

Chinese refugees in Ukraine

Tszyang Kai is a Chinese citizen. He arrived in Ukraine on November 18, 1998 to study in the National Pedagogical University in Kyiv. He graduated from the University in 2008 and his temporary registration in the country was finished too. But he shouldn't come back to China because Falun Gong practitioners have been hardly persecuting there from 1999 till now (Kai is Falun Gong practitioner too).

Falun Gong is a Chinese meditation practice that improves health and cultivates the soul. Main principles of the practice are Truth Compassion Forbearance – the principles of the Universe. It includes simple exercises and a deep philosophy.

When Tszyang Kai was in China in 2000 and 2003, he learnt about persecution by himself. His friends and acquaintances as Falun Gong practitioners told him about their personal experiences.

Tszyang Kai practices Tolerance and mercy and exercises in a park, and participates in meetings near Chinese Embassy in Kyiv to clarify the truth about persecutions in China, in press-conferences, parades and other events on Falun Gong followers in Ukraine. He says about Resolutions of US Congress, reports of Amnesty International, UN reports that have fixed persecutions in China and are as evidence of threat for his life.

It's very difficult to get a refugee status in Ukraine. Local authorities don't give anybody it and only a few people from Russia were able to have it during a few last years. When we worked with Tszyang Kai case, UN office in Ukraine helped us giving its attorneys for protection him in trials to challenge numerous decisions of the State Committee on Nationalities and Migration Affaires to refuse him on a refugee status.

We have one interesting case approving the work of Chinese Embassy in Ukraine and its influence on Ukrainian authorities indirectly. The State Committee on Nationalities and Migration Affaires had a thick folder with documents about threat for Tszyang Kai if he comes back in China. One of the documents was the report of a former Secretary on Asia-Pacific area of Canada David Kilgour and international human rights attorney David Matas. The report said about massive force organ harvesting from Falun Gong practitioners in China (<http://david-kilgour.com>).

Studying such documents the main specialist of the State Committee decided to give a refugee status to Tszyang Kai and fixed it on paper and add to the Kai's case. One of the practitioners saw this document when he learnt the case but it was disappeared after two weeks and was changed on the other below.

This other document was signed by the official of Foreign Affairs Ministry and the director of Consular Service Mr. B. Bazilevskiy. He concluded in his letter #71/ATP/17-500-70 from February 13, 2007 addressing to the State Committee on Nationalities and Migration Affaires:

"The Ministry of Foreign Affaires of Ukraine and Ukrainian Embassy in China believe that the application of citizens of Peoples Republic of China Kai and Ichzheng can be a political provocation of the interested countries directed on blasting of activization of all the spectrums of the Ukrainian-Chinese relations".

"Embassies of the Peoples Republic of China in the majority of the world countries have even entered additional diplomatic posts that deal with a problem of Falun Gong influence restraint abroad exclusively".

“It is necessary to notice that possible granting of a political asylum to activists of Falun Gong movement by Ukraine is absolutely undesirable as it creates a very dangerous precedent for Peoples Republic of China and leads to sharp deterioration of bilateral relations by all means”.

On the basis of such conclusion Tszyang Kai has been refused on granting of the refugee status in Ukraine. The appeal is submitted to the District Administrative Court in Kiev towards the State Committee’s decision now. Otherwise Tszyang Kai can be under threat to be deported directly in hands of the Chinese Communist Party (or CCP).

There is a similar situation with the refugee rights of Falun Gong follower Ichzheng in Ukraine. The State Committee on Nationalities and Migration Affaires had refused her on granting of a refugee status and then the Court restored her right to get a refugee status in Ukraine on May 22 because of the given weighty facts of threat for her Falun Gong follower’s life. She must have already got the refugee status till this time, but the Committee has submitted the counter appeal referring on the letter of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs above.

According to the Information Center of Falun Gong, Chinese diplomats try to use similar methods of pressure and intimidation in many countries of the world including Ukraine. The formulation of the letter of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is a copy of the slanderous letters which Chinese diplomats extend to sow hatred and to slander Falun Gong.

Why does CCP do it? The answer is simple – because it does not want Falun Gong followers speak about its real face, about persecution of Falun Gong that going on and even intensifying in China now, that peace and kind people are illegally pursued and destroyed in China this time. It wishes to force the world to be silent about genocide in China.

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