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China's One Child Policy: New Evidence of Coercion

Forced Abortion, Sterilization, Contraception

And the Practice of "Implication"

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Women's Rights Without Frontiers has obtained new documentation of coercive family planning in China. These thirteen cases were leaked out of China in an electronic document compiled by a source who has requested anonymity, for security reasons. This Chinese Author often pulled documentation off of the Internet. Predictably, some of the links on which these cases were posted have been removed. At other times the Chinese Author personally interviewed victims of coercion, at great risk to his personal safety. Biographical information about the Chinese Author can be found at the end of this report.

What follows is a translation of these cases, set forth in reverse chronological order. We have presented these cases without commentary. They speak for themselves. For an analysis of the One-Child Policy, please see the testimony of Reggie Littlejohn, submitted simultaneously with this report.

Ms. Littlejohn serves as China Aid Association's expert on the One Child Policy. It is with great gratitude that Women's Rights Without Frontiers acknowledges the substantial contributions China Aid made to this report.

Case One: Family Planning Officials seize a woman for forced sterilization.

When: September 12, 2009.

Where: The west section of Beixin Street, Shangzhou District, Luoyang City, Henan Province

Source: Eye-witness by the Chinese Author of this report

As the witness described:

Saturday, September 12, 2009

I saw a huge crowd of people moving forward in front of a cake shop when I walked in the west section of Beixin Street, Shangzhou District, Shangluo City, Henan Province.

The crowd was on the other side of the street (about five or six meters away from me). When I walked across the street slowly, the crowd had stopped in front of a shopping mall. I squeezed into the crowd with my camera to see what happened. Immediately a woman in a striped shirt came into my sight. Her neck and left hand were held by a woman in a red jacket and her right hand was firmly held by a man in a blue shirt. Her face was filled with suffering. She struggled to free herself, but she failed however hard she tried.

She said: "I have just had another operation. I can't have this one even if you take me to the hospital. I'll pay the cash deposit. Let me go please. Ok?"

They said: "No way. Since you don't have this Certificate, you must go to the hospital to check right now. "

Obviously the people around didn't understand their conversation. I was also confused. One elderly intended to beat the man in the blue shirt to free the poor woman. This action almost induced the crowd to follow him. I motioned them to be patient and the crowd calmed down.

I asked the man in the blue shirt: "Why do you want to seize her?"

The woman in the red jacket said: "I'm a Town Women Section Officer of Shangnan County. Today I took three women of childbearing age to the hospital for pregnancy checks. But she ran away from the hospital." The man in the blue shirt showed us his work permit. Actually he was a Vice Head of a Town, in charge of family planning. The crowd boiled over at once.

At this moment, the onlookers were all discussing and trying to help the poor woman. Someone even phoned the police. But after negotiation, she still went to the hospital with them in the end.



The woman in the red jacket (Town Women Section Officer) is holding the neck and left hand of the victim . . .

Case Two: Family Planning Officials of Nanzhan Town, Wenshang County, Shandong Province detain and torture a couple for reporting for a pregnancy check-up one day late.

When: August 20, 2009. 11:30AM

Where: Nanzhan Town, Wenshang County, Shangdong Province

Source: club.china.com

Here is the account in the words of the victim:

My name is Xiangan Zhao. My wife is Xiaoyan Li. We both come from Caoliu Village, Nanzhan Town, Wenshang County, Shandong Province. Both of us were working in Yantai City to make a living. We were beaten and illegally detained by the Family Planning Officials of Nanzhan Town Family Planning Office simply because we were one day late to report for a pregnancy check-up. [Every married woman who doesn't stay in her hometown, like this victim who works at another city, has to come back to her hometown regularly for a pregnancy check-up—required periodically to determine whether a woman is illegally pregnant]. I phoned the police for help several times. Not only did the police refuse to help, but they told us: “It is legal for the Family Planning Officials to do that. It's not our responsibility to deal with that!”

Shengbo Zhou (Vice Town Head), Zhihong Hu (head of the Family Planning Office), Changrui Yin (middle-level leader) and other leaders were all involved in beating us. All the Family Planning Officials were present as well.

Shandong is notorious for violent family planning. Nevertheless, suffering so much simply because of reporting for a pregnancy check-up one day late is beyond my imagination.

My wife, Xiaoyan Li, and I were living in Gongjiadao Residents' Committee, Zhichu street, Zhifu District, Yantai City, Shandong Province. We had all the legal certificates required by the "Regulations of Family Planning for Floating Population." At noon of August 6, 2009, we received a phone call from Airong Liu (head of the women's federation of Caoliu Village, Nanzhan Town, Wenshang County, Shandong Province, which is the location of our registered residence). She informed us that we needed to report for a pregnancy check-up. My wife went to the designated hospital of Zhifu District, Yantai City to check and obtained the certificate issued by the hospital to the local Family Planning Department. My wife requested to send the certificate report to the Family Planning Department of Nanzhan Town, Wenshang County through their network (the specialized official network of Family Planning Departments). The report, however, could not be sent due to network issues. So the Family Planning Official phoned Zhihong Hu (the head of Nanzhan Town Family Planning Office). He approved my wife's request to send the report after the network issues were resolved. He also confirmed that there was no need for my wife to go back to our hometown for another pregnancy check-up. The local Family Planning Office sent the report at noon on August 12, 2009, after the network had returned to normal. However, Airong Liu phoned us at noon on August 18, 2009. She told us that the report sent through network was invalid and asked us to return for another pregnancy check-up immediately. Shengbo Zhou (the Town officer in charge of family planning) agreed. But we were delayed by something urgent for one day. We took the train back on the evening of August 19 and arrived at 10:30 in the morning of August 20. We rested at home for one hour and phoned Airong Liu. She said, "Everyone is waiting for you. We'll pull down your house if you don't come." Because we were late for one day and were not clear about what she meant, we hurried to the Family Planning Office to report for the check-up. While my wife was receiving the check-up, I explained the reason for being late to Airong Liu politely. But she shouted at me: "What? Are you hoping that I will pay your travel expenses as well?"

At that time, an official with long hair and long face (his name is Changrui Yin) came downstairs from the second floor and said, "Beat him. He has so many excuses for being late." Then he took the lead in beating me. Many people followed him and struck me down. They beat and kicked like storms. When I tried to stand up and run away by instinct, he commanded again, "Beat him with rubber sticks." I was stricken down again and could not move this time. They dragged my arms and threw me in a dark room (the second room on the east side of the door of the Family Planning Office).

Then he gave another command: "Go and beat his wife." My wife had just finished the check-up at that time. He dragged her off the bed to hit her. He said, "This is for your coming late!" My wife said, "Director Hu told me there was no need to come back for another check-up." We never thought this statement would irritate him. He shouted: "You have a good reason for being late, don't you? Take her in the room!" So the

Family Planning Official dragged my wife into a dark room and beat her brutally. She gripped their legs and knelt down to beg, “I know I’m wrong. Please forgive me. Please forgive me.....” They finally stopped hitting after she begged for a while. Her whole body was already covered with wounds then.

They checked the items we carried (they worried that we were taking cameras or other devices to record their brutal behavior) and detained us in the same room. They sealed the door and the window closely. One person guarded outside the door. Then I found there were already eight or nine people in the room. I felt sharp pain throughout my whole body. My wounds got more serious at about two o’ clock in the afternoon and I had difficulty breathing, so my wife begged the guard to allow me out for treatment. He reported to his superior and in the end they approved. They gave my cell phone back to me (it fell out of my pocket when I was beaten). I couldn’t walk and my wife was unable to bear me on her back, so she requested the Family Planning Office to drive me to the hospital, but they did not respond. My wife had to phone the police for help. She described our situation and location, but something surprising happened..... After the Family Planning Officials knew that we phoned the police, they grabbed my cell phone and detained us again. The Police Station was only about 100 meters from the Family Planning Office, but the policemen never came to help us.

Our family came to the Family Planning Office six hours after we left home. They reported to the police again at the sight of our wounds. This time two policemen (they did not wear the police uniform) came and said: “It’s legal for the Family Planning Officials to do this. It’s not our responsibility to deal with it!” Then the two policemen mediated with the Family Planning Officials. In the end, the Family Planning Officials sent us to the town People’s Hospital but left without paying a single cent of the medical fee.

Later the Nanzhan Town police station refused to provide us with a Judicial Expertise Certificate. [Note: this Certificate is from a medical expert, who will determine the extent of the victim’s injuries, to be considered by a judge in rendering a verdict.] So my relatives sent an informants' letter to the head of the Province through email. The relatives sent a document to Nanzhan Family Planning Office after they knew our experiences. Our problem, however, was never resolved. Without any legal assistance, we had to go to the Nanzhan Family Planning Office at noon of the 23rd to negotiate a settlement. Shengbo Zhou (Vice head of the Town) and Zhihong Hu (Director of Nanzhan Family Planning Office) said, “There is no need to sue us because no one will care about your case. The Head of the Province will never send anyone to deal with it, nor will he deal with it on his own. All the documents are left here for us to handle. Have a look if you don’t believe my words. Documents from the Provincial Government are all here. On the other hand, even if you win the lawsuit, we will take revenge on your relatives. We agree to cover seventy percent of the medical fee and that’s it.”

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I was afraid they may continue to beat me in the hospital, so I left the hospital and went back to Yantai secretly. But since that time I have been left with sequelae [pathology

resulting from trauma]. I have a partial loss of work ability and I cannot do heavy labor to this day.

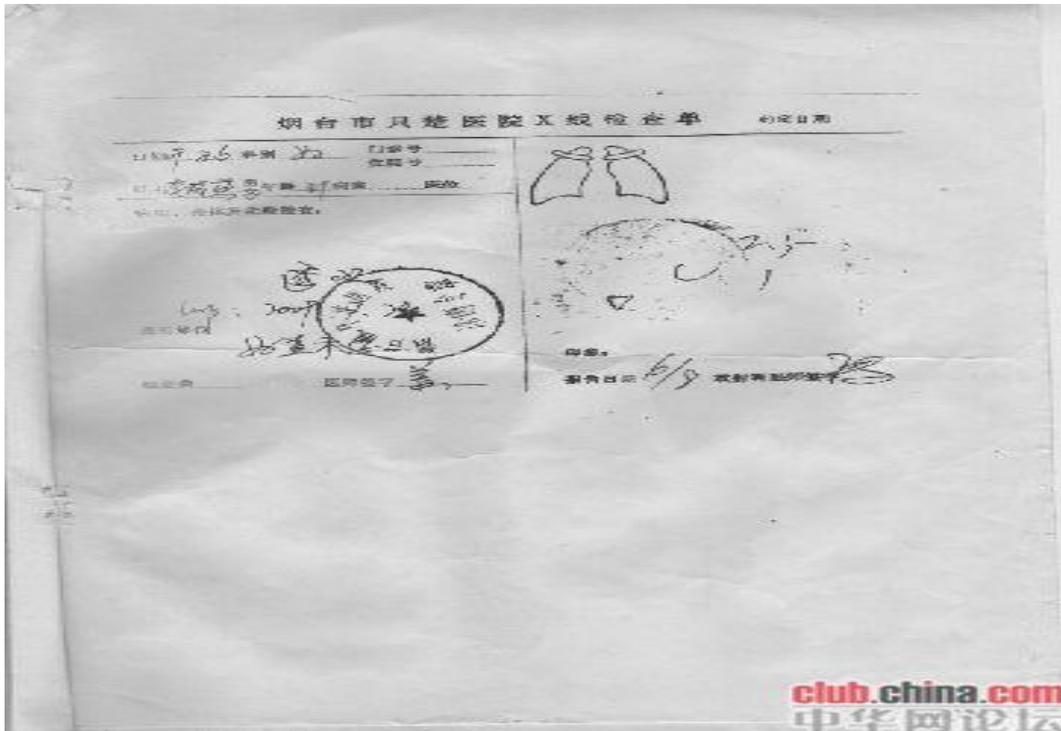
I'd like to ask: where is the justice? Where is the law? Where is the Party discipline? We want justice for the unreasonable beating and illegal detention. They must pay for the medical fee, nursing fee, travelling expenses and compensate for loss of working time, emotional damages and so on.

I have a sound recording of Zhihong Hu (Director of the Family Planning Office) as evidence. I also have photos of our wounds and the certificate of the pregnancy check-up.





Injury condition of victim Xiangan Zhao and his wife Xiaoyan Li
When: August 20, 2009.
Where: Nanzhan Town Wenshang County Shandong Province
Source: club.china.com



Xiaoyan Li's certificate of floating childbearing age women pregnancy check issued by Yantai City, Shandong Province.

Case Three: Family Planning Office of Quannan County, Ganzhou City, Jiangxi demolished houses, smashed doors and robbed valuables of a father whose daughter-in-law failed to provide a certificate of IUD check.

When: May 9, 2009

Where: Longxia Town Quannan County Ganzhou City Jiangxi Province

Source: <http://www.tianya.cn/publicforum/content/free/1/1566339.shtml>

In the morning of May 9, 2009, Government Officials of Longxia Township, Quannan County, Ganzhou City, Jiangxi Province and local police headed for one villager's home, following Jianwen Zou (secretary of the Township Party Committee), Lili Xu (Vice secretary of the Township Party Committee), Changxin Yuan (head of Township) and Ruiqiang Xu (Vice head of Township). They drove two police patrol cars (place number: 赣B A088警 and 赣B 1785警). While the Villager (Mr. Lai) was not at home, they broke the door, robbed all the belongings and pulled down his house, causing a loss of more than 5,000 RMB. [approximately \$783. This is approximately three month's income for an average family in this area.]

Background: Mr Lai has three sons and all of them are married. Each of them has one child. According to the Township government, the government officials and police pulled down his house because his second son was in violation of the Family Planning Policy. The so-called "violation" was that his son did not provide a Certificate of Intrauterine Device Check. In fact, his second son's wife was too feeble to use an intrauterine device.

She used her own contraceptive measures instead. She did not have a second child, nor was she pregnant again. Besides, the couple has received the One-Child Certificate issued by the government. This Certificate is issued only when the couple promises not to have another child.

These circumstances raise two questions: First, was his second son's wife in violation of the Family Planning policy? If she was, what should the punishment be? Second, how does one define the behavior of the government officials when they pulled down his house and robbed the belongings? Why did they pull down his house instead of that of his son?

The family planning regulations issued by the government of Jiangxi Province on May 1, 2009 includes the following:

Article fifteen: Family planning shall be practiced chiefly by means of contraception. Couples with one child should take effective contraceptive measures. It is highly encouraged that women with one child use an intrauterine device as long-term contraceptive measure while women with two children have a [tubal] ligation [sterilization]. Government at all levels shall create conditions to ensure that individual citizens knowingly choose safe, effective, and appropriate contraceptive methods. Where family planning operations [forced abortions and sterilizations] are performed, the recipients' safety shall be ensured.

As for unplanned pregnancy, remedial measures [forced abortions] shall be taken under the guide of Family Planning Technical Service Officials.

Article fourteen: The Town People's Government and the Family Planning Administrative Department of the registration place for the floating population shall give family planning education to married childbearing age women who will work in another city and guide them to take contraceptive measures before they leave.

All levels of Government must not provide a Certificate of Marriage and Child-bearing to those with the ability to pay the social compensation fee but refuse to do so, or those who refuse to take contraceptive measures.

Article sixty one: In any of the following cases, Family Planning Officials shall be given administrative sanctions, all the illegal gains shall be confiscated: Infringements of the personal, property and other legal rights of citizens.

In light of the family planning regulations of Jiangxi Province, behaviors of Wenjian Zou, Changxin Yuan and others have severely infringed the property right of citizens.

Mr. Lai went to the local police station to report the incident but the local police refused to take his case. They sent a policeman to ask for information after he phoned the second time. But they never took further action to deal with the incident. He wanted to sue the Family Planning Officials in the court, but he hesitated after consulting several lawyers. The lawyers told him the Family Planning Officials' behaviors are absolutely in violation of the law, but it takes a large amount of money to engage in the lawsuit. Even if he were to win the lawsuit, it would be difficult to enforce the final result. The case might conclude without any concrete result. Common villagers like him cannot afford such a lawsuit. It is always very difficult for common citizens to sue an official in China.



Mr. Lai's house which was smashed by the Township Family Planning Officials

Case Four: Fujian Province: Family Planning Police detain pregnant woman and her relatives in family planning jail cells; use of quota system.

When: April, 2009

Where: Yuanzhuang, Town Xianyou County, Fujian Province

Source: blog.163.com/fujian

<http://saybar.sohu.com/177977/IwISTjtcPmXIBAAAA.html>

Xianyou is a poor county of Fujian province. Local officials have little means to improve the under-developed economy, but they are brutal in terms of Family Planning.

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[According to the internet sources cited above]:

1. In Xianyou, women of marriageable and childbearing age (married or not) are required to go to the Family Planning committee every three months [for a pregnancy checkup] to avoid illegal pregnancies.

2. In Xianyou, pregnant women (or even women wearing loose clothes) are stopped by the Family Planning Officials for a pregnancy check in the street.

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3. Any pregnant woman who does not carry the relevant certificates (marriage certificate and birth allowed certificate) shall be taken to the hospital for a forced abortion if she is caught by the Family Planning Officials.

4. Any woman who is pregnant out of the range of regulated age, regulated time and regulated quota, and who does not take pregnancy checks or abort -- her family members shall be "implicated." Her parents, as well as her parents-in-law shall be captured and detained.

5. On the other hand, relatives of [Family Planning] Officials may have as many children as they want.

6. The purpose of the implication is to impose fines. Everything is resolved after paying a fine of 30,000 . . .

As is described in every annual Family Planning summarization meeting of all levels of Family Planning Departments: "This year xxx cases of intrauterine device, xxx cases of [tubal] ligation [sterilization], xxx cases of unwanted pregnancy abortion and xxx cases of odinopoeia [late term forced abortion]."

<http://saybar.sohu.com/177977/IwISTjtcPmXIBAAAA.html>

Recently a new round of Family Planning Campaign has been initiated. A person who has no money to pay the fine shall be detained in the town until the required amount of

money is submitted. The cells on the third floor of the Family Planning Office are even overstaffed [overcrowded] at busy periods and some captives have to sleep in the corridor. Usually about thirty elderly are detained there the entire year. Wealthy people can pay the fine and leave; but for the poor who have to stay there, the government does not pay for their food. They would starve if their family members or neighbors did not send them food. Their farmlands are left uncultivated as well. If the victim has any complaint, the county officials beat him and exclaim: “report me if you remain unconvinced.” The officials all shield one another.



Door of the cells for detention in the Family Planning office of Yuanzhuang town, Xianyou county.

Photos -- When: April , 2009

Where: Yuanzhuang Town, Xianyou County, Fujian Province

Source: <http://saybar.sohu.com/177977/IwISTjtcPmXIBAAAA.html>



Bars of the cells for detention in the Family Planning office of Yuanzhuang Town, Xianyou County.

Detained relatives of villagers who have given birth to an extra child, or who failed to come back to take the pregnancy check. Twenty or thirty of them sleep on the floor [in the Family Planning jail cell] like this.



These are parents of the villagers who gave birth to an extra child or failed to return to take the pregnancy check [detained in the Family Planning Office jail cell].

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They are young mothers with illegal pregnancies who were seized by the Family Planning office. They are facing forced induced labor abortions (through ethacridine lactate injection).

Photos: When: April 23, 2009

Where: Yuanzhuang Town Xianyou County Fujian Province

Source: tu.6.cn

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Poor rural women are hidden by the officials in this so-called “harmonious flourishing age.” No domestic media dares report the events that violate women’s legal interests.



House of a villager with an extra child was smashed by the Family Planning office of Yuanzhuang Town, Xianyou County, Fujian Province.

Photos

When: April, 2009

Where: Yuanzhuang Town Xianyou County Fujian Province

Source: iHome99.com

Case Five: Family Planning Office of Baicheng Town, Xiping County, Henan Province extort a fine and break a mother's finger, causing permanent disability. The perpetrator was shielded by the local government.

When: March 11, 2009 7:40AM

Where: Baicheng Town, Xiping County, Henan Province

Victim ID #: 412824197403294379; Tel:13783331444

Author: Teng Biao

At 7:40 a.m., on March 11, 2009, the head of Family Planning Office of Baicheng Town, Xiping County, Henan Province led more than twenty Family Planning Officials to Yanping Zhang's home. On the pretext of collecting a family planning fine, they smashed Yanping Zhang's door without showing a search warrant. They searched his house.

Mrs. Zhang (Yanping Zhang's mother) was in the courtyard at that time. The Family Planning Officials asked to have a look at the family's Permanent Residence Booklet. They also asked if the family had given birth to another child recently. Mrs. Zhang told them the baby would be four months old in several days and had gone through all the procedures. She showed them the Permanent Residence Booklet. Unable to find any fault with that, the Family Planning Officials said her daughter-in-law (the mother of the child) did not report for the pregnancy check-up on time! They asked her to pay a fine of 1,500 [¥ RMB, equivalent to \$236]. But the family was too poor to pay the fine. The Family Planning Officials smashed the door, so Yanping Zhang knew they would not leave before they had received the money. Yanping had no choice but to go out to borrow some money. Just a short while after he left, they [the Family Planning Officials] began to urge his mother to bring him back. They threatened to take the motorcycle on which the whole family depended to make a living, if he did not return soon. So Mrs. Zhang hurried out to find him. But just as she walked out of the courtyard, the Family Planning Officials took the motorcycle out. Her daughter-in-law rushed in front of them and stood barring their way. The Mother had not walked a long distance, when she met them. [The Mother] held the motorcycle bumper firmly from the behind and begged them, "Please wait for a while for my son to return with the money." But they did not care about that at all. A young man walked over and broke her finger with his strong hands. Her finger broke into two pieces immediately. Blood spouted out of the wound. The jackets of the Family Planning Officials were soaked with her blood. The ground was also soaked with her blood. Then her son hurried back with five hundred [RMB] in his hands. He gave the money to the Family Planning Officials, who realized the situation was going against them and left with the money quickly. Later Yanping's mother was diagnosed with three fractures in her finger, and the area between her thumb and index finger had been split open as well.

Later Yanping reported to the police. To everyone's surprise, when the police took him to the Family Planning Office to identify the Family Planning Officials, their leader denied everything they had done. Under the shield of the official, none of the violent Family Planning Officials appeared.

Some villagers advised Yangping's wife and family to take the fall. "Similar things happened several years ago but all were overpowered by this Family Planning Official [Zhang]. He is exceptionally adept in trickery. How could common people like us challenge him? Even the policemen dare not displease him." Others told Yangping: "You are also to blame. You should have given him some money in advance. Then these things wouldn't have happened!" "Why didn't you ask who could have another child without his permission? He could fine you whenever he wants. He could make any excuse to get your money!"

A long time has passed. Yangping's mother has come back home, but there are still obvious sequelae [pathology resulting from trauma] with her finger. The finger has disabled function. The huge medical fees have made her life more difficult. The local policemen cannot find the attacker. Her family has appealed to higher authorities for help, but they have not received any reply.

Victim: Mother of Yanping Zhang



Injured hand of Mrs. Zhang

Case Six: Coercive Population Control in Fujian Province: Brutal "Implication" Family Planning Policy of Dongpu Town, Putian City, Fujian Province

When: September, 2008

Where: Dongpu Town, Putian Zhen, Fujian Province

Source: iDO.3MT.COM.CN; Interview by the Chinese Author of this report
<http://www.zgqmbbs.com/forum.php?mod=viewthread&tid=94338&highlight=>

During the Third Plenary Session of the CCP, the Putian government unfolded the "Nine-Generation-Implication Family Planning Policy." [Note: this may also be translated the "Whole Clay Implication Policy" which means, if anyone breaks the Family Planning Policy, the "whole clay" -- the grandparents, parents, husband and wife, all the in-laws, must be punished all together at the same time.] This policy has been used in some areas for some time . . .

Since October and November of this year [2008], the Putian government has been taking illegal and brutal measures against villagers of Titing by means of Family Planning work. They forced every villager to sign the "House Removal Application." [Note: This

Application allows Family Planning Officials to remove or demolish the villager's home for Family Planning violations]. A large number of Family Planning Officials rushed into the village every day at seven or nine o' clock in the evening to seize people. Every villager was frightened . . .

Beginning in September of this year [2008], the Government began to implement a "Family Planning Anti-Corruption Campaign" on a large scale. In this Campaign, which seized people and pulled down houses forcibly, I saw the physical damage with my own eyes. I heard the horrors with my own ears. I felt strongly the emotional injuries from the tearful complaints of victims. All these things deeply shocked me.

Seizing people was the first step of the "Family Planning Learning Class." At mid-night or even the day time, four or five Family Planning Officials (the Family Planning Officials mentioned in this article not only include the formal Officials of Family Planning Office, Family Planning Committee and Family Planning Bureau, but also all the Officials of the District and all the hired thugs) entered a villager's house to seize people by means of knocking at the door, prying the lock or smashing the door. They may also seize whomever they meet in the street, force them into their car and execute unlawful detention, in the so-called "Family Planning Learning Class." This "Family Planning Learning Class" is actually the private prison of the Town Government.

All the relatives of the family member who was in violation of the Family Planning Policy were seized regardless of their age or health condition. Most of the people seized were elderly or middle-aged women (one woman was seized because her granddaughter was in violation of the family planning policy). To get out, they had to pay a fine of 6,000 [Yuan, approximately \$939]. They were also asked to sign the "Voluntary House Removal Application" and agree to have their house removed by the government [Note: if they violate the family planning policies]. After that the Government shall dispatch Officials to demolish the house. They would remain in detention if they had no money to pay the fine or they would not like to sign for the application. They were allowed to go out only when they were seriously sick. But they would be detained again after treatment.

I hope all the righteous people could make concerted efforts to fight for the human rights of the farmers in Putian! Please give villagers of Titing a place to resort to!

Case Seven: The Family Planning Office of Zaoshi Sub-District Office, Leiyang city, Hunan Province struck a man in the head, permanently disabling him.

When: March 7, 2008

Where: Zaoshi Sub-District Office, Leiyang City, Hunan Province

Source: Interview by the Chinese Author, posted on

<http://www.tianya.cn/publicforum/content/news/1/93996.shtml>

Xin Liu (male, 32 years old, Level Seven Permanently Disabled) [Note: in China there are different degrees of disability. Level Seven is very high.] comes from the "eighth

group” of Douling village, Daheyu Township, Leiyang city, Hunan Province. He lives in Liujia alley, Zaoshi village committee, Zaoshi Sub-District Office, Leiyang city. His wife Binglan Yang gave birth to a second child at the end of 2007.

At about eight o’ clock in the evening of March 7, 2008, Changzheng Luo (Vice Secretary of Zaoshi Sub-District Office) headed about thirty [Family Planning] Officials (most of them were local rogues) to Xin Liu’s home and urged him to open the door. Xiandong Luo, Xin’s elder sister’s husband who lived next door heard the sound and hurried out. When asked what they were coming for, the Officials answered: “We are here to collect the Social Compensation Fee for your extra child. Open the door, or else we will break in!”

On hearing that, Xing Liu (Xin’s younger brother) also got up from bed. He walked up to the door and asked them for their identification. They refused to reveal their identities and just kept threatening. Later Xing recognized that one tall man was from Zaoshi Sub-District Office, and asked: “Are you working in Zaoshi Sub-District Office?” He answered, “Yes.” So Xing opened the door.

Changzheng Luo rushed in with those Officials. He dragged Xin’s wife, Binglan Yang, and asked her to pay the fine for her extra child. Xin asked them to show their credentials and enforce the law in a civilized manner, but he was immediately met with a brutal mass brawl. At this sight, Xiandong Luo said, “No hitting!” but he was beaten as well. His face was smashed and broken by their weapon. Blood streamed down his face.

Afterwards, the man beating Xiandong Luo turned round and hit Xin’s temple with a glass bottle. Xin was stunned immediately and fell down on the ground. Blood streamed across his body. Xin’s mother (over seventy years old) laid down and held him with her arms, but they kicked her abdomen. Xin’s younger brother’s wife locked the door and intended to report to the police.

They asked her to open the door and let them leave. She refused and was slapped. Then they forced her to hand over the key.

At this sight, Xing ran out of the house and called the police. After a while six policemen from Leiyang bureau of public security arrived. Seeing that Xin was laying on the ground and bleeding, the policemen suggested rescuing him. However, Changzheng Luo commanded the policemen not to.

Then Xin’s elder brother arrived. He knelt down in front of Changzheng Luo together with his old mother, begging him to rescue Xin. Wangai Xu who was looking on in the beginning called the SOS. [This is the Chinese equivalent of 911.] Xin was carried into the ambulance by his brothers while Changzheng Luo stalked off with all the rogues.

Xin Liu and Xiandong Luo are both in hospital for treatment now. They had to pay all their own medical fees. [Since this report was written, they were released from the hospital, but Xin Liu suffers from permanent disability.]





Xin Liu who was beaten by the Family Planning Officials.

When: March 7, 2008

Where: Douling Village Daheyu Township Leiyang City Hunan Province

Source: <http://www.tianya.cn/publicforum/content/news/1/93996.shtml>

Case Eight: Family Planning Officials of Wutong Town, Yongtai County, Fuzhou City, Fujian Province forcibly abort eight and a half month twins.

When: December 13, 2007

Where: Wutong Town, Yongtai County, Fuzhou City, Fujian Province

Source: <http://bbs.fzbn.com/simple/?t601651.html> This author is a journalist who interviewed the victims.

On December 13, 2007, Mrs. Dong (34 years old) from Wutong Town, Yongtai County, Fuzhou City was pregnant with unplanned twin babies for almost nine months. She was working in Ganzhe Town, Minhou County, Fuzhou Province together with her husband. Unfortunately, her pregnancy was discovered by the local Family Planning Office. At about two o' clock in the afternoon she was taken to the local health center forcibly. Without the agreement or signature of Mrs. Dong or her family, she was held by more than ten people and injected Ethacridine Lactate at about five o' clock. The Family Planning Officials declared that they would be responsible for any death. The twin babies struggled for a long time in their mother's uterus and died in the end. Until half past nine in the evening of December 14, she was still waiting to induce the dead babies. The local government blocked the event tightly and forbade anyone from interviewing the victim. Until now her health condition is still unknown . . .

Case Nine: Jining Family Planning Department pulled down a mother's house and forced a pregnant woman to abort during the eighth month of pregnancy.

When: Winter, 2007

Where: Jining City, Rencheng County, Shangdong Province

Source: bbs.sina.com.cn

In [winter, 2007] the Family Planning Office of Ershilipu town, Rencheng County, Jining city launched a Family Planning law enforcement inspection campaign. The Family Planning Office pulled down houses and caught women with illegal pregnancies. Moreover, a woman was compelled to abort her eight-month pregnancy. Before the operation, the doctor touched the baby in her abdomen and sighed: "The bone is already hard, already a human." . . . There was no opportunity to take photos of the forced abortion because of the Officials' violent interference. Here are photos of the homes smashed by Family Planning Officials:







Photographs: Homes Smashed by Family Planning Officials.
When: Winter, 2007
Where: Ershilipu Town, Rengcheng Jining City, Shangdong Province
Source: bbs.sina.com.cn

Case Ten: Official Announcement, Forced Abortion Quotas Met.

Where: Ganzhe District, Fujian Province
When: May 31, 2007
Source: Article source: link from the official website
<http://www.minhou.gov.cn/zwgk/ShowArticle.asp?ArticleID=1911>

Since April 1 [2007], Ganzhe district has been implementing the emphasis of Family Planning work, especially the odinopoeia [induced labor forced abortion]. By May 25, the whole district has implemented 52 cases of odinopoeia (including 22 cases of floating population odinopoeia) and has accomplished the quota (40 cases of key remedial measures) passed down from the county committee and the county government more than one month ahead of time.

Original title of the article was “Ganzhe District Accomplished the Tasks of Key Remedial Measures in Family Planning Work More Than One Month Ahead of Time.”
<http://www.minhou.gov.cn/zwgk/ShowArticle.asp?ArticleID=1911>

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All the reports of all levels of Family Planning departments include this: This year xxx cases of intrauterine device, xxx cases of ligation, xxx cases of unwanted pregnancy abortion and xxx cases of odinopoeia, or it's better to say xxx cases of remedial measures. <http://www.minhou.gov.cn/zwgk/ShowArticle.asp?ArticleID=1911>

Case Eleven: Hunan Family Planning Officials forced relatives of a woman with a second child to smash her home.

When: Spring, 2007

Where: Shifeng Village, Xinhua County, Hunan Province

Source: www.moobl.com, and personal interview by the Chinese Author.

Shifeng Village in Hunan Province is a small village in the famous national scenic site "Ziqujie Terrace." The village is located in a mountainous region, so local villagers mainly live on terraced agriculture. The heavy manual work is difficult for city dwellers to imagine. The farmers don't have any Social Security. Instead, they have to rely on their children to take care of them when they are aged. In addition, sons are capable of taking the burden of the family's heavy manual work. These two factors bring trouble to the local Family Planning work. Like most Chinese villages, the local Family Planning Officials force women to take regular pregnancy checks every year. If a woman violates this regulation, the Officials pull down her house, take away her cows, rob her valuables and imprison her relatives until she is forced to come back. The Officials execute forced abortion for any illegal pregnancy. No single court of justice ever accepts any Family Planning case stating that women's legitimate rights and interests have been encroached.

Lixiang Luo (37 years old) gave birth to only one child. But she experienced a tragedy simply because she didn't take the pregnancy check in the spring of 2007. The local Family Planning department went to her family four times and destroyed her only wooden-structure house. This made her homeless.

When last year's spring Family Planning census was carried out, the Family Planning department of Xixi District, Shuiche town, Xinhua County discovered that Lixiang Luo did not participate. In addition, they got a report that she had left the village under the suspicion of an illegal pregnancy. Under these circumstances, the Family Planning workgroup went to her family four times during May and July of 2007 and compelled her relatives to smash her house for the purpose of forcing them to reveal her location. The father of Muyuan Zou [Lixiang Luo's husband] said he was compelled to smash her house three times and his heart was deeply hurt every time. According to local villagers, the Family Planning Officials failed to compel her elder sister's husband to smash her house, so they smashed it four times on their own. Every Official was asked to smash a wooden wall before leaving. They also seized her 83-year-old father-in-law and detained him for one night. They let him go after his family paid a fine of 200 [Yuan,

approximately \$32] and a deposit of 600 [Yuan, approximately \$96] for which they received no receipt.

Lixiang Luo still gave birth to a second child with firm determination on October 6, 2007. On January 16, 2008 (December 19 in the traditional Chinese calendar), her husband Muyuan Zou went back home for Chinese New Year. He was required to justify himself in the Family Planning department and was detained there until he knew that the Family Planning Officials brought his mother's gray hairs to the grave with sorrow. [Note: The mother was so upset that she died. Muyuan Zou did not know this until The Cadres brought his mother's gray hair to him while he was detained.]

On March 17, when the Chinese Author interviewed Yongzhi Guo (vice head of the town responsible for Family Planning work) and Zhongqing Li (commissioner of the Party Committee), they told him that tough measures must be taken because the villagers were poorly educated and had little awareness about abiding by the Family Planning law. These are just an example of most Family Planning Officials in rural areas. Most rural families don't have enough laborers to merely make a living. Farmers can't sustain themselves when they are aged. But the Officials never consider about farmers' basic lives. The only things these Officials care about are catering to higher authorities to keep their position or getting promoted to amass more money. These Officials try every means to achieve the so-called quota passed down from higher levels.



Lixiang Luo and her husband, Muyuan Zou, upon discovering their destroyed house.

When: May, 2007

Where: Xixi Village Shuiche Town Xinhua County

Source: www.Moobol.com



Furniture smashed by the Family Planning Officials.



Lixiang Luo's shattered home.



Lixiang Luo in her shattered home.



For giving birth to her second child, she lost her home. She now has to face the very costly Social Compensation Fee.



Lixiang Luo and her husband face an uncertain future.

Case Twelve: Family Planning Officials beat fifty-year-old father in Pizhou city.

When: October 11, 2006

Where: Beixi Village, Gangshang Town, Pizhou Xuzhou City

Source: <http://www.pzzc.net/simple/?t159438.html>

October 11, 2006 was the day of crushing despair for Shenyue Zhang's family. Because it was on this day that Shenyue Zhang was beaten to death by the Family Planning Officials.

Shenyue Zhang (fifty years old) lived in Beixi village, Gangshang town, Pizhou city, Jiangsu province. He was an honest farmer with strong body and loud voice. He was good at farm work. He had two sons. His older son got married and had a lovely son. The couple worked in another city all through the year, so all the burdens of the farming work fell on Zhang's shoulders. He was satisfied with his life, although it was bitter sometimes. However, at about ten o' clock in the morning of October 10, 2009, Family Planning Officials of Gangshang Town came to his family. They said his family was in violation of the Family Planning Policy because his son was suspected of having an extra child. They took him to the town Family Planning Office forcibly and detained him in a small room. His family members went there to send him food several times but couldn't get in. His fourth younger brother Shenhai Zhang said: "His son and daughter-in-law work in another city all the year round and they have no plan for another child. But

according to the regulation of the town government, women of childbearing age must submit to a pregnancy exam every two months. His daughter-in-law planned to submit to the exam on October 5th, but was delayed because of her job. That's one reason why they seized him. But the more important reason is that they wanted to get some money on this trumped-up charge." However, this time what he lost was not money.

An unforeseen disaster -- Beaten to death in Family Planning Office

Shenyue Zhang was seized at about ten o' clock in the morning of October 10. At about three o' clock in the afternoon of the next day, Shenchang Zhang (head of village public security) and Shenyue Zhang (one of the village group leaders) came to his family and told his fourth younger brother Shenhai Zhang: "He was injured in the Family Planning Office. (Actually, he had died.) Secretary Zhang and Secretary Kong of the Gangshang Town Party Committee invite you there for a conversation."

Shenhai went to the town government with them and knew that his brother had died at midnight. Secretary Zhang said: "The dead can't revive. Your brother's body has been sent to Pizhou city. Go back home and talk with your family. The government will take your needs into consideration." Shenhai and his family went to the town government several times, asking to have a look at his brother's body, but were all stopped outside. Until now he still doesn't know where his brother's body is.

The whole family hated what the Family Planning Office had done. The government put off their solicitations again and again. Shenhai felt that the government seemed to be intentionally hiding and postponing. So his family sat quietly in front of the government office building to protest and ask them to deal with his brother's death promptly. But the government stopped using the office building and kept the door locked. The government officials were nowhere to be found. There was nobody in the Family Planning Office.

Shenhai Zhang was heart-broken about his brother's death. He said, "According to the local custom, I will hold a memorial ceremony for my brother who was persecuted to death. I have no choice but to set up the mourning hall in front of the government and burn joss sticks as well as paper money to comfort my brother. I don't need any compensation. I will do whatever I can to punish the murderer, even if I have to report to Beijing!" Tears ran out of his eyes as he spoke, because in his heart his elder brother is as respectable as his father.

According to Wei, Town Party Committee Commissary in charge of publicity, Shenyue Zhang was taken to the Family Planning Office to clarify himself. He was put up for the night because there were too many things to ask him. But he hanged himself at mid-night.

The case has been escalated to the City People's Procuratorate for further investigation. The result will be published soon. In a statement, Shenyue Zhang's fourth younger brother said: "Is there any exception that the town Family Planning Office didn't seize people forcibly at all? You beat people for no reason every time. Two years ago one villager was beaten to death by you, isn't that true? You didn't bear any legal liability,

but only paid 7,000 [Yuan, or approximately \$1097] for his death and that's it. This time, why didn't you preserve the crime scene? Instead, you destroyed the evidence. Why didn't you allow us to have a look at my brother's body?" Immediately he [the Family Planning Officer] was struck dumb.

Shenhai Zhang asked three times: "Was my elder brother in violation of the Family Planning policy?" But he [the Family Planning Officer, Wei] kept silent. He could not give an answer. The two sides all stuck to their own positions. At this moment, it was no longer a government that helped the people deal with actual problems. The two sides were just like two groups of different interests. Who knows, while they were fighting, the dead was laying in the deep freezer of the funeral home, unable to be laid to rest!

The power of the Family Planning Office has changed into a money tree.

What's the reason that the town Family Planning officials would rather take the risk of killing and bearing legal liability? Probably Shenhai Zhang's words illuminate us. He said: "Family Planning is a fundamental national policy. But why have many young couples escaped punishment even if they are in violation of the law? The reason is money. No one will care if you pay 4,000 [Yuan, approximately \$626 first and another 28,000 [Yuan, approximately \$4388] after the childbirth. In the villages the richest people are not the village heads, but the Family Planning Officials."

"If you give birth to an extra child without giving money, the Family Planning Officials will seize, beat and starve your parents and parents-in-law. You will surely try every means to pay to set your family free." On this evidence, not only does the Family Planning work of Gangshang town meet the objectives, but also far exceeds them. They make use of the Family Planning Policy and take illegal measures to make money for themselves and turn the Family Planning Office into a money tree!

Case Thirteen: Forced Contraception: The Family Planning Office seized a virgin and forcibly inserted an IUD, beating and injuring her boyfriend's mother

When: April 22, 2004

Where: Chen Village Liulou Town Wenshang County Shangdong Province

Source: China Youth Daily Newspaper/ www.cyol.net; Journalist Wanyong Liu

There was still more than half a month before the Chinese New Year, but Chen Village, Liulou Township, Wenshang county, Shandong province had been bathed in a festive atmosphere: there were stalls selling fireworks all over the village. People were busy with Spring Festival shopping for the New Year.

But Qiuli Huo was not in the mood for the spring festival at all. "I would rather die than live like this!" she said when we met.

She was a "celebrity" in Wenshang county and even surrounding counties. If you mention her to anyone in the county, the answer would always be "Are you talking about

the virgin who was forced to take intrauterine device?" This event was adapted into a Chinese allegory in Wenshang county and was widespread: "Virgin, have you taken the intrauterine device?"

She is living in three empty brick rooms. Apart from a small stove and several chairs that remained from her closed small restaurant that lost money, there was nothing in the room. She couldn't even afford to make fire with coals. It was close to noontime and the sunshine was sufficient outside. She said with embarrassment: "Let's go to the courtyard. It's warmer than here!"

She is twenty-five years old this year, healthy and strong. But she has never gone back home since she came to her boyfriend's home nine months ago, because she "brought humiliation to her parents and felt too shamed to go back home."

Strictly speaking, the place in which she is living is not her home, because she hasn't gotten married to her boyfriend Jianchao Chen.

Two years ago, Jianchao Chen divorced his former wife. His son (thirteen years old) was adjudged to him. Later Qiuli fell in love with him.

On April 16, 2004, she called on him from her hometown. Unfortunately, he was working in Henan province then. It was quite far away from his home to her hometown, so she decided to stay one night at his home and leave the next day. She could also help his mother spray insecticide.

At about 5 o'clock in the afternoon of the next day, a red van stopped on the road side when she was dispensing pesticide. A woman and several men jumped off the van. The woman asked Jianchao's mother: "Do you know Jianchao Chen?" She nodded: "He is my son."

"That's her!" The woman pointed at Qiuli and shouted. The men pushed her into the van.

"I didn't know what happened at all! They didn't show any identification." When she remembered the abrupt occurrence, her arms trembled involuntarily.

"I must have met with human traffickers," she thought at that time. Jianchao's mother tried to stop them but was shoved to the ground. A local woman, Guihua Xian, who was hoeing up weeds, witnessed everything: "The old lady tried to stop them but was pushed over several times and was stunned then."

"You mustn't beat her!" Qiuli Huo shouted.

"Shut up! Or else we'll beat you!" They slapped her in the face.

Finally the van stopped in a courtyard. Later she knew it was the township Family Planning Office. The woman who caught her was director of the Family Planning Office. The woman who interrogated her was Vice-Secretary of the Township Party Committee.

They asked her to sit on the floor of an office on the second floor and unbend her legs.

“Which article of the law did I violate? Why did you seize me?” She asked.

“Don’t you know what you’ve done?” Yanxiang Zheng asked in reply, “Jiaochao Chen is ugly and poor. You could find a boyfriend anywhere. Why did you come here from several hundred miles away?”

“We are in free love. Which article of the law did we violate?” She explained.

“How dare you talk back!” Before the voice had died away, a man slapped her in the face. Blood flowed from the corner of her mouth immediately.

“Check if she is pregnant.” She was taken to the first floor of the Family Planning Office after Yanxiang Zheng gave the command. She did not want to do the check, so the doctor tried to persuade her: “It is just a type-B ultrasonic check to see if there’s anything wrong with your health.”

After the check, she was taken back to the second floor. Someone reported to Yanxiang Zheng: “She is not pregnant!”

“Check if she has given birth to a child before!” She was taken to the first floor again to check. The result was “unable to see that from the check.”

“Put an intrauterine device in her!” But the intrauterine device is used only for married women.

“It’s illegal of you to do so!” Although she was quite scared, she still called up her courage to say that.

“It’s not up to you here!” Yanxiang Zheng said.

Several doctors held her on the operation table and put an intrauterine device in the uterus of this 24-year-old, unmarried woman.

“Write down that she has given birth to a child before!” Yanxiang Zheng said.

But her nightmare has not ended until this day.

After the operation she was taken to a small room in the west side of the Family Planning Office. The room was more than 10 square metres, but there was not space even to stand.

A dog ran back and forth in the room. Dog piles were all over and made the room quite smelly. The Family Planning Officials left her there and locked the door.

Obviously she was not the first person to be detained there. There was already a woman in the room when she entered. About one hour later the woman was picked up by a man. He said: "I gave 1,000 [approximately \$157] to them to set you free!"

At that time Jianchao's family was also collecting money. After she was seized, the Family Planning gave explicit reply: "Pay 4,000 [approximately \$628] to let her go." At about nine o'clock in the evening, the Family Planning officials sent her a bed which could make the whole person go down. [Note: this likely refers to a corn straw mat.] Jiaochao's elder sister sent her a quilt. She wrapped the quilt around her and sat on the floor the whole night.

In the early morning of the 18th, Jianchao ran down to his hometown from Henan. He met Qiuli in the small room where she was detained. She cried out: "I haven't got married, but with the device, how could I meet with my parents!" He said with indignation: "I will ask for justice for you!"

During the detention she passed a day as if it were a year. They regulated that she must finish her meals within five minutes. They didn't allow her to go out of the room, so she had to use the room as a toilet.

Three more women were detained in the room on April 21st. One of them had an intrauterine device inserted simply because she didn't take the pregnancy check for one month.

Jiaochao was having a difficult time too. His mother was diagnosed with a cerebral concussion [from the blow to the head from the Family Planning Officials]. He tried to set Qiuli free but failed.

In the beginning he was bewildered and overwhelmed about why the Family Planning Office decided that he had unlawful cohabitation with Qiuli when he was working in Henan. But in the end he learned the dirty trick from a knowledgeable person: as regulated by the township government, the amount of 2,000 [Yuan, approximately \$314] is rewarded to anyone who reports a woman who didn't have the pregnancy check. The reward is [paid] right from the fine.

Later through a private relationship, Jianchao agreed to pay 2,000 Yuan to set Qiuli free. But he did not have that much money. Without any other choice, he had to resort to the city People's Court.

On April 22nd, a virtuous person struck the table and rose to his feet after hearing the story in Jining City People's Procuratorate: "This is in severe violation of the law! Who granted the Family Planning Office the right to seize her, since she wasn't in violation of the law?"

In the same day, officials of Jining City People's Procuratorate and Officials of Wenshang Town People's Procuratorate came to Liulou Township together. Qiuli was rescued at about eight o' clock in the evening. Her freedom had been restrained for 120 hours at that time.

Compared with the humiliation brought by the intrauterine device, the 120 hours' loss of freedom was nothing to her.

"It's a life time of humiliation. I can never wash the stain out. It's more horrible than a death sentence." After she went back to Jiaochao's family, all she wanted to do was to commit suicide. Her parents became seriously ill out of anxiety and anger after they became aware of that.

"I'm too ashamed to go back home. I'll go back after I settle it." But she has been living in Jiaochao's family with the intrauterine device that brought her "life-long humiliation" since April 22, 2004. She has nowhere else to go. Jianchao tries not to let her go out and avoids mentioning any conversation about her.

Through persistent appeal, Wenshang Town People's Procuratorate instituted a public prosecution on August 27th, 2004 against Yanxiang Zheng (vice secretary of Liulou township party committee), Shuxia Zhao (director of Liulou township Family Planning Office) and Weidong Xu (vice director of Liulou township Family Planning Office) who were suspected of executing illegal detention.

But the indictment didn't mention Qiuli, who was the victim of a forcibly inserted intrauterine device, or Jianchao's mother who was beaten.

The Wenshang People's court entered a judgment on October 26, 2004: Yanxiang Zheng, Shuxia Zhao and Weidong Xu were found guilty of illegal detention. The judgment stated: "As government employees, the three defendants took advantage of their position and power to commit illegal detention and should be given heavier punishments. But given that they confessed their crimes voluntarily and the circumstances of their crimes are minor, no heavy sentence is necessary."

Chief Judge Lin Zhang explained the "voluntary confession of crimes" of the three defendants in this way: "They were always on time when undertaking recognizance upon bail. Standing trial and admitting the crimes are all their behaviors to show their repentance."

Since then Qiuli only focuses on legal programs on TV. Now she's familiar with legal jargon: "They've just orally admitted their crimes, but haven't objectively admitted." She especially agrees with lawyer Song's words: "I can't see any circumstance that exempts them from criminal punishment."

Wenshang Town People's Procuratorate didn't protest against the court judgments after the court decision was made. According to the Procuratorate, only for very heavy sentences do they protest. This case is too minor to do so. So Qiuli had to appeal to higher court on her own.

On January 19, Qiuli went to Liulou Township Family Planning Office again. She was expecting them to wash away her humiliation. But no official involved in the case was present. No one paid attention to her intrauterine device.

According to one insider, Yanxiang Zheng has been transferred to the County Party Committee. Shuxia Zhao and Weidong Xu have been transferred as Liulou Township Women Section Officer and Vice Women Section Officer in another township (promoted). This is nothing new in China. "Officials shielding one another" is a "Chinese characteristic." But Qiuli was still happy after she heard that: "This is also a blow to them. They can impose a fine in Family Planning Office at will, but they cannot get such ill gain in the Women's Section."

When the journalist phoned Yanxiang Zheng, she said: "I have lost my job and have been punished. What do you want me to do?" She got off the phone quickly.

Sen Lin (vice head of Liulou township mainly responsible for Family Planning work) said: "I was transferred here on August, 2004. So I know nothing about Qiuli and I have no comment to make."

But Qiuli insisted that the Family Planning Office of Liulou Township should "take out my intrauterine device and clear my stains."

For this, a responsible person of Wenshang town Party Committee said disapprovingly: "If she wants to take out the intrauterine device, just find a small clinic and do it."

For the justice of his fiancée, Jianchao has stopped working and sold all the foodstuffs of his family.

"If they don't clear my fiancée's stains, we won't get married and I will keep pursuing the lawsuit!" He said as he shook his fist.

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Comments by Editor of the China Youth Daily, Shuguo Li:
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Nowadays problems regarding China's agriculture, rural areas and farmers are very serious. One reason for that is the problem caused by the overstaffing of officials in all levels of governments, and the most redundant are Family Planning Officials. The more officials the government keeps, the heavier burden farmers bear on their shoulders. When

Family Planning is enforced, conflicts are caused which further increase the tension between the common people and the officials and affect social stability.

Family Planning is the hotbed of corruption in rural areas. In recent years, the Family Planning work was strict sometimes and lax sometimes. This provides conditions for the rural officials to levy evil gains. When the Family Planning work was strict, pregnant women needed to pay more money and give extra to the officials. When it was lax, the officials temporarily allowed women to give childbirth at will, which made preparation for further fine. They collected a large amount of money in this way.

The Family Planning work intensified social conflicts. In rural areas, the “implication” in Family Planning has become an inarguable truth. At least five or six families are “implicated” by a couple with extra child, including their parents as well as brothers and sisters. Farmers felt resentful anger because the Social Compensation Fee levied was beyond the farmers’ ability to pay.

Probably someone would like to say: “There is no need to pay the Social Compensation Fee as long as farmers don’t have an extra child.” However, even if they don’t give birth to an extra child, the Family Planning is still a heavy burden for farmers. Let’s have a look at the report in the “Rural Daily” on August 25th [2005]. “Regarding female farmers who work in another city. Nowadays, most of the farmers working outside are young men and unmarried young women. The restrictions of the Family Planning make it difficult for married women to work outside. According to the regulations, married women must send a Certificate of Pregnancy Check to the village every two months. Their family is likely to be fined if the Certificate is not sent within 20 days. As revealed by more than 20 women interviewed, they have to go to several places to take the Pregnancy Check and sometimes it takes more than ten working days. Every year they have to go back home for a complete inspection and most of their earnings are spent on it. If they don’t come back, their deposit of 1,000 [Yuan, approximately \$157] in the Family Planning Office would be taken.”

The Social Compensation Fee is becoming an increasingly important source of income for the grass-roots-level governments and Family Planning is becoming an increasingly heavy burden on farmers’s shoulders

Some places regulate that a pregnancy check (in the place of registered permanent residence) must be taken every three months and the travelling expenses must be paid on your own. If not, the Family Planning Officials shall pull down the house and detain the relatives. During the detention, everyone must pay a lot of money every day. These behaviors are completely illegal, but are not a rare occurrence . . .

Coercive Family Planning by means of violence and threats in the recent twenty years is a national tragedy. The coercive Family Planning policy is the most severe strategic fault that shakes the country book [traditional code of ethics] of modern China.

In recent years, many experts, scholars and officers with conscience and social responsibility spring up at home and abroad. They advocate ceasing and reforming the coercive Family Planning policy to save the Chinese people and build a “harmonious society.”

They are Fuxian Yi, Yi Zeng, Zhenghua Jiang, Fang Wei, Yafu He, Dajun Zhong, Xinhai Wang, Xueyi Lu, Jinrong Huang, Angang Hu, Liping Sun, Zhigang Guo, Yifu Lin, Fang Cai, Jianxin Li, Yi Zhang, Xiaochun Qiao, Guangzhou Wang, Xuejun Yu, Yingtong Ma, Guangzong Mu, Changping Li, Jinqing Cao..... The name list is too long to enumerate.

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[What follows is a statement provided by the Chinese national who leaked the document from which these cases were taken. The Author has requested anonymity for security reasons, but has nevertheless provided the following.]

Sex: Male

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Personal Statement:

I am from a city by the sea in Liaoning Province. I am 33 years old. I am not highly educated, but have earned an associate-level degree from a Chinese junior college. I majored in construction budget management, and I currently work in that field.

I hereby swear [in my soul] that all the facts of the cases in this report are true. Those cases are from many sources. Please trust me. I do not do this for personal gain. All I want to do is to urge the power of justice to stop the massacre of the most innocent life in the world.

My actions have also been motivated by a deep personal loss. Because of my lack of caution, my wife became pregnant for a second time. My second child was forcibly aborted because of the Population and Family Planning Policy. I truly underestimated the cruelty of this policy. But, as the father of the child, I did not fulfill my responsibility. I was unable to protect him. Maybe if I had not created him, he and his mother would not have suffered so much. Every day, I confess my guilt and pain for this little life. I will regret this for my whole life. I pray he will be taken care of by our God in heaven. After I die, I will surely look for him and compensate all the love I owe him.