

## **Zhang Yanhua**

**Age 48 - Female - Profession in China : factory worker | Profession now : unemployed.**

### Detention in China

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2001, Harbing Female Prison, Heilongjiang Province, 7 years 2005, Jiang'an Police Station, Qiqihar City, Heilongjiang Province, 2 days and 2 nights 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017, Zhonghua Street Police Station, Qiqihar City, Heilongjiang Province, 3 days. Three days later, transferred to Qiqihar City Detention Centre and held there until 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

#### **Q. What was the reason given by Chinese authorities?**

Reason: For printing materials of Falun Gong truth and putting up posters of Falun Gong truth. Official Documents available: Verdict and Arrest Notice

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

There was some legal proceeding.

When I was arrested in 2001, I was sentenced to 7 years in prison.

On March 21, 2017 when I was arrested there was a "permit to arrest." Then my case was sent to the procuratorate. Because I went on hunger strike and was tortured, my life was in danger. I was released on medical parole on July 4, 2017

#### **Q. Did you witness anyone in the detention centres talking about forced organ harvesting?**

Yes.

Can't recall detailed time. When in prison, I heard an inmate saying: her hometown is Sujiatun, Shen Yang, it is cheap to do kidney transplant? in her hometown. She also said live organ harvesting exists.

#### **Q. Did you witness anything related to forced organ harvesting?**

When in prison, I was forced to have my blood tested. On March 21, 2017, when I was arrested and held at the Detention Centre, I was forced to my blood and my heart tested.

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

Reason: Adherence to belief

At Heilongjiang Female Prison: police directed inmates to torture many

times. Tortures include being hung up by handcuffs, freezing, handcuffing to the back for long periods of time, sitting on a small stool for a long time, confining clothes, deprived of sleep, toothpick pricking, not allowed to go to the toilet

At Zhonghua Street Police Station and Detention Centre, Qiqihar City: tortures included: being poured cold water, handcuffing to the back, sitting on a iron chair, being beaten up

**Q. Were you given any reasons for the blood tests and the results?**

When I first entered the detention center, the blood test was done with no reason nor results. After I went on hunger strike for 60 days, they took a tube of blood. Then 5 or 6 days later, they took another tube of blood. When the blood test was done for the third time, they took me that they wanted to know what was deficient in my body. But they never showed me the results.

The first time I was in the detention center, they took me directly to the clinic inside the detention center and did blood draw and examined my heart. The second time after 60 days of hunger strike, they took the blood right outside the cell. The third time, it was done just outside the cell. The cell mates saw it, and said, "It's only been a few days in between the blood draw. Even if one eats regularly, one can't reproduce blood this fast. You should start eating. Otherwise, your blood can't be reproduced." At this time, the person who drew my blood said that the purpose was to see what was deficient in my body. But I feel that it was an excuse. Because I was on hunger strike for 60 days already. I only had some fluid through IV. My body was very weak. Two consecutive blood draws did not make sense.

The heart exam was done in the detention center clinic. Three times blood draw, 1 tube each time. The same doctor who works in the detention center did it. I don't know the name. I did not see other people being blood tested. The first time was in the clinic. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> times were just outside of the cell. They did not ask me any questions.

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

In Prison

Since 1999 when the persecution started, the prison is a place to torture and humiliate practitioners.

The purpose of torture is to force practitioners to give up the belief. The torture methods include hanging for a long time on the wrists, freeze, stand still for over 12 hours, sleep deprivation for 7 nights while tied up. I was once locked up in a room from 5am to midnight. The window on the door was covered with paper. A dozen inmates (non-practitioners) and 2 to 3 guards would surround me and defame Falun Gong, humiliate me and torture me. They said, "If you give up Falun Gong, and say it is not good, say you have

been deceived, we will not treat you like this. We will let you sleep and rest.”

### In Police Station

The type of tortures in the police station include being tied up on the iron bench for 2 days and 1 night, the four limbs being tied and stretched for a long time, sleep deprivation.

The purpose was to have me sign a statement. The police said, “The statement is to say that you are guilty for distributing flyers and hanging up posters. You must sign quickly. If not, I will torture you.”

### In Detention center

In order to force me to do labor, they stripped off my clothes and poured cold water on me. They asked other inmates to beat me. I said to the police, “the inmates beat me.” The police said, “you don’t work, you don’t obey the rules, that’s why they beat you.” I said, “you are breaking the law.” the police said, “yes.”

The tortures include freeze, being handcuffed in the back and feet were also cuffed, sleep deprivation for 7 to 8 days, force feed while I was on hunger strike, the food that was force fed to me contained large amount of salt.