PETITION

Impose Sanctions on China for their Treatment of Practitioners of Falun Gong

Falun Gong is a traditional practice teaching truthfulness, compassion and tolerance. Falun Gong practitioners continue to face human rights violations in China. We urge the UK Government to oppose these violations by any effective means (e.g. Global Human Rights or Magnitsky-style sanctions).

In 1999, about 100 million people were practising Falun Gong in China so Communist leader Jiang Zemin gave the order to eradicate it. Millions have been detained or imprisoned. Over 100,000 have been tortured or abused in custody, and thousands have been killed merely because of their faith.

In 2020 an Independent Tribunal, chaired by Sir Geoffrey Nice QC, concluded that Falun Gong practitioners were being killed for their organs in China and that this practice continues today.

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Petition.Parliament.uk/petitions/578781

How Else You Can Help

- Contact your MP
- Tell others about the persecution in China
- Learn more about the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners in China by visiting websites of the Falun Dafa Information Centre **FalunInfo.net** and World Organization to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong **UpholdJustice.org**, and other websites - **EndTransplantAbuse.org**, **DAFOH.org**, **ChinaTribunal.com**

For more information contact **info@association.falundafa.org.uk**

Falun Gong exercises in New York, USA.
Falun Gong is freely practised in over 90 countries around the world.

Falun Gong … is, in my judgement, the greatest single spiritual movement in Asia today. There is nothing that begins to compare with it in courage and importance.

- Mark Palmer
Former US Ambassador

Since 1999 the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has been persecuting Falun Gong practitioners, subjecting them to all forms of inhumane treatment, including imprisonment, forced labour, torture and forced organ harvesting.

The world is increasingly aware of China's forced organ harvesting from prisoners of conscience. This horrific crime of forcibly removing the organs from living victims—a process leading to inevitable murder— has recently been found by the China Tribunal to be happening extensively.

- Lord Hunt of Kings Heath

Forced organ harvesting is a terrible wrong. Innocent people are killed so that their organs can be transplanted into other people who are willing to pay. Clearly, the Chinese Communist Party bears ultimate responsibility for forced organ harvesting. It is the CCP which has sanctioned the persecution of victim groups and permitted the development of industrial scale organ transplantation in China.

But we cannot let it rest there by saying that the CCP is responsible and they should stop. The victims of forced organ harvesting are our fellow human beings. They are owed the same basic regard for and protection of their rights that is owed to all human beings. As fellow human beings, we all have some responsibility to respond to their plight.

- Professor Wendy Rogers M.D., Ph.D., FRACGP

YOUR **SIGNATURE** CAN **SAVE LIVES**

Tell the British Government to **impose sanctions** on China for their **inhumane treatment** of **Falun Gong** practitioners

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Falun Gong meditation

Falun Gong (also called **Falun Dafa**) is an ancient Chinese spiritual discipline in the Buddhist tradition. Pronounced "Fah-loon Gong," it consists of moral teachings, a meditation, and four gentle exercises that are a truly unique and highly effective way to improve your health and energy levels. At the core of Falun Gong are the values of **Truthfulness**, **Compassion**, **Forbearance** (Zhen 真 Shan 善 Ren 忍).

Falun Dafa teaches that these are the most fundamental qualities of the universe, and takes them to be a guide for daily life and practice. Anyone can learn and benefit from Falun Gong exercises and meditation. For more information and free downloads of books and videos visit **FalunDafa.org**. All Falun Gong classes and activities are always free of charge.

After its public introduction in 1992 Falun Gong spread peacefully throughout China. In a few years Falun Gong became the most popular form of *qigong* (energy exercises) in China. By 1998 various government surveys and media reports placed the number of people practising between 70 and 100 million people. Thousands of people could be seen practising Falun Gong exercises in parks across China.

> ***When I first visited Beijing in 1996, every open space was filled with people practising its** [Falun Gong] **slow exercises and meditation.***
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> - Edward McMillan-Scott
> former Vice-President, European Parliament

Large Falun Gong group exercise in Guangzhou, China.

PERSECUTED FOR THEIR BELIEF

Before the persecution started Falun Gong had become an integral part of Chinese society. In 1999 the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) turned against Falun Gong when the number of Falun Gong practitioners (100 million) far exceeded the membership of the CCP (65 million).

For more than 20 years, the persecution instigated by the CCP has continued unabated despite the Chinese Constitution claiming that citizens have freedom of belief.

The CCP's persecution of Falun Gong is a comprehensive nation-wide effort that encompasses many different forms of cruelty and inhumanity, imprisonment, forced labour, torture and forced organ harvesting.

Falun Gong practitioner arrested by plainclothes police in Tiananmen Square, Beijing

It should be noted that despite how violent, illegal and brutal the persecution is, Falun Gong practitioners' response has always been non-violent.

> ***Over the past two decades the campaign against Falun Gong practitioners has resulted in the imprisonment of hundreds of thousands of its followers, where they have been subjected to some of the most severe forms of torture.***
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> ***Particularly troubling are reports of the targeting of Falun Gong prisoners for their human organs. Evidence of forced organ harvesting in China emerged 15 years ago and an independent and rigorous legal project – the China Tribunal – last year found beyond reasonable doubt that this practice had been perpetrated on a widespread, state-sponsored, and systematic level.***
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> - Joint statement from UK IPAC members
> Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP and Baroness Helena Kennedy

> ***The CCP devoted considerable resources to suppressing Falun Gong and coercing adherents into renouncing their beliefs, typically through the use of violence. Hundreds of thousands of adherents were sentenced to labor camps and prison terms.***
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> - Freedom House, special report

The China Tribunal Panel, London , December 8, 2018

CHINATRIBUNAL
Independent Tribunal into Forced Organ Harvesting from Prisoners of Conscience in China

In March 2006 news about forced organ harvesting in China emerged for the first time. Three independent witnesses have publicly stated that some hospitals in China remove organs from imprisoned Falun Gong practitioners without obtaining their consent. The witnesses further stated that the unwilling victims are being incarcerated in facilities that resemble detention centres or concentration camps. Their tissue compatibility is systematically analysed and stored in data banks. This allows Chinese Transplant surgeons to identify and obtain Falun Gong practitioners' organs including kidney, heart, lungs, pancreas, liver, skin and cornea at short notice.

An independent people's tribunal was established to inquire into forced organ harvesting from, amongst others, prisoners of conscience in China and to investigate what criminal offences, if any, have been committed by state or state-approved bodies, organisations or individuals in China that may have engaged in forced organ harvesting.

The Tribunal was chaired by **Sir Geoffrey Nice QC** who led the prosecution of Slobodan Milošević, former President of Serbia, at the UN's International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. During the the hearings the Tribunal spoke with experts, investigators and fact witnesses who appeared in person and via video link from various locations around the world to present and be questioned on their evidence.

CHINA TRIBUNAL JUDGMENT

June 17, 2019

> ***...Forced organ harvesting has been committed for years throughout China on a significant scale and that Falun Gong practitioners have been one – and probably the main – source of organ supply. ... The Tribunal has had no evidence that the significant infrastructure associated with China's transplantation industry has been dismantled and absent a satisfactory explanation as to the source of readily available organs concludes that forced organ harvesting continues till today.... Commission of Crimes Against Humanity against the Falun Gong and Uyghurs has been proved beyond reasonable doubt... Governments and any who interact in any substantial way with the PRC.. should now recognise that they are, to the extent revealed above, interacting with a criminal state.***

For more information visit **ChinaTribunal.com**