

WRITTEN QUESTION P-1878/06
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Subject: China's systematic extermination of Falun Gong followers

Gross violations of human rights are occurring in China. According to Intelligence Online, China's Deputy Minister for Public Security has stated that the intention is 'to stamp out Falun Gong before the 2008 Olympic Games'. It is reported that the Chinese regime is systematically murdering followers of the Falun Gong movement at a secret concentration camp at Sujiatun, which reportedly holds more than 6000 prisoners at any time. So far, no-one has been released from the camp alive. Some Falun Gong practitioners are killed, after which their organs are removed. Others have their organs removed while still alive because they are worth much more than those taken from dead bodies. The bodies are subsequently destroyed in the death camp's own crematorium so all traces are eliminated. The organs are sold on to various medical centres at a large profit.

What practical steps does the Commission intend to take in regard to China to put an end to the extermination of Falun Gong followers in secret concentration camps?

What action will the Commission take to be fully informed about the circumstances of Falun Gong followers, including the secret concentration camps?

What specific measures is the Commission taking to incorporate gross violations of human rights in trade talks between the EU and China?