

Jiang Zemin Regards Falun Gong as Public Enemy #1; Other Officials See Corruption as the Most Serious Problem

[Minghui Net] According to the Xingtao Daily News, the Chinese Government has been accelerating its campaign against Falun Gong after the "self-immolation incident" on January 23. In order to make their brutal crackdown more acceptable to the public, the authorities hope to gain support from the public by accusing Falun Gong of associating with various "overseas forces of subversion." By appealing to people's nationalism, they hope to make it easier to extend and increase the persecution.

Based on comments that appeared in the "News Weekly," the Chinese Government deems Falun Gong as an even more formidable problem than the Independence movements in Taiwan and Tibet. It considers Falun Gong to be its "most dangerous enemy" and has launched a worldwide propaganda campaign to suppress it. However, the "Number One Enemy" was only believed to be the No. 10 major problem in China, according to answers to a recent questionnaire circulated in the Central School of the XX Party. Since Falun Gong ranked fourth in a similar survey taken last year, it is clear that people no longer consider Falun Gong as such a serious threat as before.

According to reports from the "United Newspaper," this questionnaire was entitled "The General Opinions of Party and Governmental Leaders towards the Social Situations During 2000-2001." In the survey, corruption was held to be the most serious problem, followed by problems relating to state-owned enterprises, income differences, unemployment, overburdened farmers, and the deterioration of moral standards in society, etc.

Although brutally suppressed by the Chinese Government, Falun Gong's position dropped from No. 4 in last year's survey to No. 10 this time.

The "Xingtao Newspaper" also reported that the "Team of Analyzing and Forecasting the Social Situation" in the Chinese Social Science Institution designed the questionnaire last October.

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