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Public Announcement by The Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong

Chinese Insider Reveals Information on Gao Zhisheng: "The tortures are beyond anyone's imagination."

Immense media scrutiny these past months has opened the international community's eyes to the brutalities committed by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). Yet for years, voices have spoken out and one such voice belongs to renowned Chinese human rights attorney Gao Zhisheng.

Gao, a self-taught lawyer once voted "one of the country's 10 best lawyers" by China's Ministry of Justice, disappeared last year. In a recorded interview with Sound of Hope Radio (SOH), a well-placed informant from China revealed that in November 2007, Gao was taken by the PRC police to a secret location where he suffered cruel physical and psychological tortures for nearly 60 days. The purpose was to make him do three things – first, to write articles that condemn Falun Gong; second, to write articles that condemn the founder of Falun Gong, and third, to write articles that praise the Communist Party.

According to the insider, among other tortures, Gao Zhisheng was stripped naked, attacked with electric batons and deprived of sleep. He said these are the same methods used on Falun Gong practitioners. The insider said: "The tortures are beyond anyone's imagination," and also stated that Gao had considered suicide to escape the cruelty he suffered.

He also said that with the Beijing Olympic Games impending, the CCP has secretly removed Gao's family from Beijing for fear of any unwanted incidents and the Chinese authorities do not plan to release Gao before the Olympic Games are over.

The plight of attorney Gao has been well documented by human rights groups such as Amnesty International, as well as CIPFG. Please see the attached "CIPFG Labour Camp Guide" for detailed facts on the brutalities occurring a stone's throw from Olympic venues.

Twenty-five thousand journalists are Beijing-bound and while the eyes of the world are on China, CIPFG implores all people of conscience to take action on this matter. Let's find Gao Zhisheng! For further details, please see the report by Sound of Hope Radio:

http://sohnews.com/2008/08/05/latest-news-divulges-gao-zhisheng%e2%80%99s-torture-ordeals/

Dynamic Internet Technology, a company that provides Internet services under challenging environments, has created a software called Freegate 6.76 designed to break through China's Golden Shield firewall and access the Internet without restriction from inside China. In order to assist foreign correspondents and ensure freedom of press during the Beijing Olympics, CIPFG encourages foreign journalists to download this free software from http://www.download.com/DIT/3260-20_4-6273410.html