

Independent Tribunal into Forced Organ Harvesting In China: Witness Testimony

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I speak Chinese. I was arrested seven times, I was sentenced to re-education through labor three times.

On August 26, 2013, I fled to Thailand. I arrived in the United States in December 2015.

DETENTION

When I was persecuted in China, what I can recall is that I had been caught and arrested for 7 times and I was sentenced to forced labour re-education for 3 times.

The 1st time, I was sentenced to forced labour re-education for one year and a half, but I was detained in total for 20 months. Detention places included 6 forced- labour camps in Shenyang, Liaoning Province. One of the labour camps – Zhangshi Labour Camp – has one illegal prison in it, which was a small white building. This illegal prison was especially for keeping female Falun Gong practitioners with male inmates. There was also an underground prison hospital there.

The 2nd time, I was sentenced to 3-year forced labour re-education. I was detained in Masanjia Labour Camp. I was carried home on a medical parole.

The 3rd time, I was sentenced to 3-year forced labour re-education. I was detained in Masanjia Labour Camp. I was released on a medical parole after 3 months of detention.

In total, I was sentenced for 7.5 years of forced labour re-education. I was detained for totally two years and a half.

1) In September, 1999, I went to Beijing for petitioning. I was caught by police in Beijing. Beijing police handed me over to the police from my home residence. I was first kept in Longfeng Hotel in Beijing, and two days later I was taken back to Diaobingshan City Detention Centre, Liaoning Province, and I was held there for one month. Diaobingshan City was originally called Tiefa City.

2) In November, 1999, I went to Beijing the second time for petitioning. I was caught by plainclothes police in Beijing and kept in Qincheng Detention Centre for 5 days. The police from Beijing Liaison Office of Liaoning local governments took me from Qincheng

Detention Centre back to Diaobingshan City Detention Centre and I was held there for over a month.

3) On January 7, 2000, I was secretly taken by armed police of Diaobingshan Police Bureau to Tieling Labour Camp. Only after arrival at the Labour Camp did I know I was sentenced to forced labour re-education for one and a half years.

4) On January 30, 2000, I was secretly transferred from Tieling Labour Camp to Liaoyang Labour Camp.

5) In September, 2000, I was secretly transferred from Liaoyang Labour Camp to Masanjia Labour Camp.

6) On April 19, 2001, I was secretly transferred by Masanjia Labour Camp to the small white building of Zhangshi Labour Camp. I was locked with more than 40 men of unknown identity. When I was raped by these men, there was a man who had recorded the whole raping process with a video camera.

7) On April 23, 2001, I was moved out from the male cell to Shenxin Labour Camp.

8) On May 1, 2001, I was transferred from Shenxin Labour Camp to Longshan Labour Camp.

9) On May 10, 2001, I was transferred back from Longshan Labour Camp to Shenxin Labour Camp.

10) On May 27, 2001, I was secretly transferred from Shenxin Labour Camp to the underground prison hospital in Shenyang. This hospital used to be an air-raid shelter built underground. It is a horrific underground hospital.

11) On August 10, 2001, police of Shenxin Labour Camp sent me under their escort to my home. I was on the brink of dying at that time. "The inmates helped me. My mother brought my child with her and they both searched for me all the way to Shenyang underground hospital, asking for me. If my mother could not find the underground hospital, and if the inmates had not helped me, I would have died in the underground hospital."

12) At the end of September, 2001, I was forced to leave home and wandered about. I went to Beijing to sue these labour camps for their inhuman persecution of me, but I was again arrested in Beijing. They transferred me again to Diaobingshan Police Bureau, which sent me again to Shenxin Labour

Camp and robbed me of ¥8300 that I had with me. One week later, I was again on the brink of dying under their inhuman tortures, and was sent back home in this dying state.

13) After 10pm on October 8, 2002, I was arrested by over 10 local police in Tieling. I was sentenced to 3-year forced labour re-education. I was detained in Masanjia Labour Camp for the second time. I underwent 7 months of brutal tortures. Then I was on a medical parole and was sent home in a dying state.

This time before being sent into Masanjia Labour Camp, they brought me to Masanjia Hospital and forced me to have blood tests. I refused to have blood tests. Diaobingshan Police Bureau's police and police from Shihuangdi Police Station held my head, grabbed my hair and hit me. Then they pressed my head onto the wall, and tied up my body onto a chair. Female nurses from Masanjia Hospital drew a lot of blood from me.

14) On October 14, 2004, while I was still forced to leave home, I was kidnapped by police from Shihuangdi Police Station which was under the jurisdiction of Diaobingshan Police Bureau while I was putting up posters of Falun Gong truth. Diaobingshan Police Bureau sentenced me to 3 years of forced labour re-education. I was sent to Masanjia Labour Camp the third time.

15) At the end of January, 2005, my old mother carried me on her back out of the evil Masanjia Labour Camp. At that time, I was tortured to the extent that my lower limbs were paralysed and I was out of conscience. I was persecuted so badly that I had mental disorder. My lower limbs had been paralysed for more than half a year. I had been suffering from severe faecal incontinence for over two years.

16) On August 26, 2013, after many years of hiding and recovering from the wounds, I successfully fled to Thailand.

REASON FOR ARREST

Because I cultivate Falun Gong.

Official documentation: I haven't been given any official documentation.

DEATH THREATS

1) In November, 1999, when I was held in Qincheng Detention Centre, Beijing, I heard a middle-aged woman guard yelling at those Falun Gong practitioners who refused to reveal their names and thus had been numbered: “The government has numerous ways to deal with you Falun Gong people refusing to reveal names. If you still don’t tell me your names, you will all be sent to Xinjiang, then when you die, you will not have the least idea how you die.”

2) In January, 2000, I was held in Tieling Labour Camp. Wang Zhibin– a police exclusively responsible for persecuting Falun Gong practitioners – pointed to a document and told me: this is an internal document of the government, in which the government had defined Falun Gong as a cult and Jiang Zemin had given out orders to “financially intercept them (Falun Gong practitioners), ruin their reputation and eliminate them physically”.

3) In 2001 and 2002, I was detained in Masanjia Labour Camp. I often heard Su Jing – head of the labour camp – say that the state was fighting a war without gunpowder against Falun Gong, and that the expenses the state had applied to this war was equivalent to fighting an international war. Wang Naimin and Zhang Xiurong said, if you didn’t want to convert, then you never even dream of being able to walk out of Masanjia, and your death will be counted as suicide. Zhang Xiurong said that Masanjia Labour Camp had got death quota.

Note: I found that those “converted” Falun Gong practitioners just disappeared. It is not known where they have been sent to, which was similar to my case. As I had been secretly transferred under armed escort, other practitioners of Falun Gong had no idea where I had been sent to. I was lucky because my mother, together with my child, had been looking for me, and there were inmates who revealed information to my mother, and because there were police who helped me secretly. I feel scared now every time I think of the underground hospital in the air-raid shelter.

4) On May 27, 2001, Liu Jing– the head of Shenxin Labour Camp–said to me, and I was kept in a confinement cell, “you don’t see how wrong you are – Jiang Zemin has orders, killing you people would only be counted as suicides. If you die, don’t put the blame on me. You just go to Jiang Zemin.” After saying this, he asked his assistants Song Xiaoshi and Deng Yang to take me to the underground prison hospital in Shenyang.

MEDICAL EXAMS

In September and November, 1999, I was arrested and detained. In January, 2000, I was detained for 22 months of forced labour re-education. During these periods, I was not tested blood.

On October 8, 2002, after I was caught by Tieling police, I was transferred to Diaobingshan Detention Centre, and then transferred to Masanjia Labour Camp in Liaoning Province. I was forced to have blood test in Masanjia Hospital for the first time. Three policemen grabbed me by my hair, as if grabbing a chicken, pressed my head to the wall, and tied my arms and hands to a chair. Two female nurses had drawn many tubes of blood from me against my will.

The following is my testimony for my experience of forced blood tests, urine tests, B-ECG, and electrocardiogram at Masanjia labor camp in Liaoning Province:

On October 14, I was arrested by Tieling police and sentenced to three years of re-education through labor at Masanjia. For about seven months until around June 2003, I was held in solitary confinement on the first floor of the Masanjia.

I can't remember the month or the day when Li Shujuan, a policewoman in her 50s who was in charge of transporting Falun Gong practitioners to the hospital, ordered several "Four Defenses" members to drag me onto a white van. She was accompanied by two other young policewomen, one named Qi Fuying, the other policewoman I do not remember her name, but I remember her appearance. The group escorted me to the hospital in Masanjia. There a middle-to-old aged male doctor took my blood pressure, and then issued the forms for blood tests, urine tests, and electrocardiogram.

The nurse also gave me a cup to test my urine. It had my name on it. They dragged me to the blood test room, and a middle-aged nurse took out a rubber tube that had the length of about one Chinese foot from a young nurse's plate near her. She held it to my arm and looked for blood vessels. My blood vessels were so hard to find that she had to slap my arm. When she found it, she took out a very large syringe from the plate next to her. I was very scared and had an ominous feeling as I had never seen or experienced a blood test like that.

I was so terrified that I struggled and desperately refused to allow the nurse to draw blood for me. So Li Shujuan had those four guards hold my head, arms, and legs.

Qi Fuying said, "Cuff her."

Because I was too weak, I had no strength to resist them. I let out a loud cry and said: I

did not commit any crime, we did not commit any crime, why treat us like this?

I cried and asked him why: why did you arrest us, what crime have I committed? Why did you do that?

Why lock us up? Masanjia is persecuting me, Masanjia is persecuting me.

The nurse didn't say anything, and everyone was quietly watching her draw blood from me. They took a large tube of blood. I saw that my blood was dark red and near black. I felt that I have seen a large, thick needle pipe like this somewhere, and then I remembered that I've seen one in the countryside when I was a child. It is what vets used to give an injection to a sick horse.

I didn't have the urine test because I was too scared. I said I couldn't pee. The Four Defenses hit me to make me pee, I was determined not to pee. There's nothing they can do about it.

They dragged me to the ultrasound room, where they covered my entire stomach in a lot of white paste. Then a female doctor pressed against my stomach and ribs with a flat round smooth instrument. She kept on pressing, pausing, press, and stroking. She repeatedly paused on the same position and carefully press, and then wiped the compressor on her hand, wiping my stomach every time as she did that and painted more of the white, cool, sticky paste.

When the woman doctor pressed on my stomach, she said to the policeman by my side, "She's got nothing in her stomach." That was the only thing she said in front of me.

The CDI took about 15 minutes. Then I was dragged to the place where they did the ECG. I don't know the results of any of these checks.

Things like this, the physical examination, has never happened to me when I was arrested in 1999, in the detention center and the six labor camps where I was detained.

The only other time I remembered was in 2001, I don't remember the day or the month, but it was at the Liaoyang Correctional Institution, and 50 female Falun Gong practitioners given a chest X-ray.

The male doctor who performed the x-ray said: this group of Falun Gong's lungs look shining bright.

[透亮: 透clean, see through, transparent, 亮, bright-translator].

Both times when I was arrested and sent to Masanjia in October 2002 and October 2004, I was forced to take a blood test. At that time I didn't understand it but I was very scared and had ominous feelings.

TORTURE

I have been tortured in the labour camps for uncountable times. In the periods I was detained, I was forced to receive non-stop brainwashing day and night, physical punishment, nail pinching of the back of my hands (hands swollen like steamed buns), pricking my wrists (bleeding and broken) with needles, confining me to small cells and using high decibel noise to torture me, brutal force-feeding in a suffocating manner, electric shock with electric batons, electric needles pricking my head and other body parts, and injecting unidentifiable medicines which caused me temporary memory decline and short-term loss of eyesight. Guo Yong, a policeman, hit me in my waist and the hard hitting caused my lower limbs paralysed and faecal incontinence. Police intentionally cut my hair to make it a mess and then they said that I went insane by practising Falun Gong. When I was brutally forced fed, patients who were watching were so scared that they convulsed, and a patient with heart disease was scared to receive emergency treatment. I was forced to do overload labour for 9 months, and I was so worn out that I spat blood due to excess workload. My arms were bleeding from the scratch of metal bars, and my fingerprints were not able to read because my fingers were bleeding and broken due to heavy workload of making fake flowers. As I rejected to wear prison uniforms, a group of policemen and policewomen and male inmates ripped off all my clothes and threw me into a toilet and let male inmates watch me. April 19, 2001 was the worst day of brutal persecution of me. On that day, Masanjia Labour Camp secretly transferred me to a small white building, where I was put into a room with over 40 men whose identities I do not know. While I was being raped by them, the whole process was recorded by a cameraman. This happened only one month after foreign journalists entered Masanjia Labour Camp for investigation in mid March, 2001. There were many policemen involved in persecuting me. There are some policemen whose names I don't know, and some whose names I have forgot. I write down here the names of the police who were the leading persecutors:

- Sun Lizhong, Yu Dehai, Yang Dongsheng, Zhang Fucui, Liu Futang. They were among the police who executed the many times of arrests of me.

- Li Chengqiang. He is a doctor in Diaobingshan Labour Camp. He personally forced fed me and ordered male criminal suspects to force feed me chilli water and unknown liquids. I was persecuted to almost dying.
- Two other doctors who have persecuted me are from Masanjia Labour Camp. One of them carries the surname of Cao. I can't recall his first name. I have forgotten the name of the other doctor.
- Li Shujuan. She was especially responsible for escorting me to hospitals.
- Other police's names I remember: Liu Jing, Deng Yang, Song Xiaoshi, Guo Yong. Guo Yong is the police who hit me in the waist and caused my lower limbs paralysed.
- Other police who have persecuted me but whose names I do not know include those police who are responsible for male cells and the underground prison hospital. I don't know the names of the police from Shenyang or Beijing who arrested me.
- I personally know 10 Falun Gong practitioners who have died in the persecution by the Chinese Communist Party. The death of Zou Guirong still remains a mystery. She was arrested by police from Fushun and she died in a hospital. The cause of her death is still unknown.
- During my imprisonment in Masanjia Labour Camp, I often found that Falun Gong practitioners who were persecuted just vanished. No one knows their whereabouts. Masanjia Labour Camp is like a labyrinth. And it is a very common phenomenon.