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Judges and Lawyers Persecuted for their Practice of Falun Gong

Reuters: Falun Gong follower dies in custody in China

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BEIJING (Reuters) - **A former judge in China's southern province of Jiangxi died in detention** after being jailed for involvement with the banned spiritual movement Falun Gong, a prison doctor said on Friday.

Hu Qingyun, once a judge at a provincial high court, died of leukemia earlier this year, the doctor at the Jiangxi Provincial Labour Reform Bureau Hospital told Reuters by telephone.

Falun Gong's U.S.-based information centre says more than 1,000 followers of the movement have died in detention in China's relentless campaign to stamp out the group it banned [...]

Hu's is perhaps the highest profile case of a former government official dying in detention after being accused of involvement with Falun Gong.

The movement provoked a government backlash after more than 10,000 adherents staged a sit-in around the Zhongnanhai leadership compound in Beijing in April 1999.

After banning the movement in July of that year, the Communist government declared its organisers would be tried and ordinary followers sent to labour camps, which does not require a trial, if they refused to renounce their beliefs.

Among those jailed with Hu was a former deputy director of the Ministry of Public Security.

Falun Gong says 306 followers have died from torture.

It alleged this week a 50-year-old woman died of torture in a Shandong province detention centre and another woman was beaten and drugged to death at a mental hospital in Ningxia province.

Treatment of Falun Gong detainees is a prominent concern of rights groups and the United Nations, whose human right chief, Mary Robinson, was in Beijing on Friday and expected to raise the issue of torture in talks with senior leaders.

The U.N. special torture investigator, Nigel Rodley, has said torture of political and religious detainees is a problem in China.

China has denied Rodley, who is stepping down from the post next week, permission to visit with full access to detention centres and only offered a "friendly visit".

The Falun Gong information centre said Hu's belief in the outlawed spiritual system, [...] had kept him alive since 1998, shortly after he was diagnosed with leukemia and told by doctors he had three days to live.

His death came about two months after he was sentenced to seven years in jail for selling Falun Gong books illegally, it said.

[...]

Hu had been held in custody for 18 months before the sentencing, it said.

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AP: China Judge Sentenced Over Falun Gong

BEIJING (AP)--A Chinese court has sentenced a judge to seven years in prison for spreading teachings of the banned Falun Gong spiritual movement, a rights groups reported Tuesday, amid a campaign to punish [group] members within government ranks.

Hu Qingyun, an appeals court judge in southern Jiangxi province, was arrested on July 21, 1999, the day the communist government outlawed Falun Gong as a public menace. **Hu was charged with running an illegal business that sold 200,000 copies of Falun Gong books**, the Information Center for Human Rights and Democracy said.

Hu used his knowledge of the legal system to have some charges against him thrown out, but he was finally sentenced Jan. 10 by a district People's Court in Nanchang, Jiangxi's capital, the Hong Kong-based center said. Hu is appealing, the center said. The court refused to comment.

The timing of Hu's arrest was significant. In the early days of the crackdown, law enforcement agencies targeted for arrest people believed to be [group] ringleaders. In the 18 months since, rank-and-file members by the thousands have been put into labor camps without trial or sent to deprogramming centers.

But in recent months, the government has begun prosecuting people identified as die-hard [group] followers. The Hong Kong-based center also reported Tuesday that on Jan. 29 a court in central Wuhan city sentenced nine people from two to six years in prison for distributing [group] materials they downloaded from the Internet.

[...]

In the Netherlands, Foreign Minister Jozias van Aartsen on Tuesday indefinitely postponed a trip to China after Beijing protested an aide's planned meeting with a Falun Gong representative in Hong Kong.

Ministry spokesman Bart Jochems said the Chinese government had tried to pressure Van Aartsen into canceling a meeting in Hong Kong between the Dutch human rights ambassador, Renee Jones-Bos, and representatives of 11 human rights organizations.

One of the organizations was Falun Gong, which is banned in mainland China but remains legal in Hong Kong.

"The minister doesn't believe that his schedule should be changed under pressure from the Chinese government," said the spokesman.

[...]

Judge of Jiangxi Province High Court, Falun Gong Practitioner: Dead in Custody

NEW YORK, November 8, 2001 (Falun Dafa Information Center) -- Sources from Jiangxi Province, China, confirm that Falun Gong practitioner **Mr. Hu Qingyun, the former department head of the Jiangxi Province High Court**, died in the custody of Chinese authorities earlier this year.

The "610 Office," responsible for persecuting Falun Gong, has strictly controlled all information relevant to this case, rendering an investigation into Mr. Hu Qingyun's death nearly impossible, sources say.

According to Hu's relatives, Hu had once recovered from leukemia through practicing Falun Gong. However, the disease relapsed when he was sentenced to prison and was not allowed to practice Falun Gong. Hu died on March 22, 2001 in Jiangxi prison hospital.

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Hu was diagnosed with leukemia in 1997. After receiving treatment at five major hospitals in Jiangxi and Shanghai, doctors concluded that he would not be able to live for more than three months. In February 1998, doctors from the 1st Attached Hospital of Jiangxi Medical College informed Hu's relatives that Hu had only 3 days to live and that they should begin funeral preparations. In those last few days, however, Hu Qingyun began the practice of Falun Gong. Two months later, Hu's relatives say he was alive and well, and his health was continuing to improve rapidly.

When Falun Gong was banned in July 1999, **Hu Qingyun wrote letters to state leaders on several occasions describing how Falun Gong had restored health to his fading body. Because of this, he was arrested twice, in July and October, 1999, respectively.**

Reliable sources inside China revealed that during the first arrest, Hu Qingyun told policemen that he would die if he were not allowed to practice Falun Gong, as he was a leukemia patient. But policemen replied, "We are not afraid of this leukemia threat!" They threw Hu into prison and did not allow him to practice Falun Gong. Sources say that Hu began to bleed from different parts of his body. Fearing he would die in their prison, he was released by the local authorities. Once home and after resuming his Falun Gong practice, sources say Hu recovered again from the disease.

Later Hu Qingyun was detained without any apparent reason in October, 1999. After one year of illegal detention, Hu was sentenced to a seven-year prison term on January 10, 2001, by the No. 1 Regional Court in Nanchang, the capital of Jiangxi province.

Hu's sentence was covered by Associated Press, Reuters, and Central Agency on February 6th, 2001.

"A seven year prison sentence for someone in Hu's condition is, even under normal circumstances, equivalent to a death sentence," noted Falun Dafa Information Center spokesperson Adam Montanaro. "Chinese government sources, however, told the Washington Post on August 5th that the Beijing '610 Office' had issued an order to throw all 'active' Falun Gong practitioners into labor camps and prisons, and to hold them as long as they refused to give up their spiritual beliefs, even if it meant holding them for the rest of their lives," said Mr. Montanaro. "Therefore, as is the case with Falun Gong practitioners throughout China, they were going to hold Mr. Hu in prison until he either denounced Falun Gong or died. The Chinese government must assume full responsibility for Hu's death."

Documents received from China disclose that Luo Gan, the head of Beijing "610 Office," went to Jiangxi in January, directing the Public Security Ministry, State Security Ministry and four additional government offices to form a team to persecute Falun Gong. Consequently, Falun Gong practitioners all over Jiangxi Province were arrested, and sent to closed-door brainwashing classes. Sources say that during this time, police claimed that all people who once practiced Falun Gong would be arrested; "no one would be left out." To achieve this goal, they even took relatives into custody in order to apply pressure on arrested practitioners.

Agence France Presse: Chinese judge in mental asylum for Falungong membership: report

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BEIJING, Feb 11 (AFP) - **A Chinese judge has been sacked and locked up in a mental asylum** because he refuses to renounce his belief in the banned Falungong spiritual movement, a rights group said Friday.

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The Information Centre of Human Rights and Democratic Movement in China said **Huang Jinchun**, a civil court judge at the Beihai Intermediate People's Court in the southern Guangxi autonomous region, was picked up at his house on November 15.

The Hong Kong-based rights group said the 34-year-old judge had been detained at the Long Qianshan asylum in the city of Liuzhou, and had been prevented from seeing his family for three months.

The centre said Huang was injected with tranquilizers after he continued to practice Falungong meditation at the institution.

A statement from the centre said Long Qianshan was run like a prison, and that patients were only allowed two hours of exercise per day and received no treatment.

It said Huang had been allowed out of the institution for 10 days over the Lunar New Year holiday during which he urged his family to publicise the detention of Falungong practitioners in asylums.

The statement said Huang had insisted he was perfectly "normal".

An official at Beihai Intermediate People's Court confirmed Huang was sacked in October, saying it was "possible" he was now in detention.

Nobody was available for comment at the Long Qianshan asylum.

The centre also said 50 Falungong practitioners detained at the Zhoukoudian psychiatric hospital near Beijing had been released on January 23 after widespread publicity about their cases.

It said up to 500 Falungong practitioners were detained in a Lunar New Year clampdown following a high-profile mass protest in Beijing's Tiananmen Square last week.

Chinese authorities admit more than 35,000 members of the banned group were detained while attempting to make similar protests between July and mid-November.

Lawyer Mr. Li Jian in Zhengyang County, Henan Province Tortured to Death in Henan Province No. 3 Labor Camp for Clarifying the Truth

(Clearwisdom.net) On April 25, 2002, Falun Gong practitioner **Mr. Li Jian** was tortured to death in Henan Province No. 3 Labor Camp. He was 34 years old.

Li Jian was a resident of Zhengyang County, Henan Province. **He was a lawyer. He was kidnapped and illegally sentenced to three years of forced labor because he made truth clarification materials.** The authorities arrested him in 2000 and sent him to the No. 3 Labor Camp in Xuchang City, Henan Province in late April 2001.

During the period of his detention in Team 1, Division 3 of the labor camp, he suffered inhumane treatment. He was tortured on numerous occasions with rope and endured compulsory brainwashing. He was deprived of sleep and forced to do heavy labor, not being allowed to rest until he finished his assigned work. He suffered tremendous physical and psychological torture. He was young at the time he died and in perfect health, yet the labor camp officials were shameless enough to claim that he died from sudden illness.

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(Clearwisdom.net) Huang Ronghe was a former coordinator of Zhangzhou City's Falun Gong Assistance Center. He was considered to be **an excellent judge**. Because he was persistent in cultivating Falun Gong, he was suspended from work, investigated and expelled from the Communist Party. Now, he is often followed.

<http://www.clearwisdom.net/emh/articles/2002/6/5/22790.html>

Judge Wang Shengrui of the Jinan Intermediate People's Court Is Illegally Imprisoned

(Clearwisdom.net) Wang Shengrui (35, male) is a judge of Jinan Intermediate People's Court. On June 1st, 2001, his child's birthday, the court's chief and party committee secretary secretly arranged for him to take a business trip to Licheng under false pretenses, where they arrested him and kept him in custody at a secret location.

The Jinan Central Area Police Sub-Bureau was involved in this event. To protect themselves, officials of the Intermediate People's Court conspired with the Central Area Police Sub-Bureau and requested the problem be resolved internally.

Wang Shengrui is known as a fair and impartial judge. He was illegally arrested only because he didn't give up his beliefs and firmly practiced Falun Dafa. He has been deprived of his individual legal rights. As an independent judicial organization, the Jinan Intermediate People's Court shamelessly violated the constitution and broke the law.

<http://www.clearwisdom.net/emh/articles/2001/6/18/11521.html>

[Beijing] Lawyer Li Wendong and His Wife Shao Yan, a Lecturer in the University of Agriculture, Are Detained in Haidian Police Department Branch

(Clearwisdom.net) Li Wendong, male, used to be a lawyer in a shipping company in Beijing. Shao Yan, female, used to be a professor at the Agriculture University. Because they are firm in the practice of Falun Dafa, they were forced to abandon their home to avoid persecution. They were arrested at the end of August 2001 in Haidian District. They have since been transferred to Haidian Police Department Branch. Though the winter is turning severe, they have been left in only summer clothes.

<http://www.clearwisdom.net/emh/articles/2001/12/23/17024.html>

Thirty-nine Dafa Practitioners including a Retired Judge Are Abducted

(Clearwisdom.net) On November 19, 2001, over 40 Dafa practitioners held a Fa conference at Hutou Mountain, Hutou Village, Xiema Town, Beibei area, Chongqing City. Due to a malicious person's report to police, the latter surrounded them and thirty-nine Dafa practitioners were illegally arrested. Most of them are elderly; the oldest one is over 80 years old. Some of the police officers who still possess a conscience wanted to let the old man go, but were stopped by a vicious police officer who is intent on receiving "rewards."

At present, seven of the arrested practitioners are detained in Beibei Detention Center; **one of them is a retired judge of Beibei Law Court.** Several young practitioners were brutally beaten up. The other practitioners are being held in a detention center and a brainwashing class.

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Li Mei, a Judge in Hefei City's Middle Level Court, was force- fed in the female detention center because she went on a hunger strike to protest the persecution. When the tube that was more than 1 meter long was pulled out, it was covered with blood. The scene was too cruel to watch. Currently she is forcibly infused with saline solution.

<http://clearwisdom.net/emh/articles/2001/12/6/16376.html>

Judge Walks Out with Dignity

(Clearwisdom.net) Practitioner Wen Jianmin, a former Judge of Mid-level People's Court of Shanwei City Guangdong Province, was arrested on September 13, 2001, **while posting truth-clarifying flyers**. He was first detained in Haifeng Watch House, then Haifeng Detention Center and later sent to brainwashing class for forced-brainwashing inside the Lufeng Piyang Drug Rehabilitation Center. In the brainwashing class, he didn't cooperate with the evil requests and didn't write any "repentance letters". He walked out with dignity on the night of October 19 2001.

<http://www.clearwisdom.net/emh/articles/2001/11/27/16234.html>

A local judge arrested and detained for going to Beijing to appeal for Falun Gong

Lin Wangmao, the head judge at the Hongshan District Court in the city of Fuzhou City, was arrested when he went to Tiananmen Square to hold an appeal for Falun Gong on January 1, 2001. He was detained at the Chongwen Detention Center in Beijing for 20 days, during which time his physical and mental health was greatly damaged. Lin was sent back to Fuzhou on January 20, 2001, and he has been held at the Shuitou 1st Detention Center since then. There is a high probability that he will be getting a prison term soon.

Lin Wangmao has been a Falun Gong practitioner since February of 1997. Since then, he has become a much better person, and he quickly became completely healthy after having suffered from a number of diseases for years. After he started practicing Falun Gong, he received a number of prestigious awards for his outstanding job performance, including the Fujian Province Model Worker Award, one of the Top 10 Young Fujian Judges, and one of the Top 10 Law Enforcement Officers in the province. He also was honored with three special citations (one 1st-class, one 2nd-class, and one 3rd-class) for his contributions to society, and his employer named him as an outstanding contributor for a number of years running. Lin is a well-known figure in the community, and he is respected and admired by many. Now he is behind bars just because he went to Beijing to speak four words from his heart ?"Falun Dafa is good!"

<http://www.clearwisdom.net/emh/articles/2001/2/7/4759.html>

Jiang Shuhua, senior judge of the People's High Court of Heilongjiang Province, was demoted during the second half of last year for persevering in practicing Falun Dafa. Jiang was arrested in December, 2000 when going to Beijing to clarify the facts about Dafa and remains in custody in the Second Detention Center.

<http://www.clearwisdom.net/emh/articles/2001/2/9/4707.html>

Mrs. Li Meiping, 40 years old, was a **former public procurator of Meizhou city**. Because she practices Falun Gong, she was sentenced 3-year labor term in Shanshui Labor Camp.

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Mrs. Li Li, a teacher at the China's Supreme Procuratorate's Institute, was dismissed from her job by her unit in May, 2000. Her apartment was taken away. At present, she and her family are homeless.

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