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Age 54 - Female | Occupation in China : Workshop Manager at a textile factory | Occupation now : Cleaner at the Australian Parliament House.

Q. When you were detained in China was it ever through a court process?

No Court processes for my detention and labour camp

imprisonment [Detention in China](#)

Q. What was the reason given by Chinese authorities? Do you have official documentation?

After Jiang Zemin started cracking down on Falun Gong, in order to clarify the truth, I went to Beijing to appeal. On 25th October 1999, I was arrested and detained in Beijing Chaoyang District Detention Centre for 5 days. After that I was transferred to Tianjin Lutai (near my home) Detention Centre and was detained there for 3 days, then I was sent to Tianjin Women's Detention Centre, where I was detained for 10 days, then was sent back to local Lutai Detention Centre and detained for another two days. No documents were given to me for the 20 days detention. On 15th November 1999, I was taken to Lutai Textile Factory of Ninghe County, Tianjin, where I used to work before I lost my job in 1996. I was detained there for 40 days and was released after my husband was called in to sign the Guarantee and paid ¥ 1000 penalty.

One day in Feb 2000, I went to a photocopy shop to copy some new Jingwen for fellow practitioners. I don't know how this was found out, several days later, on 15th February 2000, I was taken by authorities? at home and taken to Lutai Textile Factory again. This time I went on a hunger strike to protest against the illegal detention. I was released after 32 days.

Between 25 Oct 1999 and 25 Apr 2000, my home was raided 5 times, for only once I was given some paper for the raid.

On 24 April 2000, I was sentenced to one-year re-education through labour, and was imprisoned in Tianjin Banqiao Women's Labour Camp from 24 April 2000 to 23 April 2001 (Certificate available). In the labour camp I was forced to do hard labour work without pay, 14 – 17 hours every day, sitting on a ma-zha (a folding stool bonded by canvas belts, see illustration below).

which caused me anal fissure, prolapse of the anus and hemaefecia.



I was also blood-tested 3 times in the labour camp, and no explanation or results were given to me.

Q. Did you directly witness incidents of forced organ harvesting or were you threatened with forced organ harvesting?

In October 2000 in the labour camp, the Head of Brigade 2, surnamed Ma, said that there was instruction from up above: Those who do not give up practicing Falun Gong will be sent to the north east remote area to die.

In October 2000, a Falun Gong practitioner, surnamed Zou, was brought in the labour camp. I found that her eyes were staring blankly, like in a trance. She happened to sit next to me when we were doing hard labour work. I saw her two palms were all black and purple, so I asked her what was wrong. She suddenly burst out crying, I was shocked. She told me that it was too horrible. She and some other Falun Gong practitioners who refused to say their names, were detained in an unknown place. Each one was given a number. She was forced to sit in an electric chair and her two palms were blackened by the torture of electric needle. Because it was so painful that she cried out loudly. A policeman from the same hometown recognized her dialect and told her secretly: It is a very dangerous place here; you'd better tell your name so that you can survive. Under the help of this policeman, she was sent from that unknown place to my labour camp.

Now living in Australia, I can safely practice Falun Gong. I have been trying my best to help those who are still persecuted in China. In 2016 I learnt that Falun Gong practitioners Yixi Gao and his wife, living in Muling, Mudanjiang City, Heilongjiang Province, were taken from home by police at midnight on 19 April 2016. He died on 29 April. It was reported that he stayed in the Public Security Hospital, Mudanjiang City, for 43 hours and went through dozens of checks and examinations before he died. His body was dissected.

Further notes:

On 15 Feb 2000, I was cooking breakfast at home, 4 policemen came to our home. They said they wanted me to go with them to the police station for some investigation, I asked investigation about what, they wouldn't answer, just dragged me into the van. At the policemen station, they asked me whether I had printed Falun Gong materials, I said No. Several hours later, they couldn't get any info from me, so they drove the van to the textile factory I worked and handed me to the Factory Director, saying that he needed to watch me and if I disappear, then he would be the one to take responsibility. So the Factory Director assigned 6 staff members to watch me in three shifts, two at a time, sleeping in the same room with me.