

PARTY-STATE IN BEIJING, STOP MURDERING FALUN GONG

Notes for remarks by Hon. David Kilgour

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Friends of Falun Gong—all 600 or so of you,

What brings us here today is ongoing large scale pillaging/trafficking across China of vital organs from Falun Gong practitioners. David Matas and I released two reports and continue to investigate this issue (Our revised report is available in about 20 languages from www.david-kilgour.com).

We concluded that for 41,500 transplants done in the years 2000-2005 alone across China, the only plausible explanation for sourcing was Falun Gong.

The Slaughter

The 2014 book, *The Slaughter*, by Ethan Gutmann puts the persecution of the Falun Gong, Tibetan, Uyghur, and House Christian communities in context. The author explains how he arrives at his “best estimate” that organs of 65,000 Falun Gong and “two to four thousand” Uyghurs, Tibetans and House Christians were “harvested” in the 2000-2008 period alone.

Legislators/Governments

On Feb 3, 2015, the Parliament of Canada all-party House Subcommittee on International Human Rights released a statement condemning the pillaging of organs from Falun Gong.

It expressed “deep concern over credible allegations that prisoners of conscience and members of religious and ethnic minority groups, including but not limited to practitioners of Falun Dafa and Uighurs, in the People's Republic of China are being executed for the purposes of harvesting and transplanting their organs.”

In its call to end the transplantation of organs from living or deceased donors without consent, the subcommittee,

- “encourages Canadian medical professionals, scientists, researchers and their professional organizations as well as regulatory bodies to continue their efforts to put an end to illegal and unethical transplantation practices.
- “calls on medical and scientific professional and regulatory bodies to name, shame and ostracize individuals, institutions and their affiliates involved in the forced harvesting and trafficking of human organs.
- “calls on the Government of Canada to consider ways to discourage and prevent Canadians from taking part in transplant tourism, where the organs have not been obtained in an ethical, safe and transparent fashion.”

Forced Labour/Exports/Lost Jobs

Many of the Falun Gong prisoners of conscience, who are unwilling organ “donors”, are in the estimated 350 forced labour camps across China. Matas and I visited about a dozen countries to interview Falun Gong, who managed to leave both the camps and China. They told us of working in appalling conditions for up to sixteen hours daily in camps with no pay and little food, crowded sleeping conditions and torture.

Inmates make a range of export products as subcontractors to multinational companies. Jennifer Zang and Charles Lee in the film, *Free China*, note that inmates make exports for the West.

This is corporate irresponsibility and a violation of WTO rules; it also calls for an effective response by all trading partners of China. Every government should place an onus on its importers to prove their products are not made by slaves.

Professors Peter Navarro and Greg Autry in California have pointed out in their book, *Death by China*, that across the U.S. more than 50,000 manufacturing plants and more than 20 million American jobs in the sector have been outsourced over several decades, mostly to China. How many manufacturing jobs have been lost in Canada for the same reason?

Governments, investors and business should examine why they are supporting the violation of so many basic human rights in order to increase trade and investment with China. For years, it has resulted mostly in jobs being outsourced to China and continuous increases in bi-lateral trade and investment deficits.

Are we consumers so focused on access to inexpensive consumer goods that we ignore the human, social and natural environment costs paid by Chinese nationals to produce them?

Current Reality

According to Minghui, 589 Falun Gong practitioners were detained in April—the highest monthly total since Chinese leader Xi Jinping took power in November 2012. There were 3,506 arrests in 2014, and 1,450 in the first quarter of 2015.

Conclusion

The world's democrats, including our national governments and civil society institutions, should continue to engage with Beijing and the broadest possible range of citizens across China. Democracy with very Chinese features is probably much closer than many think. No-one on the democratic side should forget that the values we represent include dignity for all, the rule of law and independent judges, multi-party democracy, corporate social responsibility, transparency and accountability.

The people of China seek the same things as the rest of us in the world: safety and security, the rule of law, respect, education, good jobs, democratic and accountable governance and a good natural environment. If the party-state ends its systematic violations of human rights and begins to treat its trade partners fairly, the 21st century can move towards harmony and coherence for China and the world. The first step in a better direction is to end organ pillaging now.

Thank you

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