

# **Independent Tribunal into Forced Organ Harvesting In China: Witness Testimony**

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## **DETENTION IN CHINA**

Place of incarceration: No 1 Reeducation through labour camp, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Date of incarceration:

Oct 31, 2000 to Jan 30, 2001

Nov 20, 2002 to Dec 16, 2003

## **ARREST & DOCUMENTATION**

They said I had ‘disturbed social orders’. I have the sentencing document to labour camp and the release document.

## **TESTIMONY**

I was blood tested three times to check my liver function within 24 hours by the clinic inside the labour camp. It was summer 2001.

One day in the summer of 2001, I had a slight cough, the guard named Chen Fumin, who was in charge of Falun Gong, took me to the clinic inside the labor camp for a “checkup.” When we got there, Chen told me that I would be blood tested for liver function. I asked, “I only have some slight coughs, it makes sense to check my lungs, but why liver?” Chen answered blatantly, “This is an order! Don’t ask why!!” They took 50cc of my blood. I was sent back. One hour later, Chen came to me again and said that the first tube of blood was broken, and that I had to be blood drawn again. The next morning before breakfast, Chen took me for the third time to have my blood drawn. He said it was all for my own good. Two weeks passed and I did not get any results of the blood tests. When a physician visited the camp, I asked her about my blood test results. She said that my blood was very thin and was like that of a 70 or 80 year old man. From then on, they never checked on my health again.

I also strongly suspect my wife, Luo Zhixiang was organ harvested. (see end of submission)

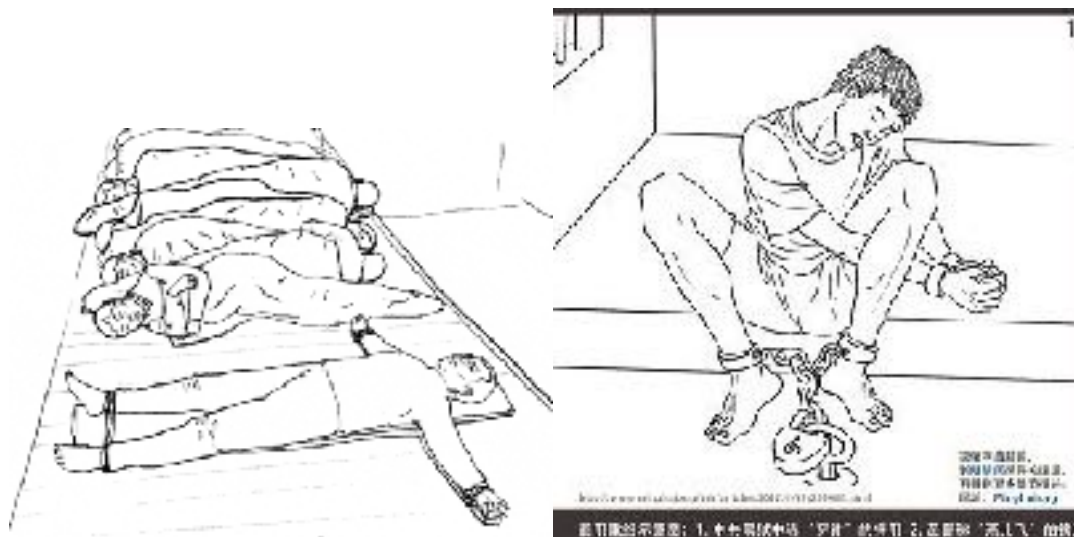
## TORTURE

Yes, The purpose of torturing us was to make us give up our belief in Falun Gong. They continually demanded that I give up my spiritual belief. When I refused they would intensify the beatings and torture.

I will give 4 examples of what happened during these tortures sessions.

Example 1,

One day in December 2002, (I forgot which day) in Haizhu District Detention Center, the "610"[1] policeman wanted me to give up my belief in Falun Gong. I rejected their unreasonable request as one cannot simply just give up their spiritual beliefs. The "610" policeman was very angry. They moved me to another room, and locked me on the "death bed" or "dead person's bed". I was locked there for more than 12 hours. After that, the policeman locked my four limbs with a heavy chain that was nailed to the floor for more than 7 days. I wasn't allowed to go to the bathroom and had to release myself right where I was cuffed.



Example 2,

In 31 December 2002 (I remember the day was the last day of 2002) "610" policeman transferred me into Guanzhou Forced Labor Camp, the Second brigade. That policeman Bi Dejun asked me to write a letter of guarantee to give up Falun Gong, of course I rejected him. At this time, three people who were known to be particularly vicious, appeared. Their names are Wang Feng, Cui Yucai, and Jiang Yong. They were all black-handed drug dealers who used drugs.

They deported me to a remote room. At the first, they're punched and kicked me, hit my abdomen with their knees, and hit my back with their elbows. Then they twisted my arm and pressed my head on the concrete floor. A person jumped up and used his weight to smash my head with his foot. It felt like my head will be crushed at any time. They had already taken off my shoes earlier. The other torturer jumped and stomped on my fingers and toes. It felt like my fingers and toes were crushed. The last torturer fiercely hit my back with his fists. I don't know how long they beat me, they only stopping once they've become exhausted and sat on the ground.

Example 3,

After that, I was held alone for more than 6 months in a room with no sunlight. Eight people were on duty for 24 hours, guarding me. They also recorded down all my words and deeds—and even my behaviour after sleeping was recorded to try and decipher my thoughts. Every day they forced me to watch a lot of videos that slandered Falun Gong to mentally break me. This kind of mental and spiritual torture was crueler than any physical torture I had suffered.

Example 4,

6 months later, the policeman released me out from that small dark room. However, the policeman forced me to kneel down to them and say “Thank you for saving my life” every morning until I was released out of labour camp. If I did not smile and say “Thank you for saving me life” to the policeman, they would force me to watch more videotapes that slandered Falun Gong.

## **WIFE**

*(NOTE: Family names have been removed.)*

At 1:00 p.m. on November 20, 2002, my wife Luo Zhixiang and I were sleeping in our rented room at #201, Building No. 5, the fifth branch of the Shangchong cun Zhongyue Road in the Haizhu District of Guangzhou City. Suddenly four or five Shangchongcun security guards broke into our room and searched our personal belongings. When they found our Falun Gong books, they immediately called the Nanzhou Street Police Station in the Haizhu District. About half an hour later, Li Zhizhong, the head of the police station (badge number: 024430, phone: 86-20-84204836), and another policeman bound my hands behind my back with an electrical cord.

They only discovered a few Falun Gong books, but probably to obtain a bigger bonus (anyone that arrests a Falun Gong practitioner is awarded a 5,000 yuan [2] bonus, while anyone locating a Falun Gong materials site receives a greater reward), they tried to make it look like more. They added a few dozen of my movie and music CD's and claimed they were Falun Gong truth-clarification CD's. When I exposed their scheme, the policeman who was videotaping turned red in the face and refused to look at me.

At 3:00 p.m. on November 20, 2002, my wife and I were taken to the police department and interrogated. We refused to cooperate with their illegal conduct. In the end, they got no information. That evening we were thrown into two separate cells. At that time my wife Luo Zhixiang was three months pregnant.

Two nights later, just after midnight on November 22, 2002, we were transferred to the Haizhu District Detention Center. To protest our illegal arrest, we went on a hunger strike starting on 20 Nov, the day we were illegally arrested. The police started force-feeding us on November 24. We were force fed in an emergency treatment room of the Number 177 China Navy Hospital on Chigang Street in the Haizhu District of Guangzhou City. A nurse named Tang Ying participated in force-feeding us. They forced a tube about one meter long from our nose down into our stomachs. It was extremely painful when they shoved the tube in, and the tube was bloody when they pulled out.

We were force-fed once every day or two until November 28. Because my wife Luo Zhixiang was pregnant, she was taken away from the Haizhu District Detention Center by Xinhua Street "610" officials from the Tianhe District in Guangzhou City on an "awaiting interrogation" warrant. She was put into the Huangpu Brainwashing Class, known as the most brutal in Guangzhou City. Luo Zhixiang was very weak, having begun her hunger strike on November 20 and maintaining it until she was killed on December 4.

After they released me from the Labour camp, I visited my sister-in-law's home. Then she told me what happened to Luo Zhixiang starting from November 28 up until the date my wife passed away, December 4.

On November 29 my wife was moved to the Tianhe District Chinese Medicine Hospital for injections.

She was in a double room on the third floor. The outside room had two beds, one for Luo Zhixiang and one for the person who monitored her, and a video camera mounted above the bed. The inside room housed two security guards with a monitoring device. The bathroom was in the hall.

On November 30, the Xinghua Street "610 Office" notified my wife's elder sister, to come see her. They said that my wife was terminally ill. Her sister wanted to take her home, but Cheng Di, a "610" official, denied her request. They did not want to release her because she refused to write a pledge to give up Falun Gong, but they did not want to take responsibility for her death either. If she died, they could claim that her sister was with her.

Although my wife was closely monitored, she secretly told her sister that she intended to escape. Around 6:00 p.m., my wife pulled out her intravenous needle and walked out when the monitoring staff was in the inside room. When she got to the elevator entrance, however, she was intercepted. She did not have the energy to run away since she had not eaten in so long. After this the "610 Office" intensified their surveillance.

Around 9:00 pm, her sister drank some water from the carafe in her room and quickly fell asleep. My sister in law said that she is a very light sleeper and awakens at the slightest noise. That night, however, she slept heavily until awakened by the sound of running footsteps around 1:00 am. She did not see her sister and thought that maybe she had escaped, so she prepared to go home.

Suddenly a security guard rushed into the bathroom then ran downstairs. My wife's sister felt something terrible must have happened. She hurried into the bathroom and saw the window open. She looked out of the window and saw her sister Luo Zhixiang lying unconscious directly below. Since so many people had already gathered on the scene, she realized that it must have been some time since her sister fell. At this time my sister in law notified my parents.

She then rushed downstairs, crying. She saw a person taking pictures of my wife, Luo Zhixiang. She begged them to help her sister, but no one listened to her pleading, nor did anyone look worried. After the pictures were taken, doctors carried my wife in to take X-rays and do an ultrasound. After they had examined her the doctor came out and told my sister in law about the condition of my wife. The doctor said that she had no fractured bones, and the baby in her uterus was normal. There was a small amount of blood on the ground where she fell. A subdural hematoma (a blood clot on the surface of the skull) was discovered under the rear left part of her skull where she had hit the ground.

My sister in law asked to see my wife, the doctor told her she was already being transported to the emergency ward. When my sister in law went to the emergency ward she saw my wife being wheeled into an emergency room.

About twenty people, including "610" officials, a security guard, doctors, and nurses entered the emergency room, but her sister was not allowed in. A few minutes later, my

sister in law heard my wife's terrible cry from the emergency room. Her sister saw through a crack in the door that someone was removing Luo Zhixiang pants. Then someone in the emergency room saw her looking through the crack and drove her away. She said her mind was racing because she didn't know what they were doing in the emergency room and why she had made that loud cry.

Someone reported the incident to the local police, who soon arrived. Cheng Di, the head of the Xinghua Street "610 Office" was angry and shouted, "Who called the police?". The police took a report from my sister in law, which took about 40 minutes. They told her that Luo Zhixiang had been transferred to Guangzhou Overseas Chinese Hospital at Jinan University, and offered her a ride there.

When my sister in law arrived at the hospital at 3:00 am on December 1, the doctors at Guangzhou Overseas Chinese Hospital told her that their examination revealed two injuries at the rear of my wife's brain, one on the left and another on the right. The left injury was caused by the fall from the third floor, but the result was only clotted blood in the brain covering, which should heal after relieving the pressure. The injury on the right side, however, was very deep. Even if it did heal, she would probably be a vegetable.

My sister in law was confused, in Tianhe China Medicine Hospital, they did not say anything about two injuries to Luo Zhixiang head. She was advised to ask the people who had transported Luo Zhixiang. Xinhua Street "610" officials Cheng Di and Gui Jia explained that her fall from the third floor was interrupted by the air conditioner on the second floor. Her head hit the ground and bounced up, injuring the right rear brain. My sister in law could not believe that a rebound injury could be more severe than that from a three-story fall.

The police told my sister in law that my wife had attempted suicide. It is well known that Falun Gong prohibits killing life, including your own. Besides, she was pregnant. Luo Zhixiang had even called her mother-in-law in Shandong Province to tell her about her pregnancy.

With one female and two male guards in the room and her sister, how was it possible for this extremely ill person, who had been on a hunger strike for 11 days to jump from the window of the bathroom on third floor for no reason. In addition the two sisters had been under surveillance by the "610 Office" 24 hours a day including visits to the bathroom.

It was not until December 4 after my wife was confirmed dead, that her sister's surveillance was discontinued.

Around 8am, December 4, Guangzhou Overseas Chinese Hospital's doctor said to my sister in law that my wife was brain dead and they had switched off the machines.

Before this had happened her sister saw that Luo Zhixiang's breathing was being supported, but it appeared that her heart beat was working as normal.

After a few hours, about 12pm, the hospital staff came to remove Luo Zhixiang away. From then on, no relatives were allowed to see my wife again. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, my brother in law went to Guangzhou City to meet my wife's sister.

My parents came to Guangzhou Overseas Chinese Hospital on December 5 and asked to see my wife's body. The hospital said that "610" prohibits all family members from seeing Luo Zhixiang's body.

On December 5, my parents and our daughter Huang Ying went to Guangzhou City. "610" officials anxiously demanded that Luo Zhixiang's sister sign a cremation authorization which she refused to sign.

On the same day December 5, the "610" officials ordered my parents to sign the authorization. My parents firmly refused when they were told that their daughter-in-law died as the result of suicide. The "610" officials stayed in a hotel in Tianhe District for about seven days, forcing my parents and daughter out of the hotel. One of the officials from the Tianhe District political commission had paid the hotel bill. My parents and our daughter went to the Xinhua Jie "610 Office" to ask why, but they were driven away by a dozen people at the orders of Cheng Di, director of the "610 Office." (They were homeless in Guangzhou City for almost four months.)

A few days later, my parents went back to the Tianhe District, Xinghua street "610 Office" for the second time as they wanted to find out why "610 Offices had illegally arrested my wife. As well as how my wife fell down a three-story building, why they persecuted and killed my wife and why the "610 Office" forbid them from seeing her body. My parents wanted to know why was no one taking responsibility for the death of Luo Zhixiang.

The officials ignored all these questions and the director ordered them to sign a document stating that my wife had committed suicide. They refused, the Tianhe District, "610" director Liu (phone: 86-20-38622610) then said, "It doesn't matter if you don't sign. The result will be the same. She will be cremated either way."

During this time Luo Zhixiang's brother and elder sister also appealed to the "610 Office" of the Political and Judicial Commission of Guangdong Province and Guangzhou City, the Police Department, and the People's Representative Committee of Guangzhou City on behalf of Luo Zhixiang, claiming she had been tortured to death by the Tianhe District and Guanghua Street "610 Offices." The Tianhe District "610" office colluded with higher governmental authorities to put pressure on Luo Zhixiang's brother in order to cover up the facts. The Political and Judicial Committee of Guangdong Province

pressured Huizhou City, then Boluo County, then the Police Department of Boluo County. Finally, an envoy from the Police Department of Boluo County delivered a secret message to Luo Zhixiang's brother in Guangzhou. Once he read the message they took it back. Afterwards, they said to Luo Zhixiang's older brother, "Consider your future before you appeal for your sister."

My wife's older brother knew well that Jiang Zemin's regime could do terrible things, and he dared not appeal. He was very angry, but felt he could do nothing about his sister's murder, so the appeal was delayed.

The "610 Office" originally did not want me to know of my wife's death. When the situation became so obvious that they could no longer hide it, they told me the news. At that time, I was in the forced labour camp and under their control. They ordered me to sign the cremation document. They threatened that if I did not sign, my term in the forced labor camp would be indefinitely extended, and my wife's body would be cremated without the signature. In addition, they threatened to punish my wife's older brother.

On April 2, 2003, the Tianhe District "610" officials came to the Guanzhou Forced Labor Camp and announced the news of my wife's death. This announcement had been delayed for four months. They took me to the Yinhe Yuan funeral home in Tianhe District of Guangzhou City to see my wife's body. Her body was so shriveled, emaciated and distorted that I hardly recognized her. Within two minutes, I was pulled out of the room by Zhou Jianhong, the captain of the second brigade, and policeman Li Weicheng. The Tianhe District "610" officials had prepared a cremation document and directed me to sign it. I saw there was already a signature, they claimed it was my wife's sister's signature, but it was obviously a forgery, her name was not spelt correctly.

When I exposed this mistake, they became enraged and ordered me to sign. I appealed to them, "How can I sign this without discussing it with my wife's older brother and elder sister. If your wife was dead, would you cremate her body without talking it over with her parents and family?" They had no reply and stopped trying to make me sign. They agreed that I must see my wife's older brother and elder sister.

About 10 a.m. the next day, a guard from the second brigade asked me to come to the reception room of the forced labor camp. My wife's older brother and elder sister had arrived, but my parents and my daughter were not allowed to come because they are also Falun Gong practitioners. At the same time, about twenty people came in from the Tianhe District and Xinhua Street "610" offices. I questioned how my wife died. They insisted that she had committed suicide. I said, "That is impossible for the following reasons: 1. Falun Gong prohibits killing, 2. She was pregnant, 3. Why didn't she commit suicide when she was caught outside of the hospital? The only logical conclusion is that



you killed her." They dared not say any more. I then asked why they didn't allow my wife's sister to bring her back home while she was alive. The "610" officials gave the excuse that she was not following the China Family Plan [3]. I protested that that was a matter for the Family Planning Committee and had nothing to do with the "610 Office." Again they could not argue.

Meanwhile, my wife's sister informed me that her brother had been severely pressured by the "610 Office" officials and the Political and Judicial Committee. I understood his tough situation: he dared not say that he would not sign, nor that he would sign, because his sister was murdered by the "610" officials, and they could easily ruin his life as well. He did not know what to do and so remained silent. In the end, in order to relieve the huge strain on my wife's brother, I unwillingly signed the document.

The above is my detailed account revealing how my wife Luo Zhixiang brutally murdered by the Tianhe District "610" officials. More information remains to be discovered. I believe that one day this will all be disclosed and the criminal acts of these murderers will be exposed.

#### **NOTES:**

(1) "610 Office" is an agency specifically created to persecute Falun Gong, with absolute power over each level of administration in the Party and all other political and judiciary systems.

(2) 5000 yuan is about 600 US dollars.

(3) The "China Family Plan" is a policy of the Chinese government to control the population that requests each couple have only one child.