22nd Anniversary of the Largest Appeal for Freedom of Belief in Chinese History

On April 25, 1999 more than 10,000 people who practice Falun Gong stood out front of the central government in Beijing to peacefully petition for their right to practice their faith after years of harassment due to its popularity . (See more here.)

Many media put the appeal as a primary catalyst for the persecution campaign that would be launched three months later. However, that was the objective of the Chinese Communist Party leaders who orchestrated the event and wanted people to believe so. In fact, April 25th appeal was used and lied by the CCP to justify its violent campaign against the 100 million people that practiced Falun Gong.

Over two decades later Falun Gong remain the largest persecuted group in China. in what scholars are calling a genocide campaign.

The U.S. Department of State published its <u>2020 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices</u> on March 30. The section on China highlights human rights abuses by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), including those against Falun Gong practitioners and human rights lawyers.

The 79-page section on China mentioned forced organ harvesting where <u>Credible Evidence</u> has been reported that Falun Gong practitioners are the largest contingent of prisoners of conscience in China and that they are being *"forcibly killed for their organs on a large scale."* Currently there are 11 practitioners with Canadian ties suffering in prison in China.

Unfortunately, propaganda by the Chinese communist party disparaging Falun Gong has created an indifference in the international community that has allowed these atrocities to continue and extend to Hong Kong and other parts of the world.

Last week in Hong Kong, Falun Gong volunteers were <u>attacked in the streets</u>
In what appears to be a coordinated attack across several locations, assailants wielding knives and spray paint attacked Falun Gong information display booths on the streets of Hong Kong.

Photos and video footage show the masked perpetrators tearing down banners, slashing them with knives, and knocking down display boards. At one of the locations, a woman volunteer was assaulted, and violently thrown to the ground during the attack.

The assaults against Falun Gong info booth are believed to be instigated by pro-CCP groups. We call on the Hong Kong police to bring these perpetrators to justice, and ensure the physical safety of peaceful Hong Kong citizens, The international community must also hold Hong Kong accountable for these types of hate crimes, which are clearly prompted by the Chinese Communist Party.

Today's Hong Kong could be the world tomorrow, if we do not stand up to the threat of the CCP.

22 years passed, people who practice Falun Gong continue to try to peacefully raise awareness to the genocide happening in China today in hopes that the international community will awaken to the atrocities being committed and the evilness of the Chinese communist regime.