



Ms. Gu Jianmin Died after Only Thirteen Days in Custody

Victim:

Ms. Gu Jianmin, 53, lived in the 13th Building-Apt. 601, 400 Lane, Yangguangxincun Neighborhood, Qishan Street, Pudong New District, Shanghai.



Ms. Gu Jianmin

Ms. Gu Jianmin, a Falun Gong practitioner, was arrested on March 1, 2008, by officers from the Yangjing Police Station in Pudong New District, Shanghai. She died on March 13, 2008.

On March 13, 2008, an agent of the Pudong New District “610 Office” called Ms. Gu's husband, saying that she was not well, and that he should come and process a medical parole. They told her husband to go to the Pudong New District Police Department, and the Neighborhood Administration, to do the medical parole paper work. This process dragged on from 12:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. Some unknown person had Ms. Gu's husband sign an arrest warrant during this time period. Upon arriving at the hospital, Ms. Gu's husband was forced again to sign an arrest warrant. When he later found Ms. Gu by himself, she was in the Gastric lavage room. He saw that her eyes were protruding, her pupils were enlarged, and she was bleeding from the mouth, but no one was taking care of her. Her husband knelt down in front of the doctors and begged them to save his wife. The doctor conducted a rather quick attempt to rescue her, and declared that she was dead.



There were more than thirty "610 Office" agents present, and some of them were plainclothes officers. The hospital's security guards were waiting in the hospital room, and took Ms. Gu's body to the morgue while some of the others surrounded her husband to restrain him. Ms. Gu's husband was very angry. He loudly declared that he would find out who the killers were. All of the agents quickly fled, and only some of the plainclothes police officers were hiding in the crowd. Ms. Gu's husband could not find any of the agents. The doctor told him that Ms. Gu was dying when she arrived at the hospital. The hospital issued a critical condition notice, which should be signed by the immediate family, but was signed instead by an unknown person. Ms. Gu's husband realized the "610 Office" and the detention center tricked him into agreeing to a medical parole in an attempt to avoid any responsibility for Ms. Gu's death.

Ms. Gu had been detained in a forced labor camp for one year in 2006 because she clarified the true facts about Falun Gong. This time within thirteen days of her arrest, Ms. Gu, a healthy woman, died in police custody. The Pudong District "610 Office" and the Pudong New District Detention Center are responsible for Ms. Gu's death.



Incidents of Falun Gong Practitioners from Linyi, Shandong Province, Being Persecuted Before the Olympics

Victims:

1. **Mr. Zhao Shengju** and his wife, from Mengyin County, Shandong Province
2. **Mr. Ma Fumin**, from Mengyin County, Shandong Province
3. **Mr. Guo Changde** and his wife, from Mengyin County, Shandong Province
4. **Mr. Xu Zhidong** and his wife **Ms. Li Qiuhong**, from Mengyin County, Shandong Province
5. **Mr. Yang Xingcai** and his wife **Ms. Ju Fangling**, from Mengyin County, Shandong Province
6. **Mr. Ju Xinglian**, 66, a retired teacher, is from Yinjiawa Village, Jiuzhai Township, Mengyin County, Shandong Province
7. **Mr. Ju Dianxing**, 49, a teacher at the Jiuzhai Elementary School, Jiuzhai Township, Mengyin County, Shandong Province
8. **Ms. Song Zengrong**, 51, from Yinjiawa Village, Jiuzhai Township, Mengyin County, Shandong Province
9. **Mr. Zhang Yubao**, over 40, from Lianwangya Village, Jiuzhai Township, Mengyin County, Shandong Province
10. **Ms. Pi Xiuying**, over 50, from Lianwangya Villiage, Jiuzai, Mengyin County, Shandong Province
11. **Mr. Su Jixiang**, from Yishui County, Shandong Province
12. **Ms. Liu Zhumei**, from Yishui County, Shandong Province
13. **Ms. Li Xiuying**, from Yishui County, Shandong Province
14. **Ms. Huang Chengmei**, from Yaodianzi of Yishui County, Shandong Province
15. **Ms. Zhang Yuzhi**, from Jizishan Village, Yaodianzi Township, Shandong Province
16. **Wang Guirong**, from Qianwen Village, Yishui County, Shandong Province
17. **Ms. Gao Shouxiang**, from Yishui County, Shandong Province
18. **Ms. Ma Shaoli**, a teacher at the Liuzhuwu Elementary School, from Yangjiazhuangzi Village, Yishui County, Shandong Province
19. **Mr. Ren Shuquan**, from Andi Village, Yinan County, Shandong Province
20. **Ms. Zhang Meilan** and her husband, from in Nuanquan Village, Yinan County, Shandong Province
21. **Mr. Liu Chenggui**, from Niuwangmiao Village, Yinan County, Shandong Province
22. **Mr. Liu Yongjin**, 37, from Linyi City, Shandong Province
23. **Ms. Zhao Xiuying**, about 70 years old, from the Lanshan District, lives in the residential district of the agriculture school of Linyi City, Shandong Province



24. **Mr. Wang Jingxiao**, 69, was formerly the deputy Party secretary of the Linyi County Office and head of the Senior Citizens' Work Committee, Shandong Province
25. **Wu Guangyou**, from Qianxiaodianzi Village in Yancheng County, Shandong Province
26. **Zuo Shandong**, from Qianxiaodianzi Village in Yancheng County, Shandong Province
27. **Ms. Feng Jinfang**, in her 40s, has a wholesale business, from Lunan County, Shandong Province
28. **Ms. Gao Xiaolan**, from Fei County, Shandong Province
29. **Mr. Xu Mingliang**, from Fei County, Shandong Province

Locations:

1. Yinan Detention Center, Yinan County
2. Mengyin Detention Center, Mengyin County
3. Wangcun Forced Labor Camp
4. Yishui Detention Center, Yishui County
5. Yinan County Detention Center, Yinan County
6. Jinan Women's Forced Labor Camp, Jinan City
7. Jinan Men's Prison, Jinan City
8. Linshu County Detention Center, Linshu County
9. Lunan County Detention Center, Lunan County
10. Shandong Women's Forced Labor Camp
11. Fei County Detention Center, Fei County

Perpetrators:

1. Ju Peng, head of the Jiuzhai Township 610 Office
2. Wang Wei, a Mengyin County 610 Office agent
3. Police officers from the Jiuzhai Police Station
4. Li Baoyun, head of the Mengyin County 610 Office
5. Zhang Yong, head of the Mengyin County Police Department 610 Office
6. Police officers from the Yishui County 610 Office and from the Domestic Security Division
7. He Faju, Cha'an Street Administration Party secretary, Yishui County
8. Police officers from the Yaodianzi Police Station and the Comprehensive Control Office, Yishui County
9. He Naijun, the head of the Birth Control Office, Yaodianzi Township Government
10. Liu Zhaoxiu, group Party secretary, Yaodianzi Township Government
11. Officers from Longjiaquan Township Comprehensive Control Office
12. Zhang Changwen, Andi Town deputy town head, Yinan County



13. Dai Henkun, Nuanquan Village Party secretary, Yinan County
14. Feng Shangcun, the Party secretary of Dongbaishi Village in Mamuchi Town, Yinan County
15. Zhang Shenjin, Niuwangmiao Village Party secretary, Yinan County
16. Guo Jin, head of the Mamuchi Town Police Station, Yinan County
17. Li Wei, police officer from the Mamuchi Town Police Station, Yinan County
18. Chen Xin, from the Lunan County 610 Office, Lunan County
19. Police officers from the Shangye Township Police Station, Fei County
20. Chen Weidong, Fei County 610 Office head, Fei County

Description:

With the Olympics drawing near, the incidents of arrests and torture-caused deaths of Falun Gong practitioners has been increasing. Thirty-four practitioners were recently arrested. It was reported that these arrests were directly related to a secret document that personnel from the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) Politics and Law Committee distributed.

Insiders divulged that this committee secretly released a document entitled "Suggestions about Vindicating Society's Stability and Insuring the Safety of the Beijing Olympics." They distributed it to 40 provincial Politics and Law Committees and to the nationwide "Office of Provincial Prevention and Handling of Falun Gong."

The text states that, beginning in March 2008 and lasting through September 2008, a campaign was to begin in which it was mandatory to "Determine and neutralize conflicts with concentrated energy and manpower," "Tighten the handling of overseas reporters who report on the Olympics in China," and "Tighten the handling of the Internet and short cell phone messages." The document also stressed the need to "Strictly prevent and suppress" Falun Gong.

Under the pretext of "Welcoming the Olympics," the persecution of practitioners in Linyi, Shandong Province has intensified.

Thirteen Practitioners in Mengyin County, Shandong Province, Arrested and Three Sentenced to Forced Labor

Since March 24, 2008, many officials have participated in the intensified persecution Falun Gong practitioners. They include Ju Peng, head of Jiuzhai Township 610 Office; Mengyin County 610 Office agents, including Wang Wei; and officers from the Jiuzhai Police Station. They have acted under orders from Li Baoyun, head of the County 610 Office, and Zhang Yong, head of the County Police Department 610 Office. They have arrested practitioners under the pretext of "Maintaining the Olympics." On April 24, agents from the 610 Office arrested 13 practitioners in Jiuzhai Villiage.



On the morning of March 24, 2008, Ju Peng and officers from the Mengyin County Police Department and from the 610 Office broke into practitioner **Mr. Zhao Shengju's** home and searched the premises. They arrested Zhao's wife and detained her at the Jiuzhai government compound for three days. Then they transferred her to the Yinan Detention Center, where she was held for four days. They demanded a bribe of 6,000 [yuan](#) for her release.

On the morning of March 25, Ju Peng and six other officers from the county police department and from the 610 Office broke into practitioner **Mr. Ma Fumin's** home and ransacked it. They first took him to the Jiuzhai Township Yard and then imprisoned him in a metal cage at the Mengyin Detention Center for a month. He was subsequently transferred to the Mengyin Lockup and imprisoned. He has since been sentenced to three years of forced labor and was mistreated in Wangcun Forced Labor Camp.

On the morning and afternoon of March 27, Ju Pen and two other police officers went to practitioner **Mr. Guo Changde's** home. They found some Falun Gong materials and a satellite receiver being used to watch New Tang Dynasty TV programs. NTDTV is a television station broadcast to China by satellite whose content is independent of any influence from the Chinese Communist Party. They confiscated the TV and other personal belongings, arrested the couple, and held them at the county 610 Office. They declared that the couple would be sentenced to three years of forced labor. That afternoon, Mr. Guo Changde's son paid the officers a 20 thousand yuan bribe to have his parents released.

On the morning of April 7, these same people broke into **Mr. Xu Zhidong's** home, arrested him and his wife, **Ms. Li Qiuhong**, and ransacked their home. They confiscated a DVD player and two TVs. Mr. Xu was sentenced to two years of forced labor and is being mistreated at the Wangcun Forced Labor Camp. Ms. Li Qiuhong was held in Yinan Detention Center. The police have refused the family's requests to visit her.

On April 9, 2008, Jiuzhai Police Station officials and others from the county police department and from the 610 Office went to practitioner **Mr. Yang Xingcai's** home and arrested him and his wife, **Ms. Ju Fangling**. Mr. Yang was sentenced to two years of forced labor and is being held at the Wangcun Forced Labor Camp. Ms. Ju is still in Yinan Detention Center.

Mr. Ju Xinglian, 66, a retired teacher, is from Yinjiawa Village, Jiuzhai Township, Mengyin County. He was arrested at noon on April 15, 2008.

At about 3 p.m. on April 17, they also apprehended **Mr. Ju Dianxing**, 49, a teacher at Jiuzhai Elementary School.



Ms. Song Zengrong was arrested at 8:30 a.m. on April 18. She is 51 and from Yinjiawa Village, Jiuzhai. Ju Peng extorted 2,000 yuan and an uncertain amount for a "living fee" from her and promised that they would release Ms. Song ten days later. However, she was still locked up and might be held in Yishui Detention Center.

On April 18, 2008, **Mr. Zhang Yubao** was also arrested. He is over 40, from Lianwangya Village, Jiuzhai Township.

On the afternoon of April 20, **Ms. Pi Xiuying** from Lianwangya Villiage, Jiuzai, was apprehended. She is over 50 and might be held at the Yishui Detention Center.

Eight Practitioners Arrested in Yishui County

On March 1, 2008, police from the Yishui County 610 Office and from the Domestic Security Division arrested practitioners **Mr. Su Jixiang** and **Ms. Liu Zhumei**. On March 2, people from the local government ransacked the home of Mr. Su and Ms. Liu. They confiscated a computer, which Ms. Liu had borrowed so her son could study. He Faju, the Cha'an Street Administration Party secretary, climbed over the wall with a borrowed ladder and entered Su Jixiang's home. With no one at home, he searched the home and left everything a mess. The persecutors declared they would smash the gate. Su Jixiang and Liu Zhumei were eventually detained for one month and have since returned home.

At about 8:00 p.m. on March 1, the police arrested practitioner **Ms. Li Xiuying** from Zhangjialouzi Village, Yishui County, as she distributed truth clarifying materials in Nanduo Village. They searched her home the next day. Ms. Li's husband works away from home. Their eleven-year-old child and their five-year-old child remained at home with no one to care for them.

Practitioner **Ms. Huang Chengmei** from Yaodianzi of Yishui County was arrested. Six or seven officers from the Yaodianzi Police Station and the Comprehensive Control Office participated in the arrest. They also ransacked her home.

Practitioner **Ms. Zhang Yuzhi** from Jizishan Village, Yaodianzi Township, was held and her home was also thoroughly searched, including her safe.

Wang Guirong from Qianwen Village, Yishui County was also arrested that same day by police officers and others from the Comprehensive Control Office. Ms. Huang Chengmei, Ms. Zhang Yuzhi, and Wang Guirong are now in the Yishui Detention House.

At eight o'clock on the morning of April 14, 2008, several officials arrived at practitioner **Ms. Gao Shouxiang's** home, including He Naijun, the head of the Birth



Control Office, and group Party secretary Liu Zhaoxiu. Accompanied by several others, they invaded the practitioner's home and demanded to know her daughter's whereabouts. They returned to her home with police officers at about nine o'clock, stating that they had found her self-installed satellite dish and would dismantle it. Upon searching her home they found some truth-clarifying booklets and discs, so they took her into custody. She is now in Yishui Detention Center.

On April 19, 2008, practitioner **Ms. Ma Shaoli**, a teacher at Liuzhuwu Elementary School, from Yangjiazhuangzi Village, Yishui County, was held at Longjiaquan Township Elementary School. People from Longjiaquan Township Comprehensive Control Office are responsible for depriving her of her freedom.

Five Practitioners from Yinan County Arrested and Three Sentenced to Forced Labor

On March 3, 2008, local police arrested practitioner **Mr. Ren Shuquan** from Andi Village, and ransacked his home. They confiscated 7,900 yuan in cash, a recorder, and a satellite receiver that was used to watch NTDTV programs.

On March 3, 2008, Andi Town deputy town head Zhang Changwen and Nuanquan Village Party secretary Dai Henkun arrived with local police and ransacked **Ms. Zhang Meilan's** home in Nuanquan Village and arrested the couple. Her husband has returned home, but Ms. Zhang is still in the Yinan County Detention Center.

On March 4, 2008, six county police department agents, along with agents from the 610 Office, broke into **Mr. Liu Chenggui's** home in Niuwangmiao Village, Yinan County, and attempted to arrest him. No one was at home. Following the Chinese New Year, Mr. Liu had gone to Qingdao to work. The authorities sent someone to monitor his home every day. One week later, Feng Shangcun, the Party secretary of Dongbaishi Village in Mamuchi Town, reported him to the authorities. On March 11, police caught up with Liu Chenggui at Qingdao and took him to the Yinan County Detention Center. On March 12, eight people, including Niuwangmiao Village Party secretary Zhang Shenjin, head of the Mamuchi Town Police Station Guo Jin, and police officer Li Wei, broke into Mr. Liu's home. They confiscated his Falun Gong books, a satellite receiver, a DVD player, and other personal belongings. Then they forced his father to sign a list. When the Party secretary pointed out that 5000 yuan cash was not listed, police station head Guo Jin felt guilty and dared not admit that they had taken 5000 yuan from Liu's home. He lied, saying the money was taken from other people. The police have now changed all the locks on Mr. Liu's home.

To rescue her father, Mr. Liu's daughter went to the detention center and the police department on March 25 and 26 to plead for her father's unconditional release. Her requests were denied.



On March 27, Mr. Liu's wife, daughter, and other relatives went to the county police department to request his release again and were driven out. His wife and daughter clarified the truth about Falun Gong to police and were arrested.

Practitioner Mr. Ren Shuquan's family took him home on April 4, 2008. He was sentenced to two and a half years of forced labor, but was told because of health reasons he could serve the sentence outside the labor camp. Ms. Zhang Meilan from Nuanquan Village in Yinan County was sentenced to one year of forced labor and sent to the Jinan Women's Forced Labor Camp on April 10. Her family demanded that the police set her free.

Mr. Liu Chenggui was sentenced to two years of forced labor on April 10. His family was not notified.

Mr. Liu Yongjin and Ms. Zhao Xiuyin from Linyi City Arrested

On February 5, 2008, **Mr. Liu Yongjin**, 37, delivered Falun Gong truth clarification materials by motorcycle through the Linyi County Shuitian Bus Station. Agents from the Lanshan Police Station stopped him for a routine check. They arrested him for carrying a truth clarification DVD. We have since heard that Mr. Liu was secretly sentenced and sent to the Jinan Men's Prison.

Practitioner **Ms. Zhao Xiuying** from the Lanshan District is about 70 years old and lives in the residential district of the agriculture school. Around April 5, she distributed truth clarifying materials at the "Silver Commercial Center" in the northern part of Linyi City, and someone reported her. She has since returned home.

Mr. Wang Jingxiao from Linshu County Arrested

Mr. Wang Jingxiao, 69, was formerly the deputy Party secretary of the Linyi County Office and head of the Senior Citizens' Work Committee. On January 24, 2008, as he accompanied his granddaughter to school, he wrote "Falun Dafa is good" on a power pole and was arrested. He is now in the Linshu County Detention Center.

In early March 2008, people from the [Procuratorate](#) issued a warrant for Mr. Wang's arrest on charges of "subversion." This was because copies of the [Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party](#) were found in his home.

Wu Guangyou and Zuo Shandong from Yancheng County Arrested

On the evening of March 19, 2008, practitioners **Wu Guangyou** and **Zuo Shandong** from Qianxiaodianzi Village in Yancheng County were arrested. Another practitioner, **Wu Shaoxia**, decided to leave home to avoid further persecution. The next day they



went to her home again. Her non-practitioner daughter was arrested and later released. They took a motor-tricycle and truth clarification materials from her home.

Ms. Feng Jinfang from Lunan County Sentenced to One Year of Forced Labor

On March 5, 2008, Chen Xin from the Lunan County 610 Office arrested practitioner **Ms. Feng Jinfang**, in her 40s, while she was working at her wholesale business. They ransacked her home and held her in the Lunan County Detention Center. She was taken to the Shandong Women's Forced Labor Camp for a one-year term of forced labor.

Ms. Gao Xiaolan and Mr. Xu Mingliang from Fei County Arrested

On April 7, 2008, personnel from the Shangye Township Police Station reported and arrested **Ms. Gao Xiaolan** from Fei County as she distributed truth clarifying materials at Shangye Town, Fei County. She is now being held in the Fei County Detention Center. They found **Mr. Xu Mingliang's** phone number on her cell phone and then arrest him.

Fei County 610 Office head Chen Weidong and a police officer broke into Ms. Gao's home to ransack it.



A Mother's Dialogs in the Masanjia Labor Camp

Ms. Guo, a heartbroken mother in her 50s, desperately pleads, "Please rescue my daughter!" She is blind in one eye from crying so much; her worry has affected her health so seriously that her teeth are falling.

Ms. Guo's daughter, Ms. Li Hongshu, is an employee of the Panjin City First People's Hospital and an outstanding university graduate. Her husband, Mr. Li Shangshi, was sentenced twice to a total of seventeen and half years in prison because of his desire to continue practicing Falun Gong.

Ms. Guo's husband, Mr. Li Shangshi, was sentenced in 1999 to three and a half years in prison due to his practice of Falun Gong. After his release in 2003, he was immediately sentenced again to 14 years in prison. Mr. Li has just been transferred to Dabei Prison from Fushun Prison. In 1999, their daughter, Ms. Li Hongshu, was also sentenced to three years of forced labor and was imprisoned at Masanjia Forced Labor Camp. At the beginning of 2002, she was again sentenced to ten years and was imprisoned at Dabei Women's Prison in Shenyang City. She has suffered inhuman torture and mental abuse.

On November 20, 2007, when she went to visit her daughter, the prison guard told her, "Ms. Li Hongshu is under strict control and is not allowed to meet with family because she has read Falun Gong materials. You can come again two months from now." Once again, Ms. Guo returned home with tears in her eyes. She did not know whether her daughter was dead or alive, but she knew that many Falun Gong practitioners had died in prison.

Ms. Guo anxiously waited until January 9, 2008, and went to visit her daughter again. When she saw her daughter, she was shocked. Ms. Li's entire face was disfigured. The right side was terribly swollen, and her eyes were bruised so much that they were only slits. The left side of her face was so thin that it seemed only skin and bones. She was very thin and walked with great difficulty. Even standing or sitting down was very strenuous for her.

When Ms. Guo saw her daughter's condition, she broke down in tears. She then asked the two prison guards by her daughter's side, "How can this happen? Why was she beaten like this?" Chief Liu said, "She was under strict control for two months and was pressured. The pressure has been suspended for quite a few days now."

Ms. Guo then asked, "Why was she under strict control?" Liu said, "Just that matter of her practice of Falun Gong." Ms. Guo cried and asked, "Why is she so thin? Didn't she



have any food to eat?" The prison guard said, "How could we not give her food? It's just that what she eats is different from normal."

Ms. Guo looked at her daughter again and said, "Isn't her leg crippled? Hongshu, stand up and let mother have a look!" But Hongshu couldn't stand up. By now Ms. Guo was sobbing and said to the prison guards, "You should do some good deeds! Don't treat my daughter like this anymore! We are all good people--let her come out alive!"

The prison guard said that everything was all right, and they were just applying a little pressure on her. Then they pointed at the less than 1,500-gram food container and said, "Look, she can still carry this thing, so she is all right." The prison guard also said to Ms. Guo, "We did not want to let you see your daughter at all, because we feared that you would cry and make a fuss after seeing her." During the ten-minute meeting, no matter what Ms. Guo asked, Ms. Li Hongshu did not say anything, but just cried.

The prison guard said, "Usually, no matter how we pressure her, she never cries." The meeting passed quickly. Ms. Li Hongshu stood up with extreme difficulty. With tears in her eyes, she said to her mother, "Mother, you take care of yourself." After saying this, she turned around with great difficulty and moved slowly away, step by step, all the time under the watchful eyes of the two guards.

As Ms. Guo stared at her daughter's tortured body moving slowly away, she tried not to think about how her daughter would look next time. She left the prison with a weeping heart.

During the Chinese New Year, when families reunite, Ms. Guo moved her small, thin, hunched-over frame to bring clothing for the new season to her husband and daughter in prison. From summer to winter, she is seen walking without stopping. The people familiar with her cannot help but shed tears seeing her pass by.



Shandong Province Woman's Prison Used Unknown Drugs On Practitioner Meng Lijun

Ms. **Meng Lijun** is from Xifanliu Village, Guanzhuang Township, Zhangqiu City, which is located near Jinan, Shandong Province. At the end of December 2005, the local had a secret trial and sentenced Ms. Meng to ten years in prison.

Afterward, Ms. Meng sent to Shandong Province Women's Prison, Jinan City, Shandong Province. It was not until March 2006 that her family was allowed to visit her in prison. She had swelling all over her body and suffered from amnesia. She didn't know how old her own child was and asked how a deceased relative was doing. She also didn't know how long she had been in prison. She kept asking the same questions over and over again, and cried from time to time. After each visit, she would wail for quite some time.

The family learned that, after Ms. Meng was put in prison, the police continually tortured her. They put unknown drugs into her food and water. Later on she told her family that she didn't know if she could survive until her release date, but if she died, her family should find out why she had died. When her family questioned the police about why they used drugs on a healthy person, they didn't deny it and claimed that "she had a mental problem because of practicing Falun Gong and that she had contracted the mental illness before her imprisonment."



The Lawyers were Threatened and Ignored for Presenting Falun Gong Practitioners' Cases

Victims:

1. **Han Fengzhen**, from Beilu Village, Lingyuan City, Liaoning Province
2. **Zhang GuiJu**, from Lingyuan City, Liaoning Province
3. **Ma Yanhua**, from Lingyuan City, Liaoning Province
4. **Li Jingfang**, from Lingyuan City, Liaoning Province
5. **Li Zhanguang**, from Lingyuan City, Liaoning Province
6. **Liu Jincheng**, from Wanyuandian Village, Lingyuan City, Liaoning Province
7. **Guo Fengxian**, female, from Beilu Village, Lingyuan City, Liaoning Province
8. **Dong Xiuqin**, female, a teacher from the Chaoyang Street Elementary School, Lingyuan City, Liaoning Province
9. **Wang Xuejun**, from Beilu Village, Lingyuan City, Liaoning Province

Locations:

1. The First Detention Center, Lingyuan City, Liaoning Province
2. Lingyuan City Court, Lingyuan City, Liaoning Province, phone number: 86-421-2316706, 86-421-2306708, 86-421-2316709

Perpetrators:

1. Liu Haijun, Director of the First Detention Center, Lingyuan City, Liaoning Province, phone number: 86-421-6883215, 86-13500417589
2. Liu Wenxing, Director of the Lingyuan City Court, Lingyuan City, Liaoning Province, phone number: 86-421-2316701, 86-13504213089
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Description:



On August 1, 2007, Falun Gong practitioners **Li Jingfang, Ma Yanhua, Li Zhanhuang, Dong Xiuqin, Zhang Guiju, Guo Fengxian, Han Fengzhen and Wang Xuejun** were arrested when they had a gathering at Village, Lingyuan City, Liaoning Province. Another practitioner, **Hu Yanrong**, who has died as a result of torture, was also arrested at the same time. Practitioner **Liu Jincheng** was arrested at his home on August 10, 2007. The authorities claimed he installed a satellite TV receiver for others to watch overseas TV stations.

They were detained at the First Detention Center in Lingyuan City, Liaoning Province for nearly four months. The police did not allow their families to visit or to send clothes. They have been severely beaten, tortured, and sometimes they were deprived of sleep and food.

On November 28, 2007, the Lingyuan City Court held a secret hearing for the nine surviving practitioners without notifying their families. Some of their family members found out about the hearings and applied for admission, but were turned away. Many staff members from the public security bureau, the Procuratorate, the court and educational system were granted admission to the proceedings.

On the day of the hearing, the nine practitioners were handcuffed behind their backs as the police escorted them into the courtroom. They wore prisoners' uniforms, and the men's heads were shaved. The Lingyuan City Court maintained high security both inside and outside the courtroom and the doors were locked. Vehicles were not allowed near the building and the staff had to obtain signatures from anyone entering the courtroom, even from two police chiefs. Ms. Guo Fengxian's 80-year-old mother wanted to see her, but she was expelled.

Some of the practitioners who were on trial had attorneys through their family, but not all of the attorneys attended the proceedings. Li Jingfang's attorney received threats that his license to practice law would be revoked if he appeared in court. He did not dare appear in court. Ms. Guo Fengxian's family received a call from someone claiming to be a staff person at the detention center who told them to hire an attorney. However, the authorities would not allow the lawyer to represent Ms. Guo, claiming he was not licensed to practice law.

The attorney for Liu Jincheng appeared in court, but cooperated with the authorities to sentencing him. Ma Yanhua's attorney entered a plea of innocence for him and requested his release, but the court simply just ignored him, and Ma Yanhua over to the public security bureau and informed him that he must wait three more days for a decision.



Escalated Persecution of Falun Gong before the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, Ms. Hu Yanrong Died Within 4 Days of Detention



Ms. Hu Yanrong and her husband



Ms. Hu Yanrong before the arrest



Ms. Hu Yanrong died in police custody



Ms. Hu Yanrong, 42 years of age, was a practitioner of Falun Gong from Xiaoyushulin Village, Beilu Township, Lingyuan City, Liaoning Province.

After the persecution of Falun Gong began in 1999, Ms. Hu went to Beijing to appeal for justice for Falun Gong and to ask the government not to outlaw the practice. On December 30, 2000, she was arrested and detained at Lingyuan Police Station. The police beat her left leg and it became badly bruised. Her lips were bruised and swollen. She was tortured by the guards for over three hours and sent to Lingyuan No.2 Detention Center for six months. They charged her 800 Yuan. In June 2001, she was sentenced to two years of forced labor for practicing Falun Gong, and detained at Masanjia Forced Labor Camp. The guards subjected her to severe mental and physical torture. After 40 days of torture, she was near death, the labor camp let her family bail her out for 2,000 Yuan.

It was about 10:00 p.m. on August 1, 2007, when Li Zhenghua from the Lingyuan City police station had police officers with wooden batons, electric batons, picks, and other tools break into the home of another practitioner Guo Fengxian. They blocked the entrance to trap some 40 Falun Gong practitioners inside. At about midnight, Deputy Director Li Xuebing of the Lingyuan City Police Bureau, the person in charge of the Wafangdian Township Police Station, and the person in charge of Songlingzi Township Police Station brought a dozen police officers to arrest those practitioners who were trapped in the house. They brutally beat the practitioners with electric batons and two-inch long metal rods while forcing them into police vehicles. Ms. Hu was among those practitioners who were arrested and beaten.

The police claim that Ms. Hu tried to jump out of a police car. She sustained severe injuries and fell into a coma. There were no other witnesses during the incident that could corroborate the police's story. All the other practitioners are currently imprisoned in a detention center and denied outside contact.

Ms. Hu was taken to Lingyuan Prison Hospital. Her head was swollen, her eyes and mouth were bruised, the area between her temples and eyes was dark purple, and her nose was bruised. There were traces of blood on her face. Doctors at Lingyuan Prison Hospital performed two brain surgeries, but Ms. Hu died at 2:00 a.m. on August 5, 2007. The details of Ms. Hu's death are still under investigation. After Ms. Hu died, the police blocked all information and put her family under surveillance.

After Ms. Hu passed away, Director of the Lingyuan City Police Bureau Yang Minghui and Deputy Director of Chaoyang City Police Bureau Zhang Minghua, as well as Beilu Town government officials, claimed that she was a leading Falun Gong practitioner who would have been sentenced to over 15 years in prison if she had survived. Therefore, they claimed that her family members should be responsible for all the medical expenses of more than 20,000 Yuan. They released her body to her family members for cremation.



Ms. Hu left behind a five-year-old son, a twelve-year-old daughter and a 70-year-old father-in-law. Because Ms. Hu was imprisoned often throughout the past years, the children became mentally traumatized and her husband had a difficult time taking care of the entire family.

More Background Information about Ms. Hu and Her Family

1. Ms. Hu's father dies after being persecuted

On July 20, 1999, Ms. Hu's father, Hu Dianxin, and mother, Cui Yuzhi, were detained, fined, and their home ransacked by people from the Beilu Police Station, just because the elderly couple were Falun Gong practitioners. On December 30, 2000, they both were arrested and taken to Lingyuan Police Bureau. Police slapped Mr. Hu Dianxin on the face, and tortured him for over three hours. Police from No.2 Detention Center confiscated 380 Yuan from them, which was all the money he had. Ms. Hu's parents were both detained for 15 days. Mr. Hu became weak and ill after being tortured. The Detention Center extorted a lot of money from the couple's relatives to release them. After that, police officers harassed the couple and ransacked their home many times. Mr. Hu Dianxin's health deteriorated. He became mentally confused, and he died on February 8, 2001, at the age of 62. Ms. Hu Yanrong and her sister were both detained at Lingyuan City No.2 Detention Center when their father passed away.

2. Hu Yanrong's sister was illegally detained and blackmailed.

Ms. Hu Yanrong's sister Ms. Hu Yanli (a Falun Gong practitioner) was detained at Lingyuan City No.2 Detention Center for five and a half months because she practices Falun Gong. She wasn't released until the center had extorted 400 Yuan from her. At that time her son was only eight years old, and her husband suffered a nervous breakdown. Her in-laws had a difficulties coping, being both over 70 years old.



Appeal for the Rights of Practice and Died of Torture



Mr. Ni Wenkui, before the persecution



Mr. Ni Wenkui after being tortured at Daqing Prison



He could not take care of himself as a result of torture and abuse in detention



Victim:

Mr. Ni Wenkui, male, born in February 1962 in Daqing City, was an employee of the No. 6 Oil Extraction and Manufacturing Company in Daqing City, Heilongjiang Province.

Locations:

1. Ranghu Road Detention Center, Daqing City, Heilongjiang Province
2. Saqu Detention Center, Daqing City, Heilongjiang Province
3. Lamadian Police Station, Daqing City, Heilongjiang Province
4. Hongweixin Prison, Daqing City, Heilongjiang Province

Perpetrators:

1. Police of the Ranghu Road Detention Center, Daqing City, Heilongjiang Province
2. Police of the Saqu Detention Center, Daqing City, Heilongjiang Province
3. Police of the Lamadian Police Station, Daqing City, Heilongjiang Province
4. Police of the Hongweixin Prison, Daqing City, Heilongjiang Province

Description:

For the rights to practice Falun Gong, **Mr. Ni Wenkui** went to the provincial government to appeal for the right. As a result, his company reduced his monthly salary from 1,500 to 470 Yuan as punishment.

In December 2000, he went to Tiananmen Square in Beijing to appeal again, but was arrested and then sent back to Daqing City. He was detained at Ranghu Road Detention Center for 15 days and later at Saqu Detention Center for 45 days.

At around 2 p.m. on November 2, 2002, more than 20 policemen from Lamadian Police Station broke into his apartment through the window, and took him to the police station. They later sentenced him to three years in prison.

Mr. Ni was sent to the notorious Hongweixin Prison for three years. During that period, he suffered inhuman abuse. He was watched 24 hours by four inmates, often beaten, not allowed to sleep and not allowed to talk to anyone. He was forced to watch TV programs slandering Falun Gong, and write the so-called "five statements" to give up Falun Gong. Once, he was pulled out of the cell at midnight, and tortured by over 20 guards.



Mr. Ni suffered tremendously during the imprisonment, and was unable to speak clearly and slow in response when he was released. He was constantly harassed by local policemen after he was released. He never recovered from the inhuman treatment he endured in prison, and became weaker and weaker. Mr. Ni used to be very healthy and weighed about 65 kg (143 lbs.) before the imprisonment. However, he weighed only around 35 kg after the three years of torture at the prison, and was not clear-minded.

In February 2007, Mr. Ni Wenkui suddenly fell into a coma and was sent to a hospital. During his stay in the hospital, a big tumor was found growing at his throat, which was later removed. However, the wound did not heal well. He could only digest fluids fed through a tube. Mr. Ni died on November 12, 2007.