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## The Torture of Mr. Gao Ke at Changlinzi Labor Camp in Harbin City

(Clearwisdom.net) On February 9, 2008, Li Quanhua, the deputy director of the Changlinzi Labor Camp in Harbin City, saw Falun Dafa practitioner Gao Ke, who was imprisoned in Section One. Mr. Gao greeted Li and told him kindly, "Quit the Chinese Communist Party to ensure your safety." Li got very angry and ordered someone to put Mr. Gao in a small isolation cell (1).

Later, Mr. Gao was handcuffed to a torture device known as the iron chair (2). He cried out, "Falun Dafa is good." The chief of Section One, Yang Jintang, ordered another prisoner to seal Mr. Gao's mouth. The prisoner stuffed a dirty rag in Gao's mouth and sealed his mouth with a wide piece of tape. Yang ordered another prisoner to tie Mr. Gao to the iron chair and watch him closely. Mr. Gao was not allowed to use the bathroom and he had to urinate and defecate in his clothes. He was also not allowed to eat for two days.

On the fourth day, Gao Ke's feet became extremely swollen. The iron hoop on the chair cut into his muscles. He felt so much pain that he cried for help. His ankles were tied with rope so tightly that he developed large blisters. After being forced to sit on the iron chair for ten days, Mr. Gao's feet were so swollen that they had the shape of a square. His calf turned purple. Only after he was tortured to this extent was he released from the iron chair. During this period, Yang had said to Gao, "Once you say that you do not practice Falun Gong, I will immediately unlock you." Mr. Gao said firmly, "That's impossible."

Ten days in the iron chair almost caused Mr. Gao to become disabled. The photos below were taken nine days after he was unlocked from the iron chair and released back home.



Notes:

- (1) Small Cell: The detainee is locked up in a very small cell individually. The guards handcuff practitioner with their arms behind their back in a fixed position, in which the practitioner can neither move nor lie down. The small cell is very damp and no sunshine comes in. Detainees have to urinate and defecate in the cell. Only half of a regular meal is served to detainees locked up in a small cell. The stench in the cell is so bad that it is difficult to breathe.
- (2) The iron chair is made of iron pipes. Victims are restrained on the iron chair with both arms and legs tied for a long period of time.

### 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.

## Falun Gong Deaths Escalate as Olympics Approach

Chinese authorities "strike hard" at the group, victims dying within days of arrest



NEW YORK -- The Falun Dafa Information Center is alarmed at a series of reports indicating that Falun Dafa practitioners in China are being killed in custody within days, or even hours, of being detained by the authorities. The Center expressed today that the escalating maltreatment is a direct result of efforts to "stamp out" Falun Gong prior to the summer Olympics.

The speed with which Falun Gong adherents are being seized by police, abused, and turning up dead is alarming and reprehensible," says Falun Dafa Information Center spokesperson Ms. Gail Rachlin. "These are people who never should have been arrested in the first place. Arbitrary arrests, torture, and extrajudicial executions are no way to 'prepare' for the Olympics."

The Center is particularly concerned over recent reports of adherents dying in custody shortly after their arrest. Within the first three months of 2008, the Center has documented six cases of practitioner deaths occurring within merely 16 days of arrest and in some cases, within hours. By comparison, in 2007, it was over the course of the entire year that the same number died within such a short time in custody. In several of the recent cases, family members were able to view the body before its cremation and saw signs of torture, including strangulation marks or bruises from electric batons.

Among the deaths reported in 2008 was that of Mr. Yu Zhou, 42, a musician who was arrested with his wife Ms. Xu Na at the end of January on their way home from a performance by his band. The couple was among those listed in a previous Center release about widespread arrests in Beijing. Eleven days after their arrest, the authorities notified their family members to come to Qinghe Emergency Center, where they found Yu already dead. He had been in good health before his detention, but the hospital refused to conduct an autopsy. Ms. Xu, who was released in 2006 after serving five years in prison for practicing Falun Gong, remains in custody at Beijing Detention Center.

### Gratitude Towards Falun Dafa

**(Clearwisdom.net)** I am a college student who will soon graduate. It has been three years since I came to know Dafa. Although both my parents practice Falun Dafa, I was still not convinced about Dafa. But now things have changed and I firmly believe. Below is my personal experience. I hope it can help people truly understand Falun Dafa.

I have done very well in school since I was young. I always try to do everything to the best of my ability. However, during the college entrance exam, my transaminase level was found to be three or four times higher than normal. Without treatment, the (Hepatitis B) viral infection would spread, leading to catastrophic consequences. Colleges will not admit student with high transaminase levels. The treatment for high transaminase is very costly, at least 30,000 or 50,000 yuan (4,297 – 7,162 USD).

Coming from a poor family in the countryside, how could we afford such an expensive treatment? I felt I had no choice but to find someone else to take the physical exam for me. Although this enabled me to go to college, I had very low self-esteem and always felt different from other students. College life will end soon and I have to find a job upon graduation. I felt that despite my outstanding grades and various awards, no employer would be interested in hiring someone with such poor health. Therefore, I was very depressed.

My parents suggested that I practice Falun Dafa, but I was not convinced. So we chose to seek treatment in a very expensive hospital. My mother accompanied me to the hospital. On the road there, we kept reciting, "Falun Dafa is good" and "'Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance' is good" However, I was not confident this would help me.

In the afternoon, we picked up the test results. I could not believe it -- the results were normal! After a while, the DNA results also came out, and no virus was detected. I was shocked: the levels of virus had been extremely high when I was examined in the past four or five hospitals, but it was gone now! This cannot be explained from any medical standpoint. After leaving the hospital, my mother and I hugged each other and cried. We were so excited! My gratitude to Falun Dafa for healing me is beyond words.