

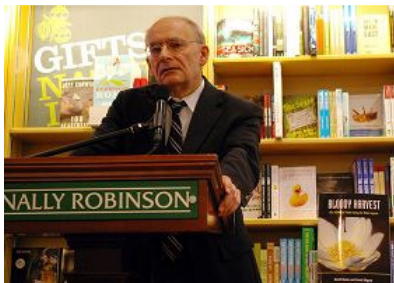
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New Book Details Organ Harvesting Crimes

(Clearwisdom.net) Toronto, Canada – The first book to discuss the Chinese Communist Party's illegal removal of organs from living Falun Gong practitioners in China – *Bloody Harvest, The killing of Falun Gong for their organs* – has recently been published. Human rights lawyer David Matas, one of the book's co-authors, held a book signing on November 15, 2009 in Toronto. Matas said that more people need to take action to stop the illegal organ removals in China.



David Matas discusses his new book about the illegal state-sanctioned removal of organs from living Falun Gong practitioners in China.

The organ harvesting atrocities came to light in March 2006, when a former staff member at the Sujiatun Hospital affirmed that her neurosurgeon ex-husband extracted corneas from over 2,000 incarcerated Falun Gong practitioners in the hospital over a period of two years, from 2003 to 2005. Other doctors simultaneously took their livers, kidneys and other organs while the Falun Gong practitioners were still alive, and the bodies were immediately cremated to destroy all evidence.

Matas and David Kilgour, former Canadian Secretary of State, Asia Pacific region, subsequently accepted an invitation by the Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong (CIPFG) to investigate the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) crime of illegal organ removals.

Matas said that they accepted the CIPFG invitation without taking any money and he was not given any information or direction. He said that he accepted the invitation because of the severity of the allegations.

On July 6, 2006, Kilgour and Matas published a report of their two-month-long investigation, affirming large-scale organ seizures from unwilling Falun Gong practitioners in China for profit. They believe that such an atrocity is widely spread in China and is continuing.

At the book signing, Matas shared the investigation records detailed in the book. These included recorded phone calls to Chinese hospitals, in which the callers posed as customers seeking organ transplants. To date, Matas and Kilgour have published three reports on their investigations. According to Matas, the market for organ transplants in China has shifted to domestic customers instead of foreign visitors. The number of organ transplants in China remains the same but the number of death sentences has decreased. This would indicate that more and more organs are being extracted from Falun Gong practitioners.

Matas told the press that he hopes that the publication of this book will focus public attention on the issue and that more people will take action to stop these crimes from happening. Matas and Kilgour will travel the world to promote the book and discuss human rights issues.

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.

Ms. Yu Shuhua Dies as a Result of Persecution

(Clearwisdom.net) (By a correspondent from Liaoning Province) Ms. Yu Shuhua formerly had many illnesses and was very weak, so she took three years of sick leave from her job. In 1996, she began practicing Falun Dafa, and her illnesses disappeared. Her son also became a practitioner.



Ms. Yu Shuhua

After the persecution started on July 20, 1999, Ms. Yu firmly safeguarded Falun Dafa. She was prevented twice from going to Beijing to appeal for Falun Dafa, and then went to Dalian City to help rescue fellow practitioners from detention. As a result, the police detained her in the Fuchun Community Police Station.

In November 1999, police arrested and detained Ms. Yu for one month as she was practicing the Falun Dafa exercises outdoors. The police came to her home multiple times to harass her, and forced her son's university to expel him.

In July 2001, in order to avoid being taken to a brainwashing center, Ms. Yu and her son had to leave home. Whenever they came back home for a little while, the police would immediately come to harass them.

One morning in May 2002, eight plainclothes officers pounded on their door, but they failed in their attempt to arrest Ms. Yu and her son. Another time, the police picked the lock to enter her family's home. During the 2008 Olympics and the October 1, 2009 National Day, local police and domestic agents were repeatedly looking for Ms. Yu, and threatened her relatives.

The long-term persecution and eight years of living away from home put tremendous pressure on Ms. Yu, and she died on October 12, 2009. Her husband died in 1997, and now their son is all alone.

The Happiness of My Rebirth

(Clearwisdom.net) I am a sixty-year-old Falun Dafa practitioner from Yilan County, Taiwan, and I work as a hairdresser. When I was young, I had an unhappy marriage, and later I had a lot of health problems from which I suffered mentally and physically.

As a single mother I had financial difficulty. On top of that, I had to depend on medicine just to survive because of all my physical problems. I had to sit down while washing customers' hair as I was unable to stand for a long period of time. My physical condition deteriorated daily because of my workload and feeling unhappy. At the time, I'd had blood in my urine for the previous fifteen years, uterine cancer, constant headaches, arthritis in my knee, osteoporosis, nerve pain and tonsillitis. What else didn't I have? I got injections every other day. If I didn't take medicine, I would get a high fever. What a terrible life I had!

One day, before I learned about Falun Dafa, I went on an outing with my elder sister. I walked very slowly and fell far behind. When she asked me why, I said, "My lower abdomen is dropping down and that makes it difficult to walk." My sister is a Dafa practitioner. She told me, "Falun Gong can purify your body. Why don't you try it?" After considering my sister's suggestion for a whole day, I finally decided to take her advice and began practicing Falun Gong on August 2, 2001. That was the most important day of my life. It turned my life around.

After I had been practicing Falun Gong for two months, I lost about ten pounds. Four months after that, the blood in my urine, a condition that had troubled me for fifteen years, disappeared. The sickness that I had carried for 27 years after giving birth was gone. I no longer had migraine headaches, and I also stopped taking steroid injections. After practicing Falun Gong for twenty months, the tumor in my womb dropped out by itself. I remember, it was June 16, 2003, and I didn't feel any discomfort or have any bleeding.

Over the last few years, I've become a different person. My skin is glowing and rosy and I have less gray hair. I can walk fast and my steps feel light. When I talk to people about Dafa, friends who knew me before all say that I look entirely different. Previously, my lips looked dark and my face was puffy. Now I have rosy cheeks and I look healthy. I tell them that the changes in me are all because I started practicing Falun Gong.