

Li Chang (m)

Adoption Status: Not Adopted

Country: China

Occupation: Former high-ranking government official in the Ministry of Public Security and member of Falun Gong.

Detained Since: July 20, 1999

Charges: “Organizing a heretical organization to cause death,” “illegally obtaining state secrets,” and “organizing and using a heretical organization to undermine implementation of the law.”

Sentence: Originally sentenced to 25 years in prison and five years deprivation of rights. His sentence was later commuted to 18 years, since he confessed to his involvement with Falun Gong.

Additional: Li originally joined the organization to improve his health, but over time he became more involved and eventually took a leading position in the Falun Dafa Research Society, considered to be vocal point for all of Falun Gong operations. Li is linked to organizing a sit-in protest on April 25, 1999 at the housing compound for the highest-level Communist Party leaders. The protest received a significant amount of attention, and consequently, the Party started to take a hard line against its members.

Li Chang put under house arrest for three months on July 20, 1999, two days before the banning of Falun Gong in China. He is currently being held at Qianjin Prison in Tianjin and is expected to be released in 2017.



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