

# **ENDING A CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY IN CHINA**

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Lunch event, which included an excellent talk by Valorie Burton

It was an honour to contribute a chapter to Sara Mohsin's just-published book, *The Gift Is You*, available here today with all proceeds going to St Jude's Hospital in Pittsburgh. She and I worked together for seven years in the '90s on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. Last year, she was kind enough to interview me for The Mohsin Program (Salem Radio AM & FM), which evidently today has about nine million listeners.

Sara has established herself as an educator/ innovator. She is a radio personality and co-owner of Mohsin Mortgage. Currently, she sits on several boards, including Victoria College, a school that was founded by her great great grandmother in Asia to provide free education for young girls and boys. Sara is committed to a demanding code of personal and professional ethics and has established a strong name for herself and her company.

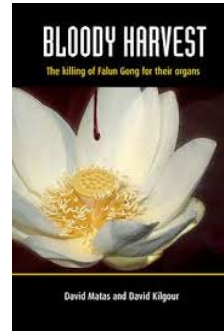
Second, heartiest congratulations to the thousand of us here today in this metropolitan region where an estimated 40,000 persons work in the health sector. No-one at this event needs to be told how important women's health is for any city, region or nation.

But let me now turn to a major health issue in China, where tens of millions of women and men since 1992 combined exercises for their bodies and meditation for their minds. Since 1999, the party-state in Beijing has committed systematic murder against tens of thousands of practitioners of the peaceful exercise and meditation movement across the country known as Falun Gong (Dafa). My understanding is that slightly over half the victims are women.

## **Naming and Shaming**

In mid-2006, the Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong in China (CIPFG) asked David Matas, a well-known human rights lawyer, and me to investigate the claims of organ pillaging/trafficking from living Falun Gong practitioners. We

worked as volunteers, releasing two reports and one book (*Bloody Harvest*), and have continued to investigate to the present (Our revised report is available in numerous languages from [www.david-kilgour.com](http://www.david-kilgour.com) ). We concluded with dismay that for 41,500 transplants done in the years 2001-2006 alone in China the only plausible explanation for sourcing was Falun Gong.



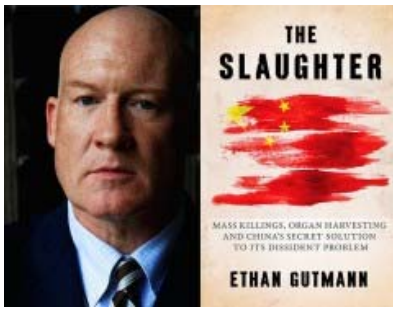
Our main conclusion was that there “continues today to be large-scale organ seizures from unwilling Falun Gong practitioners (...) Their vital organs, including kidneys, livers, corneas and hearts, were seized involuntarily for sale at high prices, sometimes to foreigners, who normally face long waits for voluntary donations of such organs in their home countries.” The city of Tianjin, where terrible explosions have cost so many lives in recent days, has been a major centre of organ pillaging/trafficking since 2001.

The regime in Beijing has a lengthy record of secrecy, misleading numbers and contradictory statements. Despite overwhelming evidence and international demands to stop, it continues to deny pillaging of organs from Falun Gong and other prisoners of conscience. Recently, Leon Lee’s film, *Human Harvest*, based partly on *Bloody Harvest*, won a Peabody award in New York. It should now be seen widely around the world, thus increasing pressure on Beijing to end the vile commerce.

### **Evidence of Pillaging/Trafficking**

Here are two of the 33 kinds of the evidence that led us to our conclusion (all can be accessed at [david-kilgour.com](http://david-kilgour.com) or <http://www.dafoh.org>):

- Investigators made many calls to hospitals, detention centres and other facilities across China claiming to be relatives of patients needing transplants and asking if they had organs of Falun Gong for sale. We obtained on tape, and then transcribed and translated admissions from a number of facilities, which admitted the availability of Falun Gong organs.
- Falun Gong prisoners who later escaped from China testified that they were systematically blood-tested and organ-examined while in forced-labour camps across the country. This could not have been for their health, since they were regularly tortured, but it was necessary for successful organ transplants and for building a bank of live “donors”.



The seminal 2014 book, *The Slaughter* (Prometheus), by Ethan Gutmann places the persecution of Falun Gong, Tibetan, Uyghur, and House Christian communities in context. He focuses mostly on Falun Gong as the group most viciously and relentlessly targeted continuously since mid-1999.

Gutmann explains how he arrives at his “best estimate” that organs from 65,000 Falun Gong and between “two to four thousand” Uyghurs, Tibetans or House Christians were “harvested” in the 2000-2008 period alone. In China, no “donors” survive pillaging because all vital organs are removed to be trafficked for high prices to wealthy Chinese and even higher ones to “organ tourists” from abroad.

Dr. Huang Jiefu, formerly China’s Vice-Minister of Health, has admitted that prisoners constitute virtually all of China’s sources of organs for transplantation. Huang, however, has never conceded that Falun Gong prisoners of conscience—who are sent to forced-labour camps for up to three years on police signatures only with no species of hearing or appeal—are the principal and most probably the sole source in some of China’s hospitals.

Huang announced in 2012 that the party-state would cease organ pillaging/trafficking in three to five years. Later he asserted that by 2014 it would end. Today, it has become clear to discerning observers that organ pillaging/trafficking continues as ‘business as usual’ across China.

### **Doctors Against Forced Organ Harvesting (DAFOH)**

DAFOH, the medical organization that has brought much international attention to the issue, recently cautioned the world not to accept Beijing’s latest promise to end the harvesting of organs from executed prisoners.

A media release by DAFOH noted that a reduced reliance on executed capital offenders means “an increased reliance on organ procurement from prisoners of conscience...Falun Gong, among others, is the primary target, is at increased risk of falling victim to the demand for forcibly procured organs”. The release also noted that China’s regime is “not ready to join the ethical values-based world transplant community as an equal, trusted partner. International monitoring groups and medical organizations must demand full disclosure of the use of prisoners of conscience as a source of organs, transparency of organ sources, and access to China’s organ procurement pathways”.

### **Parliament of Canada**

On Feb 3, 2015, our House of Commons’ all-party subcommittee on International Human Rights condemned the pillaging of organs from Falun Gong and called for an end to the transplantation of organs from living or deceased donors without consent. 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 Uyghurs, in the People's Republic of China are being executed for the purposes of harvesting and transplanting their organs...”

### **Forced Labour Camps/Jobs/Exports**

Related to organ pillaging is the use of forced labour to manufacture a wide range of consumer products in an estimated 350 camps across China. Matas and I visited about a dozen countries to interview Falun Gong survivors, who managed to leave both the camps and their country. They told us of working in appalling conditions for up to sixteen hours daily in these camps with no pay and little food, crowded sleeping conditions and torture. Inmates made a range of export consumer products for subcontractors to multinational companies.

This constitutes both corporate irresponsibility and a violation of World Trade Organization (WTO) rules; it also calls for an effective response by all trading partners of China. Responsible governments should place an onus on importers to prove their goods are not made in effect by slave labour.

Professors Peter Navarro and Greg Autry in California point 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 have been outsourced over several decades, mostly to China. How many livelihoods have been similarly lost elsewhere in the same period?

### **‘Corruption is the System’**

Transparency International ranked China 75th on its perceived corruption index for 2011. The Economist quotes a central bank of China estimate that, between the mid-1990’s and 2008, 16,000- 18,000 Chinese officials and executives of state-owned companies “made off with a total of \$123 billion (about six million each).” The magazine concluded, “By turning companies into organs of the government, state capitalism simultaneously concentrates power and corrupts it.”

The highly-publicized campaign against corruption by President Xi Jinping appears aimed at winning support from a corruption-weary public, while more importantly for him removing his opponents from office. It will no doubt fail to reduce corruption overall as long as the legal system remains hollow in terms of the rule of law and related features, such as independent judges/prosecutors and justice for all. Corruption is the system.



As the respected NGO, Human Rights in China (HRIC), pointed out on May 21, the government’s draft law on foreign NGOs would also downgrade its international engagement by requiring them, if implemented in current form, to accept a “high level of state oversight and control over all their activities by public security authorities and Chinese professional supervisory units.” Corruption will increase; human dignity space across the country will shrink even further.

Governments, investors and business people outside China should examine why they are supporting the violation of so many universal values in order to seek increased trade and investment with China. For years, the effort has resulted mostly in jobs being outsourced to China and continuous increases in bi-lateral trade deficits. Are the rest of us so focused on access to inexpensive consumer goods that we ignore the human, social and natural environment costs paid by abused Chinese citizens to produce them?

**Autry**



**Navarro**



Peter Navarro argues convincingly that consumer markets worldwide have been "conquered" by China largely through cheating. In a soon-to-be published new book, he provides a further analysis of American short-sightedness generally about China - including allowing U.S. multinationals to offshore production to benefit from Beijing's export subsidies, sweatshops, forced labour, currency manipulation, and absent environmental controls.

The Chinese people want the same things as the rest of the world: respect for all, education, safety and security, good jobs, the rule of law, democratic and accountable governance and a sustainable natural environment. This is evident yet again in the current protests by citizens over the Tianjin catastrophe (Nathan Vanderklippe of Canada's *Globe and Mail* Beijing bureau caught the nature of the outrage well: "One of China's top leaders arrived in Tianjin Sunday and stood for photos in front of the disaster site as the casualty count continued to rise amid boiling anger against the "Pinochio" version of events put forward by officials" ).

If the party-state in Beijing ends its systematic and gross violations of human rights at home and abroad and begins to treat its trade partners in a transparent and equitable way, the new century can bring harmony and coherence for China and the world. The first step in a better direction is to cease organ pillaging/trafficking now.

Thank you.

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Note: Full *Globe and Mail* report from Tianjin can be accessed at

[http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/chinese-pour-rage-scorn-on-leadership-after-tianjin-disaster/article25979582/?utm\\_source=Shared+Article+Sent+to+User&utm\\_medium=E-mail:+Newsletters+/-E-Blasts+/-etc.&utm\\_campaign=Shared+Web+Article+Links](http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/chinese-pour-rage-scorn-on-leadership-after-tianjin-disaster/article25979582/?utm_source=Shared+Article+Sent+to+User&utm_medium=E-mail:+Newsletters+/-E-Blasts+/-etc.&utm_campaign=Shared+Web+Article+Links)