

Independent Tribunal into Forced Organ Harvesting In China: Witness Testimony

Submission ID293N – Li Lin Lin

Dear Sir Geoffrey Nice,

My name is Li Lin Lin, I am from Shandong, China. I am currently a resident in Flushing, New York.

In the beginning of 2005, while I was working in Shanghai, China, I was illegally sentenced to 3 years 6 months' imprisonment by China's public security apparatus for distributing Falun Gong truth-clarification materials to the public. On 15 September 2005, I was sent to Shanghai's Songjiang Women's Prison. While I was imprisoned there, around end-October 2005 (I have forgotten the exact date), *NAME OF PERSON REMOVED FOR PRIVACY* (another Falun Gong practitioner who refused to recant her beliefs) and I were brought to a mobile medical vehicle outfitted with advanced equipment to have our organs and blood checked. This medical vehicle was parked at the door of the building where we were imprisoned. I remember clearly that this examination was only done on Falun Gong practitioners who recently entered the prison and have not given up their faith. The vehicle was well-equipped, and the examination was done mainly on our chest, internal organs and blood. At that time, I even wondered why did they only perform this examination on both of us healthy Falun Gong practitioners who haven't renounced our faith? And not check the other prisoners who had severe illnesses? If this check-up was only done for new prisoners, this can't be the case either, because there were many others who were sent to the prison together with us. Later on, while I was detained there, I learnt that there was an infirmary within Shanghai Women's prison where minor sicknesses would usually be treated and their medicines dispensed. Those who had more severe illnesses would be sent to Shanghai's Tilanqiao prison for treatment, where they had basic medical facilities and could perform examinations on your blood and organs for example. If prisoners wished to see the doctor, they had to submit a written request to their respective officer-in-charge, and after it was approved, it would be reported to the infirmary, and after the infirmary had arranged a suitable time-slot, only then could they see the doctor. To seek medical attention at Tilanqiao was even more complicated, and I will not go into the details here. That was why I felt that the unusual medical examination of our bodies we went through was even more out of the norm than usual.

Over the years, this incident remained a mystery buried in my heart. It was only until 2008 when I finished my prison sentence and returned home, after I knew of the live organ harvesting of Falun Gong practitioners, only then did I realize what that unusual body examination probably meant. Although what I experienced while I was at Shanghai's Women Prison is not 1st-hand evidence of live organ harvesting, but it can serve as indirect evidence.

I affirm with my life that every sentence that I said is the truth. Thank you.

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MEDICAL EXAMINATION

I was taken to a well-equipped medical van for the medical exams. Chest exam, abdominal exam and blood draw. I don't know the name of the equipment, but I knew clearly that my internal organs were examined. Because the examiner asked me to have my chest near the equipment. The medical van drove directly into the Women's Prison and stopped in front of the building where female inmates were held.

COURT PROCESS

There was legal proceeding. But the law they utilized to charge me was illegal. The so-called crime was disrupting the implementation of law using cult. They sentenced me 3.5 years. I distributed Falun Gong materials. The crime does not fit me. I did not sign.

REASON FOR TORTURE

I was sent to solitary confinement. It was a very small room about 2 square meters by the stairs. Other inmates did not know what happened inside.

I was monitored 24 hours by 4 inmates, who wrote down everything I did and I said. They did not allow me to speak to anyone else other than them. They did not allow me to shower. I didn't write anything against Falun Gong as they ordered, they did not allow me to sleep.

I didn't give up Falun Gong. They threatened to increase my term, and to send to Xinjiang province, where they said there were concentration camps [holding Falun Gong practitioners]. I was forced to watch videos defaming Falun Gong. I was forced to write a report about my thoughts daily. If I wrote my true thoughts – to continue practicing – they threatened to increase my term.

I was forced to sit on a stool for a long time with my hands on my legs and not allow to move. This resulted in losing balance when I walk. I was under tremendous mental pressure, which caused my period to stop for 3 to 4 months. They forced me to take contraceptive medicine.

The guards made other inmates suffer because I refused to give up practicing Falun Gong. Other inmates often scolded me and my family.

This kind of mental torture was worse than physical torture. The guards used other inmates to persecute me, promising them to decrease their terms. Because of this, the other inmates persecuted Falun Gong practitioners without any reservations.