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CHINA: Special Bimonthly newsletter freedom of religion (01.04 -15.04.2021)

General

04.04.21 – Bloody Holy Spirit Members Sentenced in Jiangxi

Devotees from the Ji'an area of the Taiwan-based religious movement received jail terms up to 4 years and six months.

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01.04.21 – 181 association of disciples members arrested in Ningxia

Local authorities claim this is a fruit of their model policy

of offering large rewards to those who denounce devotees of banned religious groups.

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Protestants

13.04.21 – Chengdu early rain covenant church reports recent mysterious return of CCP confiscated items

Chengdu Early Rain Covenant Church (Sichuan Province) reported that on April 09, unidentified individuals mysteriously returned several Christian items the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) had confiscated in the past. That morning as Sister Zhang performed her duty sweeping the road in Pidu District, a yellow car stopped a few yards away from her.

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09.04.21 – Elder Zhang Chunlei meets with lawyer for first time; CCP changes administrative to criminal detention

On April 6, Elder Zhang Chunlei of Ren'ai Reformed Church, detained since March 16, met with his lawyer for the first time. Initially, as Chinese Communist Party (CCP) authorities detained Elder Zhang on administrative detention for 11 days since March 17, they should have released him March 28. Now, however, as CCP officials have put him under criminal detention for a "fraud" charge, Elder Zhang's family reported that they do not yet know the length of time he will be imprisoned.

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06.04.21 – China institutes new crackdown on 'illegal social organizations' to go after house churches

China has launched a campaign to increase restrictions on five types of social organizations that the government has deemed illegal, which includes house churches that aren't members of

the Chinese Communist Party-backed Three-Self Patriotic Association.

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03.04.21 – China will stamp out five “illegal social organizations” including house churches

According to China’s Ministry of Civil Affairs (MCA), China will launch a campaign to toughen its clampdown on five types of illegal social organizations.

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01.04.21 – Chinese Christians held in secretive brainwashing camps: sources

Authorities in China are detaining Christians in secretive, mobile “transformation” facilities to make them renounce their faith, RFA has learned.

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Uyghur Muslims

08.04.21 – Pro-Uyghur protests restart in London– and the “Lonely Jew” is there

As lockdown begins to ease in Britain, demonstrations outside the Chinese Embassy in London started again. Bitter Winter was there, too.

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04.04.21 – A Jewish-Uyghur solidarity passover seder with a difference

Each of the Four Cups was raised to symbolize Uyghur’s captivity and hoped-for deliverance.

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03.04.21 – The sad story of Uyghur soccer proves China unfit to host Olympics

Uyghurs love soccer, but Chinese authorities do not love Uyghur players and supporters. Their discrimination is another argument for an Olympic boycott.

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The Church of Almighty God

09.04.21 – Slave labor in Chinese jails: CAG women prisoners of conscience speak

It is not only about Xinjiang camps. Church of Almighty God female members tell how they had to work 13–15 hours per day in “regular” jails.

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Falun Gong

14.04.21 – 80-year-old Hubei man arrested for practicing Falun Gong

An 80-year-old Wuhan City, Hubei Province resident was arrested on the evening of March 28, 2021, for his faith in Falun Gong.

Falun Gong, also known as Falun Dafa, is a spiritual and meditation discipline that has been persecuted by the Chinese communist regime since 1999.

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14.04.21 – Heilongjiang woman sentenced to over six years based on fabricated evidence

A Hailin City, Heilongjiang Province resident was framed and sentenced to six years and three months for her faith in Falun Gong on March 30, 2021.

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14.04.21 – A nine-year jail penalty for distributing Falun Gong leaflets

Persecution continues in China—and a serious attack by masked thugs also happened in Hong Kong. Wang Jianmin is a quiet, soft-spoken retired medical doctor from Laiyang, a county-level city in Shandong province, famous in China for its production of tasty pears. On March 26, 2021, 65-year-old Wang was told by the Intermediate People's Court of Yantai city, Shandong, that her crimes were so serious that she could not expect any leniency from the judges.

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Catholics

13.04.21 – Hebei closes orphanage for the disabled run by the Sisters of Zhaoxian

Sisters and staff will be banned from visiting children and young people under the age of 18. The reasons: The dismantling of the structures of the unofficial Church and the prohibition of evangelization for minors under the age of 18.

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