

CHINA: Church of Almighty God member Tian Ji'an dies after brutal beating by Chinese communist police



Tian Ji'an, male, born 27 September 1953, resident of Huafeng Township, Shizhu County, Chongqing Municipality, joined The Church of Almighty God (CAG) on 8 June 2002. On 5 June 2006, he was arrested and brutally beaten by the Chinese Communist police. As a result, Tian suffered from a lacerated lumbar vertebra and a fractured cranium

with a bone fragment recessed into his brain. Hardened blood coagulation led to neurological disorders and impaired reasoning. Tian was left unable to work. After more than nine years of affliction, Tian died on 2 April 2016, at the age of 63.

Arrested and beaten

At 16h00 on 5 June 2006, Tian's wife, Jin Zhenghua, and two

other Christians were preaching the gospel to four potential converts in their own house when the front door was suddenly rammed open. Led by Captain Sun Jianming, Director Liu Zhikui, and Secretary Zhou Shicai of the National Security Brigade, Shizhu County, Chongqing Municipality, more than a dozen policemen entered the house, placed the Christians under control, and beat Jin Zhenghua viciously. The police pressed Tian on the floor, handcuffed him behind his back and violently punched and kicked him. A policeman stepped and treaded hard on Tian's back and shoulders. Another policeman stomped hard on Tian's lower back and waist while a third policeman stepped on his head. Other plainclothes policemen in leather shoes kicked Tian's body hard. They yelled as they were beating him, "Kill him! Dammit, kill him...". Tian shrieked in pain throughout the ordeal, powerless to resist. More than a dozen policemen kept on battering him for more than an hour. Tian Ji'an was beaten unconscious on the spot. He was close to death. His face was ashen and his lips blue.

After the beating, Zhou Shicai and two other policemen ransacked the house and seized four spiritual books, a pack of spiritual compact discs, and other items. The police took Tian, Jin Zhenghua, and the others into police cars and escorted them to the Shizhu County National Security Brigade for interrogation. That night, seeing that Tian was seriously wounded and fearing that he might die at the National Security Brigade, the police sent him home. On the third day after returning home, Tian felt his condition was worsening: he lost a lot of weight, felt it hard to swallow anything, or sleep; he coughed and urinated with thin blood; and even became incontinent. He was too weak to do anything.

A life in pain

On 5 July, Tian's wife, Jin Zhenghua, was sentenced to one-year imprisonment on the charge of "disturbing public order," serving her sentence outside prison. A month later, when she went home to dress Tian's wounds with medicinal cream, she saw that his body was covered with bruises as a result of the police's beatings. There was a fist-sized dented mark on his waist and a large cyst on his shoulder. On his head, there were two large hairless spots and more than a dozen of smaller-sized hairless spots. He looked dazed and his speech was incoherent and hesitant. With the help of friends, Tian's wife scraped together 1,000 RMB and took Tian to the Shizhu County Hospital. Upon examination by the physician, it was discovered that Tian was suffering from many serious internal injuries. Blood stasis in his brain had pressed the nerves and blocked the cerebral blood vessels which led to a blood clot. The beatings had left Tian with a lacerated lumbar vertebra and fractured cranium with a bone fragment the size of a thumb being recessed into the brain. The blockage resulted from hardened blood coagulation and led to neurological disorders and aberrant reasoning. The doctor said, "The part of the skull where the bone fragment is recessed in the brain is inoperable. To operate on it involves life-threatening risks. Without surgery, he can only live for six to seven years at most."

Since the beating, Tian experienced severe pain in his spine, chest, and brain. He lost his ability to work and exhibited neurological disorders and impaired reasoning. Even when visiting his own farming land, he was unable to recognize where he was or properly care for his crops.

Because of their poor economic situation, Tian's family couldn't afford medical treatment and controlled his condition with medicine alone. His condition grew increasingly worse. Tian completely lost ability to take care of himself.

On 2 April 2016, Tian Ji'an passed away.

Supporting documents

Supporting document 1: Identity card






Translation:

Front :

Name: Tian Ji'an	
Gender: Male	Ethnicity: Han
	Photo
Date of Birth: 09/27/1953	
Address: 390 Huafeng Group, Huafeng Village, Nanbin Town, Shizhu County, Chongqing City	
ID No.: 5 1 3 5 2 1 1 9 5 3 0 9 2 7 0 5 5 7	

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	THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IDENTITY CARD
Issued by: Public Security Bureau (PSB) of Shizhu Tujia Autonomous County	
Valid Period: 08/19/2006-Permanent	

Supporting document 2: Certificate of disability



Translation:

<p>Certificate of Disability</p> <p>Tian Ji'an is intellectually disabled, with certificate number: 51352119530927055753.</p> <p>We hereby issue this certificate.</p> <p>China Disabled Persons' Federation (seal)</p> <p>Date of issue: August 3, 2010</p> <p>Validity Period: 10 years</p>	<p>Photograph of the holder</p>
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Supporting document 3: Medical certificate (inference) of death

居民死亡医学证明(推断)书

行政区划代码□□□□□□ 编号: □□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□

死者姓名	田吉安	性别	男	民族	汉	国家或地区	中国	年龄	62
身份证件类别	身份证	证件号码	513521195309270557	常住地址	四川省绵阳市涪城区				
出生日期	1953年9月27日	死亡日期	2016年4月2日	死亡地点	四川省绵阳市涪城区				
死亡原因	猝死	家属姓名	田永发	联系电话	13598909722				
原单位或单位	四川省绵阳市涪城区	医师姓名	田	医师签名					
医疗卫生机构盖章	绵阳市涪城区疾病预防控制中心			派出所意见(盖章)					
2016年1月5日				年 月 日					

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注: ①死者家属持此联到公安机关办理户籍注销手续; ②无医师及民警签字、医疗卫生机构及派出所盖章无效。

Translation:

Medical certificate (inference) of death

Administrative Area Code:
Certificate Number:

Name	Tian Ji'an	Gender	Male	Ethnicity	Han	Country / Region	China	Age	62
Type of ID	ID Card	ID Number	513521195309270557		Addresses	Huafeng Group, Huafeng Village, Wan'an Street			
Date of Birth	September 27, 1953	Date of Death	April 2, 2016		Place of Death	Huafeng Group, Huafeng Village, Wan'an Street			
Cause of Death	Severe Pneumonia		Name of the family member		Tian Yongfa	Phone Number	13594909733		
Address or Workplace of the family member of the deceased	Huafeng Group, Huafeng Village, Wan'an Street		Physician's Signature		Wang	Police Officer's Signature			
Medical and Health Institution (Stamp) Date: January 3, 2017					Comments by the Police Station (Stamp) Date:				

Note:

1. The family members of the deceased shall go through the formalities of household registration cancellation in public security bureau with this medical certificate of death.
2. This medical certificate of death is invalid without the signatures of the doctor and police as well as the official seals of the medical and health organization and local police station.

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