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Falun Gong suffers a decade of terror in China

By DAVID KILGOUR

Almost exactly 10 years ago, the party-state in Beijing launched its campaign against a government-estimated 70-100 million Falun Gong practitioners. The then determinedly-non-political Falun Gong, which is an exercise community with a spiritual component, soon became the latest in a long list of "enemies of the party." Atrocities against Falun Gong supporters continue today across China.

Reigns of terror against Party-selected groups and persons have occurred periodically since Mao Zedong seized power in 1949. In the name of revolution, millions were starved to death, for example, in the Great Leap Forward of 1958; countless others were tortured, abused, executed, and deprived of basic human dignity. Probably very few Chinese citizens have been treated more brutally than the Falun Gong.

Organ pillaging from Falun Gong practitioners has been studied in an independent report by legal scholar David Matas and me (<http://organharvestinvestigation.net>). The two of us found 52 kinds of evidentiary proof indicating that this crime against humanity is occurring. The government of China has to date made no substantive response to our report.

Just this month, three lawyers were arrested in China for daring to defend Falun Gong practitioners. The persecution of another prominent attorney, Gao Zhisheng, who defended Falun Gong, continues. He was twice arrested and suffered seventy days of torture. Despite re-

peated appeals from a range of Chinese and international groups for accounts of his whereabouts and release, Beijing ignores them.

GENOCIDE?

David Matas of the International Association of Genocide Scholars at George Mason University in Arlington, Virginia, concluded on June 9 of this year:

"Every Chinese embassy around the world participates in this incitement (against Falun Gong). Despite their denials, they have to know about the mass killings of Falun Gong practitioners. The evidence fills human rights reports. There are constant media stories. The information is a click of a mouse away on the Internet.

"Any claim of ignorance would mean that they have willfully been turning blind eyes to the obvious, not a defense in law. So, in sum, the crime of genocide has been committed against the Falun Gong community, through torture, through organ harvesting, and through the incitement that leads to both. The elements of the crime, the mass killings based on identity and the intent to destroy the group, can be established.

"Mr. Matas provided detailed reasons for coming to this legal conclusion, which are available in the Update section of our report Web site."

CHINA'S GULAG

Forced labor is tragically all too common today, but only the party-state of China uses it to punish and suppress fellow citizens. Any Chinese national can be sent to a camp



ENACTING TERROR: A rally of Falun Gong practitioners on Parliament Square in London on July 20 includes a dramatization of the detention and torture of Falun Gong practitioners in China. ROGER LUO/THE EPOCH TIMES

without any form of trial for up to four years upon committal by a police signature. No appeal is possible. Mao in the 1950s closely duplicated the work camp model set up in Stalin's Russia and Hitler's Germany, which continues only in China.

In China, only Falun Gong camp inmates are used as a live organ bank to be pillaged for sales to foreigners or Chinese nationals. Medical testing is required before organs can be matched with recipients, and only Falun Gong prisoners in the camp populations are tested medically on a regular basis. In the estimated 340 camps across China as of 2005, up to 300,000 "workers" toil in inhuman conditions for up to 16 hours daily without any pay, producing a wide range of consumer products, mostly for export in blatant violation of World Trade

Organization rules.

UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Such practices are fully consistent with Beijing's rejection of the recommendations advanced by a number of governments, including Canada's, in a Universal Periodic Review by the U.N. Human Rights Council earlier this year.

The recommendations rejected by the government of China included: ending all forms of arbitrary detention, including labor camps; guaranteeing freedom of belief and the right to worship in private; implementing the recommendations of the U.N. Committee Against Torture, which included references to the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners and organ pillaging from them; and ensuring that law-

yers can defend their clients without fear or harassment.

Trade with China has been in reality a costly proposition for many around the world. A host of its violations of international trading practices contributed to Canada's bilateral trade deficit rising in China's favor from \$3.9 billion in 1997 to \$26.8 billion in 2006, while ending many manufacturing livelihoods across Canada.

CONCLUSION

As the world suffers the economic crisis and seeks China's cooperation in dealing with its challenges, it is tempting to overlook Beijing's appalling human rights record. We must remind our leaders that to equivocate on China's record is a departure from our own values of human dignity and the rule of law. We must caution them that trade with China at any price is costly both for the people of China and the world. We must remember the sacrifices of victims of the Tiananmen Square Massacre and other abuses. We must demand that, instead of mocking the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, China should honor its provisions.

Honorable David Kilgour is a former Canadian member of Parliament and secretary of state (Asia-Pacific) and the co-author, with David Matas, of "Bloody Harvest: Revised Report Into Allegations of Organ Harvesting of Falun Gong Practitioners in China" (<http://organharvestinvestigation.net/>). This article is adapted from remarks given by Kilgour at a press conference held in the House of Commons building in Ottawa, Canada.

Five modest proposals for a new AFN Chief

By JOSEPH QUESNEL

The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) will be at a crossroads as they hold their annual meeting in Calgary this week and let's not kid ourselves: the AFN has an impact.

Useful legislation has been either killed or watered-down "thanks" to AFN intervention; think of the Liberal's proposed First Nation Governance Act, or a more recent bill from the Tories that would grant civil rights for on-reserve First Nations women. Much of that AFN direction comes from Chief of the organization. And this week, the AFN will select a new leader in Calgary who might improve the lives of all First Nations - might, if they depart from the direction given the AFN by Phil Fontaine.

The eventual winner of this race must adopt reforms to put First Nations first and here is a list of reforms a prospective new national chief should consider:

1. Honestly deal with accountability issues

Stop pretending these issues do not exist. It is insane to ignore the voices of the people at the bottom who witness a lack of accountability and transparency in Indian Country. One candidate for national chief, on his campaign web-

site, said that, "First Nations leadership has been challenged by unfounded assertions of lack of accountability and integrity."

Unfounded? A simple look at complaints filed every year with Indian Affairs is evidence of how this gentleman's campaign statement ignores the problem. Also, along with my colleagues, I help conduct our annual Aboriginal Governance Index which is an on-the-ground survey of indigenous people in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta on governance issues.

Across all provinces, we found close to half of all respondents reported favours and payments were exchanged for votes.

Also, about 74% of respondents said members of the chief's family disproportionately receive jobs in the community. About 30% were aware of people removed from the community for political reasons through a band council resolution. Another finding from our survey was that 62% of respondents said they "do not really" or "never" receive access to the band's business plan or financial statements.

For the winning candidate, these challenges must be addressed. Governance problems are driving indigenous young people off the reserve, so it is in the national chief's best interests to tackle them.

2. Highlight progressive models for First Nations

There are plenty of good stories happening in "Indian country" and plenty of First Nation band governments that do the right thing. These stories need to be told and the AFN has the resources to get the word out. The 2003 Harvard Project on Native American Economic Development highlighted the components of what defined good indigenous government, such as policies separating politics from business decisions. First Nations like Siksika Nation near Calgary already do that. For example, they aim to purge politics out of service delivery. Also, tough love proponents like B.C. chief Clarence Louie and indigenous author Calvin Helin must be promoted by the AFN as models for avoiding the government dependency trap.

3. Recognize the central role of private property and the private sector in promoting indigenous prosperity

The Berlin Wall fell 20 years ago and command economies have been discredited. First Nations need realistic solutions, not pie-in-the-sky idealism about communal living. The AFN is uniquely positioned to promote private property rights within First Nations, which would allow First Nations

members to secure loans and build businesses - a useful step towards self-reliance. The lack of opportunity on reserves drives out-migration. The Nisga'a of British Columbia are trailblazers in their current proposal to provide transferable residential property for citizens. Indigenous people must work with the private sector. Preventing development on traditional territories may look bold, but it traps communities in poverty.

4. Lead by example and reform the AFN

First Nations need to have confidence in the Assembly of First Nations given it claims to represent them. In 2005, the AFN's Renewal Commission released a report calling for drastic reforms to the group. Among dozens of recommendations, the Commission called for a one-member, one-vote system for the national chief.

5. Stop playing politics and instead oppose oppression

Time and again, the Assembly of First Nations stalled major initiatives that would have improved the lives of indigenous peoples: The axing the First Nation Governance Act in 2003 allowed electoral fraud and corruption in band elections to continue; the AFN's call for a three-year period before human rights legislation can be mandated for reserve governments (and to insist

on a collective rights clause) exposed indigenous people to further oppression; recent calls to null legislation that grants equal matrimonial property for First Nation women was also counter-productive - it leaves women more vulnerable.

In short, the AFN and its new leader must stop using self-government rhetoric every time the government proposes ways to improve the lives of First Nations.

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QUITTING THE CCP



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Chinese people have announced their intentions to quit the Chinese Communist Party and its affiliated organizations on a special Web site established by The Epoch Times. Many others, unable to break through the Chinese Internet blockade, have posted their withdrawal statements on poles or buildings. Others have written them on Chinese currency. Read recent statements of Chinese quitting the Party, the latest news on the "Nine Commentaries," and more at <http://www.NineCommentaries.com>

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Commentary Seven

On the Chinese Communist Party's history of killing

Killing is also repeatedly carried out to maintain the Party's absolute control in ideology. This includes ...

3. The CCP fired at students in Tiananmen Square on June 4, 1989 in response to the democratic demands following the Cultural Revolution

This was the first time that the CCP army killed civilians publicly in order to suppress the people's protest of embezzlement, corruption, and collusion between government officials and businessmen, and their demand for the freedoms of press, speech, and assembly. During the Tiananmen Square Massacre, in order to instigate

hatred between the army and civilians, the CCP even staged scenes of people burning military vehicles and killing soldiers, stage-managing the tragedy of the People's Army massacring its people.

4. Killing people of different beliefs

The domain of belief is the lifeline of the CCP. In order to let its heresy deceive people at the time, the CCP started to eliminate all religions and belief systems at the beginning of its rule. When facing a spiritual belief in a new era—Falun Gong—the CCP took out its butcher's knife again.

The CCP's strategy is to take advantage of Falun Gong's principles of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Tolerance and the fact that practitioners do not lie, do not use violence, and will not cause social instability. After gaining experience in persecuting Falun Gong, the CCP made itself better able to eliminate people of other faiths.

This time, Jiang Zemin and the

CCP themselves came to the front of the stage to kill instead of utilizing other people or groups.

5. Killing people in order to cover up the truth

The people's right to know is another weak point of the CCP; the CCP also kills people in order to block information. In the past, "listening to the enemy's radio broadcast" was a felony that was punished with prison terms. Now, in response to multiple incidents of the interception of the state-owned television system to reveal the truth about the persecution of Falun Gong, Jiang Zemin issued the secret order to "kill instantly without mercy."

Liu Chengjun, who carried out such an interception, was tortured to death. The CCP has mobilized the '610 Office' (an organization similar to the Gestapo in Nazi Germany that was created to persecute Falun Gong), the police, prosecutors, courts, and

a massive Internet police system to monitor people's every action.

6. Depriving people of their survival rights for the sake of its own interests

The CCP's theory of continuous revolution means, in reality, that it will not give up its power. Currently, embezzlement and corruption inside the CCP have developed into conflicts between the Party's absolute leadership and people's right to life. When people organize to protect their rights legally, the CCP uses violence, waving its butcher's knife toward the so-called "ringleaders" of these movements. The CCP has already prepared over one million armed police for this purpose.

Today, the CCP is much better prepared for killing than it was at the time of the Tiananmen Square Massacre in 1989, when it had to mobilize temporarily its field army. However, while forcing its people

on a road to ruin, the CCP has also forced itself into a dead end. The CCP has come to such an extremely vulnerable stage that it even "takes trees and grass as enemies when the wind blows," as the Chinese saying goes.

We can see from the above that the CCP is by nature an evil specter. No matter how it changes at a specific time and place in order to maintain absolute control, the CCP will not change its history of killing—it killed people before, is killing people now, and will continue to kill in the future.

¹ According to Clearwisdom.net, Falun Gong's official website, Jiang Zemin had ordered that Falun Gong practitioners be killed without mercy, and that any death be counted as suicide. See "Sweden: Letter from Falun Dafa Association to Foreign Minister Regarding the Geneva UN Human Rights Conference." <http://www.clearwisdom.net/emh/articles/2003/3/18/33461.html>.

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