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Practitioners Were Tortured to Death in AnShan, Liaoning Province

(Up until June 24, 2004, it has been verified that 6 practitioners were tortured to death)
Fang, LiHong(38,Anshan) Kou Xiaoping(40,Anshan) Sun, Yuhua(37,Anshan)
Wang, Guoyue(44,Anshan) Yuan Zhongyu(47,Anshan) Zhang, Li(40,Anshan)

Case 1.

Wang Guoyue

Mr. Wang Guoyue lived in Apartment 48 of Shengchanwei on Shuguang Street, Lishan District, Anshan City, Liaoning Province. On December 15, 2000, he went to Beijing to appeal. When he arrived in Beijing, he posted fliers reading "Falun Dafa is Good" everywhere he went, from the train station to streets and alleys. The next day he went to Tiananmen Square to unfurl a banner and was arrested. Shuguang Police in Anshan City took him back to Anshan. Because Mr. Wang said, "Falun Dafa is good" at the police station, a policeman hit him in the face with a wooden stick. He was later transferred to the Second Detention Center of the city. In February 2001, he was sentenced to three years of forced labor.

In April 2001, he declared solemnly that what he said or wrote that did not conform to Falun Dafa was invalid and nullified. As a result, he was arrested by Shengli Police in Tiedong District, Anshan City, and was sent to the labor camp again. Because he refused to give up his belief, education section chief Zhang Yongli and other policemen hung him up and covered his head with an iron hat. Then they tortured and beat him for over one hour until he passed out. Fearing he might die at the labor camp, the police sent him to a hospital for emergency treatment, but they asked his family to pay 1,000 yuan for the medical expenses.

During the over 20 days that he was in the labor camp, he was devastated both physically and mentally. Because of the injury to his internal organs, he could not take in food normally. In order to shirk their responsibility, the police sent him home. While he was recovering at home, the labor camp and police station kept harassing him. Under the tremendous mental and physical pressure, Mr. Wang passed away on May 18, 2003, at the age of 44.

Responsible parties:

Anshan City Labor Camp: 86-412-2621513 Director Xu Baoyu: 86-412-2623527, 86-412- 5560533 Education Section Chief Zhang Yongli: 86-412-2613615 Second Detention Center: 86-412-2611873

Case 2.

Kou, Xiaoping

Due to her practice of Falun Gong, Kou, Xiaoping was abducted by the Public Security Bureau of Anshan City in November 2000 as she was walking to her work place. Because she refused to write the statement of promising not to practice Falun Gong anymore, she was illegally detained for 15 days in the Third jail in Anshan City, after 15 days, another 15 days was extended to her. When she was under detention, security personnel from the City Public Security Bureau interrogated her several times and each time, they would torture her. One day, she was taken away from her cell around 8 am in the morning and was brought back until 6 pm, the policemen twisted one of her hands around her head, another hand was wrapped around her back and she was hung over there for the whole day, while at the same time, Kou, Xiaoping was brutally tortured, leaving bruises everywhere on her body, her two thumbs became numb after that. In the next day, she could not get up from her bed (some policemen from the Third jail also witnessed the scars on her body). 10 days later, Kou, Xiaoping was transferred to the Second jail; many other Falun Gong practitioners were also being persecuted here.

Kou, Xiaoping was illegally detained in the Second jail for more than one month, and in February of 2001, she was illegally sentenced to 2 years in prison, she was then taken to a labor camp. In the camp, she was forced to "brainwash" and was not allowed to sleep for more than one month, and for more than one year, day in and day out, she was under consistent harassment, eventually, she was left with severe damages to both her body and mind. Because Kou, Xiaoping refused to abandon her belief in Falun Dafa, She was then taken to a very strictly-managed class, and she suffered even more damages to her body and mind, and completely lost her personal freedom there; even visit to the restroom was also under surveillance. In order to resist the persecution, Kou, Xiaoping started to undergo hunger strike on 14th, February of 2002, at

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the sixth day, she was forced to eat foods, and at the seventh day, she became sick and was sent to the Central Hospital. After exam, the doctors decided to keep her in the hospital, but the labor camp staff forced to bring Kou, Xiaoping back to the camp, claiming nothing to worry about, and saying that Kou would recover after she ate some foods. On 22nd, February, 2002 (the 8th day after hunger strike), she was taken back to the hospital as her sickness deteriorated, at that time, it was impossible to rescue her, and Kou, Xiaoping died that same day.

After the death of Kou Xiaoping, the police department tried to cover up the whole issue. They intimidated Kou's family members and forced Kou's husband to sign on a document which claimed that Kou died of natural cause, and the prison had nothing to do with her death. Kou's family sufferings were completely ignored by the police. The police also requested that whenever Kou's family or friends wanted to see her body, they must first notify the police and get the approval from the police department, and also, the police must be present, while the body must be taken care of by the labor camp, any photography, videotaping or news media report was forbidden, otherwise, Kou's family would have to bear any so-called consequences. When demanded by Kou's sister as why the police had already claimed that they had nothing to do with the death and death itself was of natural cause, then how come they still wanted to control everything and everything must first be approved by them, one official called Zhang, Zhengyan from the labor camp rudely responded as saying that the victim's parents had no rights to speak out.

Zhang, Zhengyan, an official from the labor camp.

Case 3

Yuan, Zhongyu

Mr. Yuan, was illegally put into prison in 1999 because of his personal belief in Falun Gong.

Around 16th, August of 2001, Yuan was about to leave a fellow practitioner's residence to spread truth information about Falun Gong, a relative informed the police department about him, and Yuan was arrested by the Public Security Bureau of Anshan City. He was then brought to a secret underground dungeon in the City Public Security Bureau, and was brutally tortured by the No. 1 department of the City Public Security Bureau, after that, the security staff left Yuan alone and went to a bar. One week later, someone smelt rotten smells from the underground ceil, and only then, it was realized that Yuan was dead. Officials from the Bureau went to arrest Yuan's wife in fear of her breaking the news out, and began to completely cover up the whole issue. They didn't allow Yuan's family members to take a look at the body, only after a long period of time, did they ask Yuan's family to cremate the body. One family member had the chance to take a look at the body while the guard was out, it was found that Yuan's body had bruises, his chest and abdominal area appeared purple dark.

Yuan's wife Cheng, Guifeng, female, 46 years old, lived in Qiubao, Anshan City of Liaoning Province. After Yuan, Zhongyu was beaten to death by Anshan City Public Security Bureau, Cheng was illegally arrested by the No. 1 department of Anshan City Public Security Bureau on 19th, August of 2000 and then detained in the Anshan City jail, right after that, without any procedures, she was sent to a penitentiary, it's been two years since then and she is still illegally detained there. Officials from the penitentiary claimed that they were taking care of Cheng because of safety concerns about her. It was said by some police staff, that, if her husband's persecution was ever reported in the minhui internet web page, the police department would then sentence Cheng, and that was why they'd like to hold her in the penitentiary right now. Cheng's body and mind were severely damaged, and her physical strength was very feeble, her heart beat rapidly, and she felt pressure on her chest, shortness in breath. Frequently, she would feel ill during the nights.

Case 4

Fang Lihong, male, 38 years old, was a native of Anshan City, Liaoning Province. He was a former traffic officer with the Anshan City Police Department.

On February 8, 2002 Fang was tortured to death by officers at the Quanzhou City Police Department in Fujian Province.

After Jiang's regime began its persecution against Falun Gong on July 20, 1999, Mr. Fang continued to practice Falun Gong and refused to renounce his belief in "Truthfulness, Compassion and Tolerance." As a result, he was illegally detained in the police station where he had worked. During his initial detention, four other officers kept a constant watch over him. Several months later the authorities transferred him by force to the city's brainwashing class, but he still refused to give up his beliefs. A month later, the police station sent him to the Anshan City mental hospital (then notorious Kangning Hospital) to

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torture him for sixteen months. During this period of time, the mental hospital and the police station authorities threatened, intimidated, and tortured him, but couldn't shake his righteous belief.

According to a report in the Chinese Times newspaper, on August 27, 2002, Mr. Fang was sent to a mental hospital. He escaped from there and then spoke with foreign media. Last year, when he talked with the Washington Post, he said, "I do not have any mental illnesses, but I was forced to stay with mental patients for 16 months." Mr. Fang said that in Heilongjiang Anshan Kangning mental hospital, he was forced to take drugs everyday. Later, the hospital gave him drugs and asked him to go back to his room to take the drugs. He said, the doctor told him that they knew he was not sick, but they had to give him the treatment under orders from their supervisor. During the forty-five minutes he spoke with the Washington Post, Mr. Fang talked rationally and was very clear.

Because of pressure and harassment from the police station, Fang Lihong, his wife, and son were forced to leave home and become destitute. In December 2001, while telling people the facts about Falun Gong, they were illegally arrested by the Quanzhou City Police Department in Fujian Province. The police searched their living quarters and confiscated everything. The entire family was detained in the Quanzhou City Detention Center, where they suffered inhumane torture. The police deprived them of sleep for several days in order to extort a confession, not even sparing their twelve-year-old son, who was threatened and intimidated and emotionally scarred as a result. Refusing to cooperate with the evil forces, Mr. and Mrs. Fang went on a hunger strike to protest. Thirteen days later, on the verge of death, Mrs. Fang was released. Fang Lihong remained illegally imprisoned until he was tortured to death on February 8, 2002.

A doctor from Anshan Kangning mental hospital has verified that Mr. Fang was treated in the hospital previously and that they already know that Mr. Fang is dead, but he would not say more about his case.

Case 5

Zhang, Li, female, 40 years old, was a resident at Tiexi District, Anshan City, Liaoning Province. On March 19, 2002, lawless police kidnapped Zhang Li and sent her into Anshan City Detention Center. During the period of her illegal detention, Zhang Li suffered all kinds of tortures until she was on the verge of death. On August 27, 2002, attempts to revive Zhang Li failed and she died in the city hospital.

Zhang Li was forced to leave home after July 20, 1999. On March 19, 2002, the Lishan District Police Department of Anshan City illegally kidnapped her, along with five other practitioners of Falun Gong who were living in the same place and were arrested along with her. During the period of her illegal detention, she was tortured with every method imaginable and passed out several times. Her face was lacerated from being beaten. Later, she was illegally sentenced to life in prison. During her imprisonment, the police interrogated and tortured her cruelly on many different occasions. She held a hunger strike, and the police sent Zhangli to the city hospital for force-feeding. They also handcuffed and shackled her after throwing her into the lobby. She was dying and many people went to look at her out of curiosity. Somebody said, "She is dying but is still in handcuffs, so she must have received the death penalty." The police said, "She is a Falun Gong practitioner."

Zhang, Li was questioned many times during the period of her illegal detention in the First Detention Center. Every time when she came back from questioning, her body was covered in blood and her skin was full of lacerations from being cut with a knife.

On August 27, 2002, while the police were questioning Zhang Li, she was beaten to the verge of death, and she was sent to the city hospital. A police officer ordered a doctor, "Don't treat her!" In response, the doctor asked the policeman to sign a document because the police officer asked him to forsake a life, thus breaking his professional oath. The police left Zhang Li in the hospital and had someone watch her. Zhang Li died on the same day. Her body was cremated and was buried in Anshan City Qianqiu Cemetery. After her death, the police tried to block all information, threatened Zhang Li's family not to contact outsiders and confiscated all pictures from her home. They also hastily cremated Zhang Li's body without permission from the family. The police covered her body with white clothing in order to hide the evidence of their crimes.

Case 6.

Sun, Yuhua, female, 37 years old, lived in the Jiefang Stationary Office Building, Tiedong District, Anshan City, Liaoning Province. Sun was beaten to death by the police of Dabei Prison on the morning of April 11, 2003.

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At the end of October 2001, she was forced into homelessness to avoid being kidnapped and taken to a brainwashing facility.

In June 2002, she was arrested by officers from Dongerbao Police Department, and was severely tortured. However, she maintained an unshakable belief in Falun Dafa and respect for her teacher, so she refused to cooperate with the evil forces, and protested by holding a hunger strike. When she was on the brink of death she was released. Four months later, before she had completely recovered from the previous persecution, the police from Dongerbao Public Security Bureau forced open her front door, broke into her room, and again arrested her. In March of 2003, she was illegally sentenced to four years in prison, and on April 4th, she was sent to the Dabei Prison of Shenyang City. On April 11th, she was tortured to death. Her body was covered with all kinds of bruises, including blisters on her ribs resulting from electric shocks.

Sun was beaten to death by police on the morning of April 11, 2003. Police did not notify her family until the next day. Her medical file listed the cause of death as "myocardial infarction." The time of death was marked as 10:30 AM, April 11, 2003. Although they made up her face, there were still very visible marks caused from the electric baton shocks and bruises from the beatings. Her family members were threatened not to reveal any information to the public, and the prison attempted to prevent any information about the death from becoming public knowledge.

Her husband is also a Falun Dafa practitioner, and he was arrested when explaining the facts about Falun Dafa and was illegally sentenced to Anshan City's forced-labor camp. Left behind is a son, attending elementary school, living with his grandmother.