

PARLIAMENT HILL FALUN GONG EVENT
Notes for David Kilgour remarks
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Chers/cheres amis/amies de Falun Gong,

This will be short, mostly because some of you have heard me on this topic a lot.

Many elected Canadian officials, including support letters for Falun Dafa Month from our prime ministers for the past seven years and Ottawa mayors proclaiming May 13th as Falun Dafa Day for the past 12 years, have provided encouragement.

Despite party-state-led persecution of it in China for 14 years, Falun Gong has spread to over 100 countries and has gained respect worldwide for its peaceful and dignified campaign to uphold human dignity everywhere in the face of ongoing systematic murder in China. The Falun Gong principles of 'truth, compassion and forbearance' are needed in every country today.

Let me close by saying that I'm just back last night from England, Scotland and Ireland, where a number of us, sponsored in part by Doctors Against Forced Organ Harvesting (DAFOH), urged legislators to hold public hearings and introduce legislation soon on this now well-documented crime (See, for example, www.david-kilgour.com).

We also spoke to students, academics and others at Oxford, Cambridge and Leeds universities. Encouragingly, a tipping point appears to have been reached there, following similar public outrage we observed weeks earlier in South Korea, Australia and Taiwan.

In Australia, for example, assent was recently given to the national Parliament's Crimes Legislation Amendment (People Trafficking) Act of 2013, which deals as well with organ trafficking. It is a step in a better direction by a respected democratic country. Details can be accessed at <http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/C2013A00006/Download>.

There is also a proposed measure on health in the New South Wales parliament one hopes will bar state residents from purchasing trafficked organs anywhere. NSW MP David Shoebriidge is set to present a petition with over 100,000 signatures to the NSW Upper House, a number evidently more than four times as high as the total number of signatures on all petitions presented in the NSW Upper House in all of 2012. The presentation of the petition will be followed by a debate on the issue of forced organ harvesting.

Please add all of your voices to the growing international campaign to end this crime against humanity, ongoing since 2001: the killing of tens of thousands of Falun Gong prisoners of conscience in order to traffic their vital organs to wealthy Chinese nationals and 'organ tourists' from abroad.

Thank you/Merci