

DELEGATION FOR RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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Your Excellency

I should like to bring to your attention the report of Messrs David Matas and David Kilgour, which makes very serious allegations of organ harvesting of Falun Gong practitioners in China. Mr Kilgour, who is a former Canadian parliamentarian, presented his conclusions to the European Parliament Delegation for Relations with China at its meeting on 12 July.

I am aware of the response of the Mission of the People's Republic of China to the EU in its News Bulletin no 12 of 23 June 2006 and that your government has subsequently made other statements. However the report and the response of the two authors of 7 July 2006, which I also attach, make very specific allegations. You will be aware that related allegations have also been made by a Vice President of the European Parliament, Mr Edward McMillan-Scott.

I should therefore be extremely grateful if you could ask your authorities in Beijing to provide a full response to the charges made. At the same time I would also like to stress that I very much value the developing relationship between the European Union and China and it is essential that this is based on a full respect for human rights and freedom.

Yours sincerely

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Brussels, August 8, 2006

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I'd like to make a response to your letter dated 14 July, 2006 as follows.

Since March this year, Falun Gong has been spreading the rumor of so-called "Sujiatun concentration camp", falsely alleging that there is a "concentration camp" in Sujiatun Hospital, Shenyang, Liaoning Province, China, where more than 6,000 Falun Gong practitioners were detained and quite a few of them were tortured to death and cremated. Some overseas journalists and foreign diplomats including the US Embassy in Beijing and consulate-general in Shenyang visited the site and confirmed that they found no evidence that the site is being used for any function other than as a normal public hospital. The lie about "Sujiatun Concentration Camp" has been laid bare.

In order to extricate itself from an awkward position, Falun Gong has shifted to concentrate on the so called "issue of human organ transplant in China", falsely claiming that the organs of Falun Gong practitioners have been harvested. Subsequently, a few Canadians including Mr. Kilgour conducted the so called "independent investigation" and released a report. Based on rumors and false allegations, the report is biased and groundless. For example, it claims that one doctor of Sujiatun Hospital "removed the corneas from approximately 2000 Falun Gong prisoners" in two years. It means that he would have to finish three corneas transplantation every day during these two years. This is an lie which one with common sense can easily see through. In the part of telephone interview of this report, they make a lot confusions and mistakes. For example, the report claims that Qin Huangdao city, located in Hebei province, is in Shandong province, and Wu Han city, located in Hubei province, is in Hunan province. Any responsible and serious statesman will be doubtful about the truth of the report.

China has adopted a very prudent and responsible attitude on the issue of Human organ transplant. Chinese government have consistently abided by the relevant guiding principles of the World Health Organization endorsed in 1991, and issued some regulations on Human organ transplant, explicitly prohibiting the sale of human organs and stipulating that donors' consent must be obtained beforehand any organ transplant and donors are entitled to refuse the donation at the last minute. In China, it's illegal to buy and sell human organs, which once found, will be investigated and punished by the government.

Falun Gong is an anti-science, anti-humanity and anti-society evil cult, which spiritually controls the practitioners. It preaches that with the help of a kind of magic wheels, they can cure their illness without medical treatment. It spreads Dooms Day theory, boasts that its head Li Hongzhi is the most powerful God, one can only avert the disasters by following him. Falun Gong also commits the crimes of amassing dirty money and money laundering.

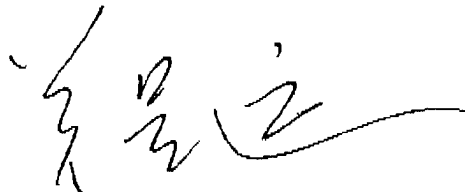
Many Tragedies of loss of numerous human lives resulted from Falun Gong have happened in China and the social order has been consequently seriously affected. Many obsessed practitioners died of illness by rejecting medical treatment, and even murdered their families who tried to persuade them go back to normalcy. The number of people who fell victims to Falun Gong has amounted to more than 1700. To protect the human rights of its fellow citizens and at the strong request of the broad masses, the Chinese government outlawed Falun Gong in July 1999 in accordance with China's Criminal Law and other relevant laws.

Chinese government deals with Falun Gong practitioner with great caution and consistently helps them to see through the true nature of Falun Gong through education and persuasion. At present, Falun Gong in China mainland has finally crumbled. Only Li Hongzhi and several key members fled overseas. At present, Falun Gong has degenerated into an anti-China political organization.

The Chinese Government has always been committed to protecting the human rights and freedom of the Chinese people and will continue to make unremitting efforts in this regard. The regular dialogue mechanism between China and EU on Human rights has achieved good results and I believe that mutual understanding between us will be further deepened, which will be conducive to the further development of China-EU relations.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



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DELEGATION FOR RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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Dear Ambassador

At a meeting of the European Parliament Delegation for Relations with China on 12 July 2006 members heard from the former Canadian parliamentarian Mr David Kilgour, who presented his investigation on the subject of organ harvesting of Falung Gong practitioners in China.

You will doubtless be aware of the disturbing allegations that have been made by Mr Kilgour and his colleague Mr David Matas in their report that was published on 6 July 2006 and is available on the internet site <http://investigation.redirectme.net>. The matter has also been raised by a Vice President of the European Parliament, Mr Edward McMillan-Scott.

I should be therefore grateful if your services could provide the European Parliament delegation with further information on whether the allegations are soundly based and what steps the European Commission is taking in this respect.

May I also take this opportunity to send you my best wishes for the summer holidays and I look forward to seeing you in Beijing during our Delegation trip that is scheduled from 20 to 25 November 2006. We shall be in touch about this matter after the summer break.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr Sterckx,

Thank you for your letter of 20 July 2006 addressed to Ambassador Serge Abou regarding the Kilgour-Matas report on organ harvesting of Falun Gong practitioners in China.

The Delegation of the European Commission to China has taken careful note of all recent reports on an alleged organ harvesting of Falun Gong practitioners in China. It is certainly true that there is widespread harassment of Falun Gong members and that there are many detention camps in China where Falun Gong members are the majority of inmates.

However, based on information collected by the Delegation, we have not been able to find evidence to support allegations made in the Kilgour-Matas and other reports that organs are taken from live prisoners or that Falun Gong practitioners are particularly targeted.

Much research has been carried out in recent years on the harvesting of organs from executed prisoners and flaws in the Chinese legal system have been found. Earlier this year the Ministry of Health introduced new regulations on human organ transplants, which took effect on 1 July 2006. The Commission has studied and will follow closely the implementation of this new regulation. The Commission did also raise this issue at senior level with the Chinese authorities at the last round of the EU-China Human Rights dialogue in Vienna on 26 May 2006 and we plan to follow up at the next HR Dialogue round in Beijing this autumn. Please rest assured that my services will continue to follow these issues closely.

We look forward to welcoming you and your delegation in Beijing in November.

Yours sincerely,

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