

A Letter To Hu Jintao From A Chinese Student In The U.S.

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Mrs. Qiu Shaojie, was illegally arrested on Sept. 10, sentenced to a four-year prison term and taken to Jinan Women's Prison after telling students in her school about the facts of the persecution of Falun Gong

On September 22, her daughter Wang Weidi , who is studying in the U.S., attended a protest along with many people from different nations. She hoped that people would learn about the facts of Falun Gong and call for help from the international community to save her mother.

Dear Mr. Hu,

Greetings, I am a student currently studying in America. My mother Qiu Shaojie is a history teacher at Yantai City's Fifth Middle School. She is an earnest and responsible teacher, and was recognized many times. She is loved by her students.

She also loved the students, and that is why she tried to clarify the rumors spread by the government about Falun Gong. She told her students that Falun Gong is good. She hoped that the students would not get involved with any political organization, and quit the communist-affiliated Young Pioneers and youth leagues. For this, she was given a four-year prison term.

This will separate my mother and I for four years. Chinese prisons are known as living hells where cruel torture is committed regularly.

Because they adhere to their faith, many other Falun Gong practitioners are being severely persecuted, even to the death. What Falun Gong truly is, I believe you know very well. Then why do you still allow this to happen to my mother? Why are you not helping these Falun Gong practitioners reunite with their families?

My mother was illegally detained many times, brainwashed, home ransacked and had property confiscated. In 2001 she was subjected to two years of 're-education through labor', forced to do heavy labor, and was not allowed to sleep. She was exhausted and became severely shortsighted. For two years every meal served was boiled white gourd. And for four years, she never celebrated Chinese New Year with her family. I was only ten at that time.

My teachers and classmates treated me as 'special' after listening to government propaganda spread through the media. Falun Gong is even smeared in textbooks from elementary school to university.

Today, I will no longer remain silent, and allow this persecution to happen to my family. I want to step forward and let the world know about this cruel persecution against Falun Gong. I request you release my mother and all the other Falun Gong practitioners who are being illegally detained. Stop the persecution against those innocent civilians. Let my mother and I reunite, and many other families reunite!

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