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Falun Gong Welcomed at Iranian New Year Gathering in Sweden

(Clearwisdom.net) On Tuesday March 13, 2007, several thousand Iranian people attended the annual Iranian New Year gathering in Sweden. Falun Gong practitioners joined the celebration this year.

The party started at 6:00 p.m. Just after the Falun Gong stand was set up, a Chinese girl and her Iranian boyfriend came over. The young woman asked, "Why is Falun Gong practiced by so many people around the world and why does China ban it?" The practitioner cited her own personal experience and told the girl about the grace of Falun Gong and the brutal persecution of Falun Gong practitioners in China. The girl was shocked when she heard about the Chinese regime's organ harvest from living Falun Gong practitioners. The practitioner told her, "Please read the *Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party* and you will understand everything. There is no evil thing the Chinese Communist Party would not do. Do you know *The Epoch Times* website? Over twenty million people have quit the Chinese Communist Party." The young woman said, "I heard about this. My mother quit the Party. I joined the Communist Youth League but I haven't withdrawn yet." The practitioner said, "It is better to withdraw from it as soon as possible. I can help you do it over the Internet." The girl was very relieved to hear this. She and her boyfriend left happily with various truth-clarification materials and a beautiful paper lotus flower.



Many people are attracted by the graceful Falun Gong exercise demonstration and start to learn the exercises on the spot.

Practitioners demonstrated the Falun Gong exercises at the stand. The gentle and beautiful exercise demonstration attracted the attention of many people. A woman at the neighboring stand also came over to learn the exercises. Among those learning the exercises were three lovely children. One of them also called their father over to come to learn with them.

By 10:00 p.m., all the informational materials had been given out. When the practitioners were about to leave, a gentleman came up wanting to learn about Falun Gong. Practitioners patiently explained Falun Gong to him and gave him the last copy of the leaflets. He carefully folded the leaflet and put into his bag. After saying "Thank you" many times, he left with satisfaction.

Introduction to Falun Dafa

Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a practice for benefiting physical health and elevating the mind. Introduced by Mr. Li Hongzhi in China, the practice consists of five gentle exercises including meditation, and diligent effort on the part of practitioners to follow the universal principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance in daily life. Falun Gong is not only beneficial to one's own health and well-being, it also benefits others. Although the practice originated in China, today it is practiced throughout the world by people of all races and walks of life. In the face of the most brutal and vicious persecution perpetrated on them by the Chinese Communist Party, Falun Gong practitioners have found the spiritual strength to resist peacefully and tirelessly by upholding the principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance.

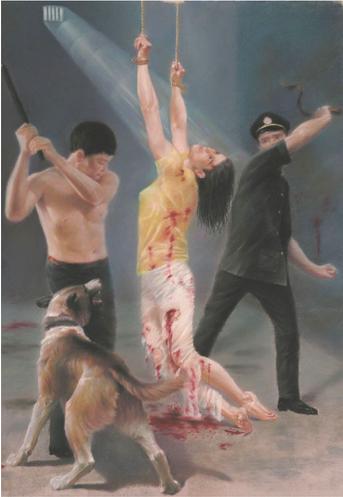


About Clearwisdom

Clearwisdom.net is the most authoritative source of information about the practice of Falun Gong and about the persecution of Falun Gong in China, reporting timely news and events happening inside China as well as from the more than 70 countries around the world where Falun Gong is practiced. Clearwisdom responsibly publishes the experiences and understandings of practitioners themselves, who submit the majority of the articles.

Six Practitioners Die as a Result of the Persecution

(Clearwisdom.net) The police authorities in Beijing arrested Mr. Li Yanzhong in 2001 for practicing Falun Dafa. They held him at the Tuanhe Forced Labor Camp in Beijing. The police officers in the forced labor camp beat him until he was paralyzed. After being tortured for 16 months, they released Mr. Li on bail due to his medical condition in 2002. Mr. Li never recovered and died on November 23, 2006.



Practitioner suffering from brutal beating

Ms. Zhou Cuizhi, 71 years old, was from Hebei Province. She started to practice Falun Gong in 1997 and all of her illnesses disappeared afterward. Her husband also started the practice after seeing her dramatic improvements. In June 2004, police arrested her husband for telling people about Falun Gong. Under the harassments and threats of the police, Ms. Zhou's health deteriorated. She died in December 2006.

Ms. Guo Ruiping was from Shandong Province. After the persecution started, Ms. Guo went to Beijing twice to appeal for justice for Dafa. Supervisors from her work sent her to brainwashing sessions during each holiday. Ms. Guo was forced to leave her home and move from place to place to avoid arrest. Her health started to deteriorate. She passed away on July 25, 2006. She was only 43 years old.

Ms. Xu Xiangqin was from Liaoning Province. The police from Liaoyang County arrested her in May 2001 and sent her to a brainwashing center in Liaoyang City. After they released her, she was in constant fear and under tremendous mental pressure. She passed away on April 25, 2004.

Ms. Li Suzhen was from Hebei Province. Personnel from the police station and community office of Dongli Village arrested her when she distributed truth-clarification materials in 2004. They detained and tortured her until she became very ill. Ms. Li passed away on February 17, 2007.

Ms. Chen Yuanzhen was from Hunan Province. After the persecution started on July 20, 1999, personnel from the 610 Office (set up to persecute Falun Gong) went to her home and harassed her frequently. They did not allow her to practice the exercises. Because of this, Ms. Chen's health went bad. Due to the frequent threats and harassment from the local police as well as other forms of persecution, Ms. Chen died on December 30, 2003.

Stories of People Awakening to the Truth

1. Two High Officials Make Conscientious Choices - I started to practice Falun Gong in 1998. On July 20, 1999, the army division I served in was given orders to report any officials and their families who practiced Falun Gong. One of the main officials said to me, "There is an order to ban Falun Gong. Don't you and your family members practice Falun Gong? Stay home and practice there from now on, and we will not write your names on the list." After that, several others reported me to this official. However, he shelved the case. My family members and I never stopped the practice. I became a colonel and my commander became an even higher official in the army. There was another practitioner who served in the army. He was put on a list to be monitored by the authorities. His commander said to him, "Do you want your Party membership and army service, or do you want to practice Falun Gong?" The practitioner chose Falun Gong. His division discharged him and his chief was thus promoted to a higher rank in the army. However, he was in a car accident some years later. Those who follow Jiang Xemin's regime and persecute kindhearted people cannot escape punishment.

2. Every Family Is Reading the *Nine Commentaries* - Today is the first work day after the Chinese New Year. One colleague asked me, "Did you read the *Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party*?" I said I had read it on the Internet. He told me he went to his hometown to celebrate Chinese New Year. On the morning of the first day of the New Year, there was a copy of the *Nine Commentaries* outside each family's front door. Many people tried to be the first to read it. I also saw another co-worker. I did not have a good impression of him and felt that he was not really a good person. However, today he was seriously discussing something with four or five older women. I walked by and overheard that he was talking about the *Nine Commentaries*. He could recite from each chapter of the *Nine Commentaries*. In that instant I realized that another human being had chosen a good future for himself.