

The Undaunted Spirit of Justice on Tiananmen Square

The National Office of Appeal has become a place where Falun Gong practitioners are routinely arrested. Lawyers have been told that they could only handle cases related to Falun Gong after the approval of “certain” departments. Under the circumstances, where all crimes are covered up and all channels for appeal are manipulated, many Falun Gong practitioners still head for Tiananmen Square. They go there to urge for the immediate release of all imprisoned practitioners and to publicize the suppressed truth to people around the world. It is an urgent appeal for Truth, Compassion, and Tolerance, and for justice.

One can easily imagine the brutal tortures they face. But even more deplorable is the fact that they are maligned and accused of “stirring up commotion” on Tiananmen Square. Worse still is the fact that they become victims of the propaganda manipulated by the state-controlled media to incite public hatred.

In ancient China, when there was injustice, one could beat the drums (in front of a court) and cry “injustice!” Today, however, courageous individuals who appeal to the government at the risk of losing their lives are being vilified. For three years, the appeals on Tiananmen Square have never stopped, for this is an unprecedented injustice, an unheard-of brutal persecution — and an unprecedented peaceful appeal and unshaken resolve.



Unfurling “Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance” banners on Tiananmen Square (AP)



Peaceful practicing on Tiananmen Square



A “red plum blossom” on Tiananmen Square (AP)