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Detention in China

From the end of November 2006 to 12 January 2007, Beijing Changping Brainwashing Class.

12th January 2007 to February 2007, Beijing Changping Detention Centre.
February 2007 to 14th May 2007, Beijing Tuanhe Labour Re-education Dispatch Centre. 14th May 2007 to 11th January 2009, Beijing Tuanhe Labour Re-education Camp.

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

A group of maybe five or six men from state security and 610 Office came to my classroom, and they found Falun Gong material on my computer and the Nine commentaries on the Communist Party by Epoch Times.

No, I don't have official documentation. When those men searching my computer, I asked them "why are you arresting me?" and "where is your search warrant?". Then one police officer took out a piece of paper and chucked it in front of me and said, "this is the paper that authorises your arrest".

Q. When you were detained in China was it ever through a court process? If yes, what was the judgement about?

No, not through a court process. Without court process, I was illegally detained for two years' forced labor camp.

Experience In Detention

Every year during my detention, the authorities would force us to have blood taken and X-rays but never notified me of any result. I suspicious that these tests may have been somehow connected to organ harvesting. I had heard about organ harvesting from internet before I was arrested. But it's hard to believe for me. April to 14 May 2007, I was locked in a cell (maybe in No. 6 Team of Beijing Tuanhe Labour Re- education Dispatch Centre, which was an area which held many drug addicted prisoners) with about 8 drug addicts, who were commonly induced to abuse Falun Gong practitioners. Those drug addicts were rostered on shifts to persecute me by the guards' order. The cell has surveillance camera installed, so the guards know everything happened inside. One day a drug addict inmate was beating my back and waist, another inmate came in from outside yelled at him: "don't injure his organs". I felt strange why these guys did not care about my well-being but cared about my organs. What's more, I knew the drug addict inmate came from outside was just said what the guards' let him say, because without guards' order nobody could come to the cell. One drug addict once told other drug addicts in front of me: a Beijing woman's husband (a Falun Gong practitioner) disappeared

after being arrested.

One day of October or November 2007, when I was tortured to give up my belief, a guard (name is Li Wei who was a key person to try and torture Falun Gong cultivators) threatened me privately, he came to see me (almost face to face), stared at me and said "nothing is impossible!" Then left.

In order to let me give up my belief to Falun Dafa, the guards let prisoners tortured me a lot of times.

For example, during September or October 2007, I was transferred from the Fourth Brigade of Tuanhe Re-education Labor Camp to a specially-designed room in another brigade (by guards: Gong Wei, Pan Lin, Yang Bo). The walls and ground of that room were covered with soft sponge in order to prevent inmates from committing suicide. They starved me for three days, and then prisoners dragged me around the room. They claimed that I was on a hunger strike and had the prison doctor force-feed me twice daily. The doctor pushed plastic tubes through my nose into my stomach. They often pulled the tubes in and out several times just to torture me. Prisoner Zhang Guobing also urinated into the sticky fluid used to force-feed me. After two weeks, the guards realized again that their torture methods hadn't changed my resolve, so they transferred me back to the Fourth Brigade to continue my persecution.

November 2007, guards Li Wei and Yang Bo in charge of torturing me to give up my belief. They transferred a specific group of seven or eight prisoners from Beijing Tuanhe Labour Re-education Dispatch Centre to the labor camp. The guards trained them intensively, and then along with prisoner Zhang Guobing, ordered them to take turns with the torture. During the day, four prisoners participated. Zhang Guobing is the leader and included Zhang Wenbin and Liu Jinsuo. They shoved my feces into my mouth. Zhang Guobing ordered the other three to strip my clothes, and then forced a toilet brush handle into my anus. They pushed the handle so hard that I couldn't defecate. They also handled my genitals and forced my back against an extremely hot heating unit. The other shift of three or four prisoners included one named Du Fu, and another nicknamed "Little Shandong". They stripped me and handled my genitals. "Little Shandong" pulled my pubic hair, and they opened the window to freeze me with the winter's cold air. They also pinched my nipples hard with their nails. A prisoner whose last name is Ma, he lead Yuan Li and another prisoner torture me at night. They woke me at night by pouring cold water on me, or by piercing my skin with needles. They then dragged me to the ground, stripped me and poured cold water over me. Yuan Li often used a sharp point on his badge to puncture my nails. I have been tortured like above for two days and two nights.

I have also suffered lots of other tortures in the Fourth Brigade of Tuanhe Re-education Labor Camp. The prisoners forced me sit still on a small plastic stool for an extended duration. They also forced me to stand motionless for long periods, until my legs and feet were badly swollen. Additionally, there were times that they denied me restroom use, forcing me to urinate and defecate in my pants. I was forced to wear those pants, even during meals. Another time, guard Zhao Weiguang ordered the prisoners subject me to sleep deprivation, allowing only 2-3 hours of sleep a day. They then shortened it to one hour per day, and eventually to no sleep at all. One prisoner tied threads to my eyebrows, then pulled them off. He eventually pulled all the hair off my eyebrows. He then used the same method to pull off my eyelashes and facial hair. Prisoner Zhang Guobing spat on my face and body, and

once even forced my mouth open to spit into it. Guards and prisoners tortured and humiliated me physically and mentally.

The “Three Statements” that I have been forced to write as follows: the “Guarantee Statement”, the “Dissociation Statement”, and the “Repentance Statement”.

The Guarantee Statement let me abide by the rules and regulations of the labor camp, do not practice the Falun Gong exercises or spread the FG to others.

The Dissociation Statement asked me to declare my dissociation from the “Falun Gong” association. (Actually, Falun Gong does not have any “association”. No one supervises me or forces me to do something.)

The Repentance Statement let me plead guilty to breaking the nation’s laws and constitution, feel sorry to my parents, the country and the party.

Let me write three statements is extremely evil. Because Falun gong teaches me Truthfulness, Compassion, Forbearance; asks me to be selfless and considerate of others under all circumstances; gives me a healthy body by practice the Falun Gong’s five exercises, etc. Why should I sign those false, mean, shameless “Three Statements”?!

So from being kidnapped to Beijing Changping brainwashing class at the end of November 2006, to being detained to Beijing Tuanhe labor camp in November 2007, I have always refused to write this so-called “Three Statements” no matter how the police and prison guards (or prisoners who follow the guards’ order) deceive, threaten, torture me.

However, in November 2007, I finally could not bear the tortures from the labor camp and wrote the “Three Statements” in violation of my heart. Then I was afraid to use my conscience to think about the so-called three statements, because if I use the conscience of a normal person to look at the statements, they are all fakes, they can't be written, I would can't pretended to be transformed. And the guards would let the prisoners torture me again. Under those tortures, I was completely beaten. I feel that I have betrayed my belief, sold my soul and conscience in order not to be persecuted, and live like a walking dead. I feel dead is better. But our Master taught us that we can't kill others or commit suicide. So I wish I could go abroad to expose the persecution of the evil party, that is also an excuse to persuade myself to live.

Q. Were documents provided when you were taken into detention?

Kidnapped from my university to brainwashing class:

Only when I asked them for document at the university, they wrote a piece of paper on site and throw it there; and then they kidnapped me, so I don't know where's that paper later.

From Brainwashing Class to Beijing Changping Detention Centre:

Because I didn't give up my belief, they sent me to the Detention Centre, but gave me nothing and no explanation.

From Beijing Changping Detention Centre to Beijing Tuanhe Labour Re-education Dis- patch Centre, Beijing Tuanhe Labour Re-education Camp:

On January 12th 2007, they transferred me to the Changping Detention Center. I refused to cooperate with them as well and didn't sign any statements, because I firmly believed that there was nothing wrong with practicing Falun Gong. After being held in the Chang- ping Detention Center for over 30 days without legal procedures, officials suddenly announced that I was to be taken to a forced labor camp for two years (from January 12th 2007 to January 11th 2009) without any documents to me. Due to this decision, they immediately transferred me to Beijing Tuanhe Labour Re-education Dispatch Centre, and Beijing Tuanhe Labour Re-education Camp.

Q. Was there a reason given for why you were tortured?

My belief to Falun Dafa is the reason to be arrested and tortured.

At the brainwashing class, they said if I gave up my belief, and wrote the so-called three statements, that would send me back to my university to continue my studies. Because I refused, they transferred me to the Beijing Changping Detention Centre.

At the Detention Centre, they let me tell them where's my Falun Gong books and materials come from? Who I connected with? I refused to tell anything and have been illegally declared two years' labour camp.

At Beijing Tuanhe Labour Re-education Dispatch Centre, they tried to let me write the three statements, and said if I won't write the three statements, I must write a guarantee statement to abide by the rules and regulations of the labor camp at least; and then it's the Tuanhe Labour Re-education Camp's duty to let me write the three statements. When I can't bear the tortures there and wrote the guarantee statement to comply with the regulations of labor camps, the Dispatch Centre's guards stopped torturing me.

At Beijing Tuanhe Labour Re-education Camp, almost every time when the guards or inmates torturing me, they would ask "Will you still practice Falun Gong?" or "Will you write the three Statements?" After I bowed down temporarily under the brutal torture, my life became slightly easier. Although I was still forced to watch brainwashing videos, they stopped torturing me in a single cell, let me live in a cell with other forced transformed Falun Gong practitioners and several inmates who monitor Falun Gong practitioners not to talk with each other. And sometimes let me do the labor camp's slave work (better than watching brainwashing videos).