

# Clearwisdom Review

## An Update on Falun Dafa Worldwide

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### WNYT TV: Chinese Americans Say Family Members Being Held by Gov't During Games



*(Left) Assemblyman Tim Gordon spoke at a press conference calling for the release of Falun Gong practitioners in China. (Right) Annie Li spoke of the plight of her mother and aunt, detained by the Chinese regime prior to the Olympic Games.*

ALBANY (August 19, 2008, updated on August 20, 2008) -- We're into the second week of the Olympic Games in Beijing but some local Chinese-Americans say stop watching or if you do watch, use caution.

They say the Chinese people deserve the games but not the Communist government which has rounded up protestors, including an Albany woman's mother. "On March 31st my mother and my aunt were arrested," said Annie Li.

She has lived in Albany for 7 years but for the past few months, all her thoughts are on her family that she says was swept up in a Pre-Olympic sweep of protestors. Her mother, a retired library science professor, practices Falun Gong. [Annie Li] describes some of the abuse [that Falun Gong practitioners are subjected to in detention]. "Deprivation of sleep, physically tormented and harshly interrogated," said Li.

Annie Li and others told their story in Albany, saying they haven't, and won't watch any of the Olympics in Beijing. They've talked to dozens of lawmakers on the state and federal level to put the pressure on China over oppression like this.

They provided video from the independent, nonprofit Chinese television outlet headquartered in New York City. It shows a protest and abuse of some Falun Gong practitioners in Flushing, Queens back in May.

"Release people like Annie's mother and that will show that it truly is a new day in China. Otherwise, you can build all the stadiums you want. Nothing's changed," said Assemblyman Tim Gordon (I - Bethlehem).

"For almost three months I have not been able to contact my mother. As days of detention pile up, my heart breaks," said Li. She has no hope in the Chinese regime. "What my hope is from the international community pressure my mother can be released."

Newschannel 13 is told that Annie Li's 67-year old mother is being held at a legal training school which Li calls a "brainwash center."

### Introduction to Falun Dafa

Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a practice for benefiting physical health and elevating the mind. Introduced by Mr. Li Hongzhi in China, the practice consists of five gentle exercises including meditation, and diligent effort on the part of practitioners to follow the universal principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance in daily life. Falun Gong is not only beneficial to one's own health and well-being, it also benefits others. Although the practice originated in China, today it is practiced throughout the world by people of all races and walks of life. In the face of the most brutal and vicious persecution perpetrated on them by the Chinese Communist Party, Falun Gong practitioners have found the spiritual strength to resist peacefully and tirelessly by upholding the principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance.



### About Clearwisdom

Clearwisdom.net is the most authoritative source of information about the practice of Falun Gong and about the persecution of Falun Gong in China, reporting timely news and events happening inside China as well as from the more than 70 countries around the world where Falun Gong is practiced. Clearwisdom responsibly publishes the experiences and understandings of practitioners themselves, who submit the majority of the articles.

## Russia: Falun Gong Practitioners Hold Activities at Carnival Celebration in Siberia

(Clearwisdom.net) From August 8 to 18, 2008, Falun Gong practitioners from Krasnoyarsk and Abakan in Siberia, Russia participated in the annual Vissarionovtsev religious community carnival to introduce Falun Gong and expose the persecution of Falun Gong in China.

Every year at this time, many tourists from Russia and other countries around the world come to a farm village in southern Krasnoyarskiy Kray to participate in the carnival celebration. Falun Gong practitioners held various activities to help visitors learn of the beauty and goodness of Falun Gong. They demonstrated the Falun Gong exercises and showed people how to make folded paper lotus flowers, which symbolize beauty and integrity in the face of adversity.

Falun Dafa practitioners also held a small-scale International Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance Art Exhibition. The exquisite art works revealed Falun Gong's magnificence and practitioners' unyielding spirit in the face of the persecution. Through the activities, many people have come to know the facts about the persecution of Falun Gong in China.



*Locals learning the Falun Gong exercises*

## Ms. Wu Meiyang Dies As a Result of Nine Years of Torture in Heilongjiang Province

(Clearwisdom.net) On August 19, 2008, Ms. Wu Meiyang died after nine years of persecution. Her 76-year-old mother is still detained for practicing Falun Gong, and her husband, also a practitioner, has been locked up in Jiamusi City Prison for nearly seven years. He is still not aware of the death of his wife.



*Ms. Wu Meiyang before the persecution*

Ms. Wu Meiyang was employed by the Archives Department at Hegang City. In 1994, she was diagnosed with oral cancer. Ms Wu then started reading *Zhuan Falun* (the principal text of Falun Gong), and her cancer disappeared.

After the persecution began, on April 21, 2002, Ms. Wu was arrested and detained at Hegang City Second Detention Center. In May 2002, guards shackled 50 female practitioners' ankles and wrists together with long metal bars. They couldn't stand up or lie down. When they had to relieve themselves, prisoners would lift their bodies up to allow them to relieve themselves on the floor, and remove the excrement (without cleaning up the floor) afterward. Ms. Wu's buttocks became covered with feces and festering sores as a result of this abuse.

In 2002, Ms. Wu's husband was sentenced to nine years in prison while she was sentenced to three. Ms. Wu's stomach was bleeding due to brutal force-feeding in the prison. She coughed up blood and her weight dropped from 140 lbs to less than 100 lbs at the time of her release. Doctors found that she only had one working lung, with two holes in it. Many hospitals refused to take her in, for her condition was incurable.

When Wu Meiyang was released, her husband was still in prison, her 16-year-old child was living at a relative's home, all her family belongings were taken away, and her house was sold. Her younger sister came from a far away city to take her to her home. She recovered at her sister's home after she continued to practice Falun Gong.

The Hegang City police began a new round of persecution of Falun Gong practitioners, using the upcoming Olympics as an excuse. Ms. Wu's mother was arrested at home, and the police took away all of their belongings. After being threatened and harassed, Ms. Wu nearly suffered a mental collapse. Under the tremendous pressure of ongoing financial, spiritual, and mental persecution, Ms. Wu's health deteriorated to a critical state. She died on August 19, 2008.