
2. The Red Flag Police Sub-station

Perpetrators:

1. The police from the Red Flag Police Sub-station
2. The staff at the Shuangchange detention center
3. The neighborhood committee
4. Zhu Qingwen, Secretary of the City of Shuangcheng
5. Chinese authorities who enacted the June 11, 2001 declaratory statute

Brief Report of Incident:

Mr. **Zhang Shengfan**, a disabled resident of Shuangcheng City, Heilongjiang Province, died in police custody on June 12, 2001, just a few days after police dragged him from his home. Sources say Mr. Zhang, a Falun Gong practitioner, had been beaten to death. He was 38 years old.

His neighbors said he had been frequently harassed by people from the neighborhood committee and police sub-station, and had been detained time and again. Within the span of just four months, he was detained four times. This was all because he was a Falun Gong practitioner. Zhang Shengfan's arrest was apparently part of a larger dragnet operation ordered by Zhu Qingwen, Secretary of the City of Shuangcheng around that time. Local residents say police vehicles had been dispatched to almost every corner of the city to find and arrest Falun Gong practitioners.

On June 11, the Chinese authorities launched their newly released declaratory statute that was specifically written for Falun Gong. A day later, Zhang Shengfan died from torture. According to the new declaratory statute, the authorities will treat Falun Gong as a "reactionary political organization." People arrested on

such a charge would traditionally be given extremely harsh punishments. Sources say police suspected Zhang of printing documents about the persecution against Falun Gong, thus he may have been one of the first victims of this new directive from the central government to intensify the persecution.

Disabled Falun Gong Practitioner: Tortured by being Shocked by Electric Batons While in Water

Victim:

Wang Guozhi, male, paralysis of the legs, weight lifting athlete, husband, father

Locations of Detention and Torture:

1. The police station in Jianping County
2. The No. 4 Prison of the Dabei Prison in Shenyang City, Liaoning Province

Perpetrators:

1. The staff at the Jianping County Court of Liaoning
2. The staff at the No. 4 Prison of the Dabei Prison in Shenyang City, Liaoning Province
3. The police in Jianping County

Brief Report of Incident:

Mr. **Wang Guozhi**, a disabled Falun Gong practitioner, was illegally sentenced to prison by the Jianping County Court of Liaoning. Mr. Wang's disability does not allow him to stand or walk, although he used to be an otherwise healthy weight lifting athlete. Before he was illegally sent to the prison for practicing Falun Dafa, the police in Jianping County brutally tortured him. Policeman Jiang Jie and others from the Political and Security Department put Wang in a room where water had leaked on the floor and shocked him for six hours using several electric batons. The strong current made Wang, who sat in the water, twist and spasm and his whole body was covered with sweat.

When he was sent to the No. 4 Prison of the Dabei Prison in Shenyang City, Liaoning Province, evidence of the previous torture was still visible as his palms were still badly swollen and blistered. Due to the torture, Mr. Wang is very weak and emaciated, and the wounds on his hands have not healed.

His elderly mother traveled to the prison to see him. After she returned home, she was distraught by her son's situation. She dares not let his 90-year-old grandmother know about it, fearing that she could not endure the news. Whenever Mr. Wang's wife talks about him, she breaks down crying. They have two young daughters.

The Persecution Experienced by a Previously Disabled Person Makes Him Further Disabled and To the Point of Death (Warning: Shocking Images)



My name is Wang Fudong. I'm only thirty years old. When I was nineteen years old, I developed necrosis of both of my thighbones. My body was stiff and I could not take care of myself. It was difficult for me to walk. I often tripped and fell. Then I couldn't get up from the ground until a passerby came to my aid and helped me get up. I started practicing Falun Gong in 1998 and my health improved gradually. The pain I suffered disappeared, without my having to take any

medication! This saved my family a lot of medical expenses. My outlook on life also changed and I then had a greater determination to live a full life. Because I spoke up for Falun Dafa, the police tortured me and injured me, causing me to become disabled as I can no longer walk or stand.

I have been disabled since being tortured by police in 2002. Besides having been personally caused great mental and physical harm, the persecution against me has also greatly pained and burdened my family and friends, especially my mother. She had already suffered through the horror of my father being tortured during the Cultural Revolution until he was permanently disabled. And now, as an added burden, she has to face the horror repeating itself, with her son becoming disabled as a result of police torture, simply for practicing Falun Dafa. Her anguish and suffering are hard to describe.

When I was nineteen years old I developed necrosis of both of my thigh bones. My body was stiff and I couldn't take care of myself. Because of the expenses of the medical treatment I required, my family, already poor, became even poorer. It was difficult for me to walk. Every step I made was equal to a normal person's half step. But in order to maintain a living, I had to herd cattle and sheep to the pasture. I often tripped and fell then couldn't get up from the ground until a passerby came to my aid and helped me get up. My situation was very difficult.

But then something wonderful happened! I started practicing Falun Dafa in 1998 and my health improved gradually. The pain I suffered was gone, without my having to take any medication! This saved my family a lot of medical expenses.

Yet best of all, the benefits from practicing Falun Dafa was the change in my moral character. I used to want to retaliate against those who had bullied and taunted me before, but after practicing Falun Dafa I came to understand the principle at "good meets with good and evil with evil," so I eliminated those bad thoughts of revenge from my mind.

On July 20, 1999, Jiang Zemin's regime launched a brutal persecution against Falun Dafa. During the 2000 Spring Festival I went back to my hometown and clarified the truth to my family and fellow villagers and posted signs reading, "Falun Dafa is great!" and, "Truthfulness, Compassion, Forbearance are great!"

After I returned to Dalian City I wrote a letter to Wang Kai, the chief of the Chagan Township Police Station. I had heard that in his zeal to persecute a schoolteacher who practiced Falun Dafa in his area, he ordered her under force to walk to work every day instead of riding a bicycle. In the letter I told him that what he did was illegal. But Wang Kai used my letter as evidence to persecute me. Along with another policeman named Zhao from Linjiang Police Station, they traveled from Jilin Province to Dalian City to arrest me. Wang Kai ganged up with the police of the Ershili Town Police Station, citing the Political and Judiciary Commission rules, and together they came to my home and arrested me in violation of the Chinese Constitution. They ransacked my home and confiscated my Falun Gong books.

My mother tried to stop the police from arresting me. The Ershili Town police chief intimidated and threatened her. He deceived my mother by saying that they were going to question me at the police station for a couple of days and that they would send me back home afterwards. They did not show us any legal arrest warrant when they ransacked my home and took me away.

I resisted when the police tried to make me sit in the car, so they used force and crammed me into the trunk! It was very uncomfortable. I had a leg injury from a small shovel a few days prior to this, and it was still bleeding and oozing pus. My mother showed them my wounds, trying to arouse the police's conscience, but they were not concerned at all. They took me all the way from Dalian City, Liaoning Province to Da'an City, Jilin Province. Eventually we went on a train. On the train I lost consciousness. Wang Kai shoved me under the seat. It became obvious from their conversation that the real reason for them arresting me was so they would get a promotion. Wang Kai paid no attention to the fact that he and I are related to each other.

I was illegally incarcerated at Da'an City's Prison in Jilin Province for over two months. The prison's dilapidated conditions made my wounded leg worse and it started to develop gangrene. The bed in the prison was very low, therefore I could not get up off the bed. It was like torture. I struggled and lived through those two months in the presence of my verbally abusive cellmates. Then, my health suddenly deteriorated. Both of my feet became swollen, causing me great pain when walking. The prison authorities

did not want to take responsibility, so they sentenced me to three years of forced labor, in another location so they wouldn't be responsible for my condition. Somebody else signed the verdict for me with the charge of "disturbing social order." How could an injured person like me, who had difficulty walking, do something to "disturb the social order?"

Mr. Wang Fudong's condition at the time of the article was written.



The police left me at a relative's home. I stayed there for a few days before I attempted to return home to Dalian City. When I was struggling to walk at the Da'an Railway Station before the train arrived, a woman asked me what happened. I told her that because I practice Falun Gong and follow the principle of "Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance," to be a good person, I was arrested and injured to this degree. While I was clarifying the truth, two plainclothes police overheard my discussion and arrested me.

They took me to the Railway Station police office and later sent me to the Da'an North Police Station. My feet were aching very badly by that time and I could hardly walk. But the police were not concerned at all, because for every Falun Gong practitioner they arrested, they could get a 1,000-Yuan bonus. In the interrogation record in the Da'an North Police Station I found words describing me as a "criminal." I tore the record up, because I am not a criminal nor am I guilty of any crime. In retaliation, the police beat me severely, using a wet towel to cause internal injuries without leaving any marks or bruises on my body. They also called the police from Linjiang Police Station and illegally imprisoned me again at Da'an Prison for two weeks. My health became even worse. The prison did not want to take any responsibility for me due to my deteriorating physical condition and therefore allowed me to go home. Two officers from the Linjiang Police Station put me on the train, told the train police a few words and left. Now I have returned home to Dalian City, Liaoning Province.

I am a law-abiding Chinese citizen. I spoke the truth about Falun Dafa, exercising my constitutional rights. I was unreasonably persecuted, and because of the severe abuse under the persecution, I became disabled. I am accusing Jiang's regime: Accusing them of savage mental and physical cruelty under the persecution, and I am holding them responsible for the pain and suffering that my family has to endure because of the treatment I have received. I ask kind people around the world to join with me to help stop this persecution.

(This article was narrated by Wang Fudong and written by others on his behalf.)

Blind Man Says "Falun Dafa is Good!" and Receives a Prison Sentence

A blind masseur in a northern city who works in an orphanage is a kind and just person. He was not well off but he still adopted a blind girl. The orphanage personnel often abuse the orphans, and he tried to persuade them to stop, but to no avail. When he reported the abuse to a supervisor, he was laid off in retaliation.

In 2001, he went to City Hall to appeal his job situation. At that time there were many people appealing at City Hall. He started talking about Falun Gong with the people around him. He said frankly, "Falun Gong is good. They [practitioners] are very kind. Even in the face of the persecution they have always been kind." Because he was overheard making this statement the police put him in the detention center for more than 10 days. They then ransacked his house and sentenced him to a year and a half of prison. Since he is blind and cannot work in the prison, his prison terms were executed outside the prison with surveillance.

A Disabled and Retired Serviceman Is Illegally Sentenced to 3 ½ Years

Victims:

1. **Shuai Liangcheng**, male, crippled from severe rheumatoid arthritis, retired serviceman from Yangwan Village, Suji Town, Leshan City, Sichuan Province
2. College age daughter

Locations of Detention and Torture:

1. The Jiajiang detention center
2. The Yangwan Village government jail
3. The Suji Town Police Station
4. The Guihualou Detention Center in Leshan City
5. The Shizhushan Detention Center

Perpetrators:

1. The staff at the Jiajiang detention center
2. The staff at Yangwan Village government jail
3. The staff at Suji Town Police Station
4. The staff at Guihualou Detention Center in Leshan City
5. The staff at Shizhushan Detention Center
6. Song Enpu, from the Yangwan Village government, Zhou Shimin and Chen Guangting, from the Suji Town police station, and Luo Jianhua and Li Changnai, from the Jiajiang County Public Security Bureau

Brief Report of Incident:

Shuai Liangcheng, a severely disabled retired serviceman from Yangwan Village, Suji Town, Leshan City, Sichuan Province, was abducted by the police on the morning of April 6, 2004. Since the Chinese Communist Party began persecuting Falun Gong, Shuai Liangcheng has been illegally imprisoned many times in the Yangwan Village government jail, the Suji Town Police Station, the Guihualou Detention Center in Leshan City, and in the Shizhushan Detention Center. He was illegally sentenced to three-and-a-half years for practicing Falun Gong. At present, he is imprisoned in the Jiajiang detention center and being subjected to torture.

After abducting Shuai Liangcheng, the police went to the school where **Shuai's daughter** is enrolled to pressure and intimidate her into writing her father to convince him to renounce his practice. At that time the daughter was facing university admission exams.

While Shuai Liangcheng was in the army, he developed severe rheumatoid arthritis and was seriously crippled by the disease. Eventually, the disease caused him to become hunchbacked, and his hands and feet curled up and would not unclench. His condition was extremely painful. Then he began to practice Falun Gong. After he had practiced and studied diligently for a while, his back began to straighten and his fingers and toes unclenched and began to move freely. He became a totally renewed and healthy person, and he strongly believes in Falun Dafa.

On April 6, 2004, Mr. Shuai was abducted and dragged off the street by several policemen. This time he was taken to the Jiajiang police station, where he was brutally tortured by several different methods, including forty hours of sleep deprivation. The police intended to torture Shuai to the point of mental collapse so that he would confess to the false charges the police had concocted against him. On the second day after Shuai was abducted, police officers Luo Jianhua and Li Changnai went to Shuai's house to extort money from his family, using the excuse that they would use the money to buy meat for Mr. Shuai to eat.

He is still imprisoned in the Jiajiang Detention Center, suffering from all kinds of brutal torture. We ask respectfully for help and attention from international organizations and all kind-hearted people in society.

Disabled Elderly Practitioner Is Repeatedly Arrested and Tortured Because She Practices Falun Gong

Before I practiced Falun Gong, I had heart disease. My brain did not receive enough blood, I had pain in my lower back, and I had lost feeling in half of my body. I had polio when I was a child and my left leg could not move at all. I had great difficulty walking and I fell down at least five to six times a day. About ten years ago, I had a car accident and my left leg received a comminuted fracture. This is a fracture in which the bone is splintered or crushed. After the surgery, my knee could not bend and I had to use crutches for two whole years. In my heart, I really did not have the courage to live any more.

I was very glad to become a practitioner in 1998 and I changed from having lost all hope to having become a very energetic, healthy, and happy person. After I become a practitioner, I never got sick. I didn't even get headaches, fevers, or the flu. I became a much healthier person. I used to not be able to bend my knee but now I can do the double lotus meditation position that requires bending the knees for two hours. I never fall down while walking anymore. I have been given a second life and I cannot use human language to describe my gratitude. I only can use the standard of Falun Dafa to ask myself to become a good and noble person.

When I saw Falun Dafa was persecuted, my heart was broken. Having benefited greatly from leaning Falun Dafa, how could I pretend not to see what was going on and do nothing?

I went to Beijing in November 2000. I was arrested at Tiananmen Square, and was illegally detained for eighteen days. After that I was sent back to my local public security department and detained there for more than a month. I was charged 3,000 Yuan (the average monthly income in China is about 500 Yuan) in order to be released. I had only been with my family for a couple of days, when the political department accused me of "disturbing the public order" and detained me until May 3, 2001, at which time I was transferred to the detention center.

On the first day at the detention center, the center's supervisor beat me, kicked me, pushed me out of the cell, handcuffed me, and hung me up because I practiced the exercises. They also handcuffed my hands, interlocking them with another practitioner's hands for 30 days. As a result of this, I needed help eating and going to the restroom and I slept with endless pain. You can imagine what kind of itching one might get, going thirty days without a change of clothes.

One night, in August 2001, I was forcefully dragged to the brainwashing class. At 1:00 am in the morning, the police put me together with three criminals who only wore their underwear and locked the door. I

resisted very strongly and eventually they opened the door but they sent me to stay with another two men the whole night.

In order to expose the evil behavior of Chinese Communist Party and to tell the true story about Falun Gong to everyone, early in 2002 I went to another city to distribute truth-clarifying material, but unfortunately I was arrested, detained at the police department for 24 hours, and slapped on my face more than thirty times. I was then secretly sent to a detention center. There, the guards used two handcuffs and a big chain to tie me to a heating pipe, and I could not sit or bend, and could only talk to them sideways. They had more than ten people torturing me in turn and did not allow me to sleep. This kind of torture went on continuously for five days and nights. Because I am an elderly female, I could not sustain their torture and finally fainted.

In July 2002, our local practitioners were facing a severe sentence in court and I applied for an audience pass and entered the court. Just because I silently erected my hand in front of my chest, I was arrested for "disturbing the order" and illegally detained for half a month.

Late one night in September 2002, six or seven big men broke into my home and without saying anything they took me to the detention center. In the detention center, a person from the political department, who is a big man, beat me and kicked me. They stole my Falun Dafa book. While in the detention center, I was interrogated twice and brutally tortured twice. Because I refused to cooperate, five of us practitioners were handcuffed together. They also punished the entire cell by making them stand until midnight. The cell leader, a female, took our blankets away and returned them to us five days later. A few days later, she took away our blankets again because we practiced the exercises. She also used three heavy foot shackles (each shackle is over five kilograms) to chain the four of us together; two of us were over fifty years old. We shared a thin blanket during the 2 - 3 degrees Celsius temperature (33 degrees Fahrenheit). Our legs were swollen because of the extremely cold weather. We therefore used small towels to wrap around our ankles, but the cell leader also threw our towels away. Over and above these hardships, every day we had to face and listen to the policemen's insults and verbal abuse.

Practitioners with Paraplegia and Other Disabilities Are Imprisoned at the Masanjia Forced-Labor Camp

Victims:

1. **Zhang Xiurong** a paraplegic female, from Yongle Sub-district, Tiexi District, Anshan City, Liaoning Province
2. **Sun Shihai**, Zhang Xiurong's husband, who is also a paraplegic
3. **Their nine year old daughter**

Locations of Detention and Torture:

The Masanjia Forced Labor Camp

Perpetrators:

The staff of the fifth team of the third brigade at the Masanjia Forced Labor Camp

Brief Report of Incident:

I was illegally imprisoned at Masanjia Forced Labor Camp around April 2002. In the fifth team of the third brigade where I was detained, there were two paraplegic practitioners. One of them was **Zhang Xiurong** a female Falun Dafa practitioner who lived in the Yongle Sub-district, Tiexi District, Anshan City, Liaoning Province. She has paraplegia [paralysis of the lower half of the body] and cannot work at all. She has been

illegally detained in the Masanjia Forced Labor Camp for being a Falun Dafa practitioner. As indicated by the camp's name, one of the criteria for being detained there is the ability to perform manual labor. However, the Masanjia Woman Second Center (also known as the Liaoning Province Thought Education School) has been illegally detaining many female Falun Dafa practitioners who are completely unable to perform labor.

Her husband **Sun Shihai** also is a paraplegic and has no ability to work; he was illegally sentenced to eleven years in prison. Their **nine-year-old child** lost all parental care and is home alone.

Additionally, I often saw a Falun Gong practitioner, from the first team of the third brigade, having great difficulty just using the stairs, even when holding onto the banister.

In the third team of the third brigade, there was a practitioner suffering from a congenital disability.

The Torture of a Blind Falun Gong Grandmother I Appeal to the World My Case

Victim:

1. **Bai Minghua**, female, blind since birth, Huainan City, Anhui Province
2. **Hu Yu**, her daughter
3. **Hu Yu's new born daughter**
4. **Bai Minghua's husband**

Brief Report of Incident:

My name is Ms. **Bai Minghua**. I am a wife, mother of five, and a 59 year old grandmother. I am also blind and have been so since birth. Our family resides in Huainan City, Anhui Province, China. My husband, one of our daughters, and I began to practice Falun Gong in 1994. Falun Gong is a qigong cultivation practice for health, fitness, and spiritual enlightenment, involving special gentle exercises, meditation, and living by the principles of truth, compassion, and tolerance.

On July 20, 1999, Jiang Zemin, then Chinese Communist Party leader in China, started a genocide campaign against any Falun Gong practitioner who would not give up their beliefs. Our family and community were puzzled by these orders that soon were felt in every home, school, business, and public place in China. Falun Gong is such a good practice that has benefited millions of people. It has not harmed anyone and it offers so many benefits to families and society. How could this persecution be happening to such peaceful, good, law bidding people?

Since this persecution began, my family and I have been illegally imprisoned 10 times ranging from seven days to one year in duration. The police have illegally broken into and ransacked our home, stolen a VCR, television, cell phone and other household items, and extorted two years worth of income (10 thousand Yuan) from my family. They threaten my youngest daughter who is mentally retarded with throwing her off the building to her death. My daughter, **Hu Yu**, and I have been subject to brutal torture, and homelessness along with my **daughter's new born**, because we practice Falun Gong. Worse, I have heard the cries of my child being tortured, and now I am without my **husband** because he is illegally imprisoned for practicing Falun Dafa. I appeal to the world my case.

[Follow-up report: On September 2002, police arrested Bai Minghu and Hu Yu in the room that they had been renting while forced into homelessness to avoid further persecution. For nearly twelve months, the family was unable to visit or get information about them. On August 10, 2003, Bai Minghua husband received a phone call from the court to pick up his wife and daughter at the Bangbu Prison Hospital. When he got to the prison hospital Bai Minghua had by then been tortured to the point that she was just skin and bones and could not sit or walk. Hu Yu was the same. Neither woman had the strength to open their eyes. Five days later, the police came to their house and took Bai Minghua and Hu Yu to the detention center. Later, the court held a secret trial and she was sentenced to nine years in prison. Even though she is blind, at this prison she was placed in heavy shackles while forced to work. This violates the law. She has been

reported to frequently fall and faint from her extreme weakness caused by endless torture. An officer of the prison said that she was fully qualified to be bailed out for medical reasons, but "610 Office" supervisors from the city have so far not processed their bail. We appeal to the kind people of the world to pay attention to this case.

Police Kidnap and Sentencing of a Mentally Disabled Person to a Forced Labor Camp

Victims:

1. **Meng Yan**, female
2. **Li Li**, Meng Yan's daughter, who has a mental disorder

Locations of Detention and Torture:

Forced Labor Camp

Perpetrators:

1. Mr. Yang, Vice Head of the Second Police Station of Qianan County
2. Liu Wei, policeman
3. The forced labor camp staff

Brief Report of Incident:

On November 3, 2002, police illegally searched the home of Falun Dafa practitioner Ms. **Meng Yan**. Afterwards they kidnapped her and her daughter **Li Li** by force. Li Li suffers from a mental disorder and is not a Falun Gong practitioner. However, without any mercy, the police sentenced the mentally disabled daughter to one year in a forced labor camp and her mother to two years. As a result, Li Li's mental condition has deteriorated, and it has brought tremendous suffering to the family. All the neighbors have denounced the police's brutality.

Abduction, Forced Illegal Detention and Attempted Brainwashing of a Disabled Woman and Her Family

Victims:

1. **Wang Xiaojie**, female, disabled with muscular atrophy of her right hand and leg, from Changchun City
2. **mother**
3. **sister**

Locations of Detention and Torture:

1. The Xinglongshan Brainwashing Center
2. The Heizuizi Forced Labor Camp

Perpetrators:

1. The staff at the Xinglongshan Brainwashing Center
2. The staff at the Heizuizi Forced Labor Camp

Brief Report of Incident:

Ms. **Wang Xiaojie** is disabled with muscular atrophy of her right hand and leg and lives in Changchun City. In 2002, she was abducted from her home by the local police during the Party's Sixteenth Congress because she is a Falun Dafa practitioner. She is currently being detained illegally in Xinglongshan Brainwashing Center. Her **mother and sister** were arrested last year while trying to stop an illegal trial of Falun Dafa practitioners. It is said that they were both locked up in Heizuizi Forced Labor Camp. But when family members went to see them, Heizuizi Forced Labor Camp refused the request saying that they were not there. At present, their elderly father, who had a stroke resulting from another illness, has been left home alone. Thus, another family has been broken up by the persecution.

Police Mistreat Disabled Falun Dafa Practitioner

In Hebei Province, the Manchen county police station and the detention center brutally persecuted Falun Dafa practitioners during the past two years using various means, such as beatings, fines, detention and sentencing to prison. As of now, dozens of Falun Dafa practitioners still remain in captivity. The Director of the Political Protection Office, Zhao Yuxia, frequently beats these practitioners personally.

One of the practitioners has a somewhat abnormal physical body. Long ago before becoming a practitioner, she fell out of a tree. Afterwards, her leg was paralyzed and she became incontinent. She could not take care of herself in daily life without assistance. Her family spent 9,000 Yuan for medical expenses, but to no avail. Her legs often felt achy and weak, causing her to have thoughts of suicide. Not long after being introduced to Falun Dafa she began to practice and her legs became strong and the pain disappeared. This strengthened her confidence in Falun Dafa, and helped her to behave accordance with, and follow the principles of "Truthfulness, Compassion, Forbearance." Although her legs are still thin, she can now walk just a little and take care of housework. She even adopted a child.

In the new year of 2001, in order to carry out their assignment, the local police station took personnel from the political safeguard department to her house and ransacked it. When they found the Falun Gong books, they forcefully took her to the political safeguard department and asked her whether she would insist on practicing Falun Gong. She described the benefits that Falun Gong had given her and ended up by saying, "I have to continue to practice." Her experience did not touch the hearts of the police, and she was sent to a detention center. They did not even let a disabled person go.

In the Manchen detention center, practitioners bear all kinds of torture. Certain that practicing Falun Dafa was not a crime and that they had been illegally detained, they went on a hunger strike and even refused to drink water, some for 8 to 10 days. Even so, the detention center did not release them, but instead tried to force them to write "guarantee letters" to discontinue practicing Falun Dafa. All the practitioners refused. Unable to achieve their purpose, they exploited family members and forced them to pay to get their loved ones back. The amount varied from 1,000 to 10,000 Yuan.

Reform School Persecutes Dafa Practitioners, including Persons with Disabilities

Victims:

1. **Wang Yuying**, female, congenital problems with her hands, feet, and legs, along with severe nearsightedness
2. **Huang Shixiang**, female, disabled
3. **Li Baozhu**, female, hypertension

Locations of Detention and Torture:

The Shengyang City Longshan Reform School

Perpetrators:

1. The staff at the Shengyang City Longshan Reform School
2. Tang Yubao, a prison guard from the second brigade

Brief Report of Incident:

Shengyang City Longshan Reform School has never stopped persecuting Falun Dafa practitioners during the past several years. Their latest crime is listed below:

Ms. **Wang Yuying** is a disabled practitioner. She has congenital problems with her hands, feet, and legs, along with severe nearsightedness. In November 2003, she was wrongfully confined in the Longshan Reform School. She was punished with physical abuse and forced to do heavy labor. Prior to entering the reform school, she was healthy due to practicing Falun Gong. However, under such persecution, she began to have health problems. She started to constantly experience twitching throughout her whole body. She had much difficulty taking in food, and had urinary incontinence. She stayed in bed and could not get up. Nine days later, she was finally sent to a hospital. The examination showed that her cerebellum had atrophied. The doctor said, "There is no way to cure such a condition. A patient can only take rest and nourishment to regain his or her health. The condition will worsen if she is not taken good care of. There is even a risk of paralysis." Several days later, Ms. Wang was sent home.

However, in less than a month, around the middle of February of 2003, Tang Yubao, a prison guard from the second brigade, went to Ms. Wang's home and took advantage of her family's absence. He forcibly took her back to the reform school and continued the persecution. Currently, Ms. Wang is in a very dangerous situation. She has very bad headaches and cannot sleep. She cannot eat, and vomits every day. She has not eaten anything for five or six days. She is filled with despair. Even in this kind of situation, Tang Yubao is still viciously abusing her.

Many other practitioners are also being persecuted here including **Huang Shixiang**, who is also a disabled person who was beaten up for no reason by Tang Yubao. Her face was so battered that she could not go to the eating area for a meal or talk for two days. **Li Baozhu** is still being detained even though she has hypertension.

We call on the kindhearted people within the country and overseas to help end the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners in Mainland China, including the Longshan Reform School. Help free Falun Gong practitioners who are being unlawfully detained.

Home Ransacked, Belongs Stolen, Abduction, Illegal Detention, Lies, Money Taken, Slapping, and Threats

Victims:

1. **Wei Haiqing** (pseudonym for her protection), 52-year-old wife, mother, grandmother, with poor eyesight due to congenital denaturation of retinal pigment
2. Her **third daughter** who was pregnant

Locations of Detention and Torture

1. The political and security section of the Huainan Security Bureau
2. The staff of the 1st Detention Center

Perpetrators:

1. The police of the political and security section of the Huainan Security Bureau
2. The staff of the 1st Detention Center

Brief Report of Incident:

Wei Haiqing (pseudonym for her protection) is a 52-year-old woman who has very poor eyesight due to congenital denaturation of retinal pigment. Because of her determination to practice Falun Dafa and her legal appeal for Falun Dafa, since September 25, 1999, she has been put in detention, detained three times, and sentenced to a labor camp. The police have illegally without a warrant, ransacked her house and taken Falun Dafa books, a VCR and a cassette player. The police have repeatedly threatened her and extorted 5,000 yuan from them (about 12 months' salary of an average worker in China). The security department threatened to force **her third daughter** to have an abortion if she did not stop the practice of Falun Dafa. Failing to attain their goal, they sent her daughter to a detention center. The detention center refused her due to her pregnancy.

Disabled Practitioner Brutally Beaten in Jiutai Labor Camp

Victims:

1. Li Xiangzuo, male, physical disability
2. **Jiang Jianfeng**, male

Locations of Detention and Torture:

The Fourth Major Unit of Jiutai Labor Camp

Perpetrators:

The staff of the Fourth Major Unit of Jiutai Labor Camp, including policeman Li Xiaofei

Brief Report of Incident:

On the morning of May 12th 2003, Falun Dafa practitioner Mr. **Li Xiangzuo** who was illegally held in the Fourth Major Unit of Jiutai Labor Camp, worked a little slower due to a physical disability. As a result, policeman Li Xiaofei beat him until he was covered with blood and could no longer walk. When Falun Dafa practitioner Mr. **Jiang Jianfeng** questioned the policeman about the beating, he was also beaten until he was no longer able to walk.

Dalian City Police Detain an Elderly Handicapped Woman's Caregiver

Victims:

1. **Yu Pingzhu**, female, wife and mother, convenience store owner, caretaker of Ms. Xiao
2. **Xiao Lifang**, female, 84, disabled woman who lives with Yu Pingzhu

Locations of Detention and Torture:

The Dalian City Ganjingzi District's Airport Area Police Station

Perpetrators:

The police from Dalian City Ganjingzi District's Airport Area Police Station

Brief Report of Incident:

On April 25, 2002, Police from Dalian City Ganjingzi District's Airport Area Police Station arrested Falun Dafa practitioner Yu Pingzhu at her business, a small convenience store. Her home was ransacked and she is currently being detained at Yaojia Detention Center. For the past 25 years she had been the caregiver for a disabled woman who is now 84 years old.

When **Xiao Lifang**, the disabled 84-year-old woman who lives with Yu Pingzhu, heard this devastating news, her health began to deteriorate. She anxiously awaits Yu Pingzhu's return home. Yu Pingzhu has cared for her for about 25 years and had treated her like her own mother. Twenty-five years ago, a car accident disabled Xiao Lifang, an elderly unmarried woman. Yu Pingzhu, a fellow villager who at the time was married and pregnant, offered to take Xiao Lifang into her home to care for her daily needs.

In July 1999, Yu Pingzhu was detained for 19 days following her trip to Beijing to appeal for Falun Dafa. In April 25, 2002, she was arrested for the second time. The persecution has made it impossible for her to lead a normal family life. Her husband has had to shoulder all the responsibilities. In addition to his day job, he has to manage the convenience shop, take care of their youngest son and the elderly lady, not to mention the heavy psychological stress he must suffer.

We appeal to the China Women's Association and other kind-hearted people to help end the terrible situation that Yu Pingzhu's family is experiencing.