

**Lijuan Tang**

**Female Age 67**

**Q. Were you ever placed in detention in China?**

YES

**Q. If yes, where, when and for how long? (What was the reason given by Chinese authorities? Do you have official documentation?)**

I was illegally detained in mainland China in Guangdong Women's Prison for 3 years and a half, from April 4, 2008 to October 25, 2011.

The reason was that I cultivate Falun Gong. I have official documentation.

**Q. Did you witness anything related to forced organ harvesting that you would like to tell the Tribunal about?**

Not long after I was sent into the prison was I sent to a hospital for physical tests and blood tests. I was forced to take irregular physical tests and blood tests. I can't recall how many times I was tested my blood when I was held in the prison, no less than 5 to 6 times. In addition, when my body was checked, my abdomen was pressed and checked very carefully, and my corneas were also checked. I remember once when the prison authorities hired a doctor from an outside hospital to carry out checks of eyes. I was told to have my eyes checked as well. He did very careful examinations of my eyes. When thinking back, I believe these tests were preparing me as a target for live organ harvesting. If my sister had not called the prison very constantly, telling them that she would not let them get away if I were not to be released alive, I would have been probably dead.

**Q. If you were tortured while in detention, please detail briefly below. YES**

I was detained illegally by the Chinese Communist Party in Guangdong Women's Prison for 3 years and a half, and I had been tortured by all kinds of brutal methods of torturing. The "reason" for their torturing me was that I would not abjure my belief.

Methods of torturing I have experienced include the following:

- 1) Not allowed to eat they said food was for criminals only
- 2) Not allowed to go to the toilet: I had to urinate sometimes in my pants. Pants became dry due to my body heat. I was not allowed to take any shower or wash. As it is tropical climate in Guangdong, my body stank as a result. Then the police directed inmates to find fault with me.

- 3) Not allowed to sleep: once I was not allowed to sleep for almost 20 days. When my eyes closed, they used a nib to prick my body and my legs. The pricking caused red blood dots which festered, and flesh stuck with pants.
- 4) Forced to take drugs: they claimed these were antihypertensive agents. I had no idea whether they were true or not; my health just went from bad to worse, and my weight dropped from over 70kgs to less than 50kgs.
- 5) Humiliation: there was no dignity at all when I was detained illegally. They slandered Falun Gong and made up lies about Falun Gong. I was forced to admit that I was a criminal. They beat me and scolded me at their will. They even took off all my clothes to search my body. Words of humiliation were seen everywhere.