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WOIPFG Investigation Announcement on the CCP Officials' Involvement in the Interference and Damage of The Epoch Times Hong Kong Branch

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The World Organization to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong (WOIPFG) has recently been informed that the printing firm that prints newspapers for the Epoch Times Hong Kong Branch will no longer print for it, due to threats from the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). A brief investigation indicates that this was instigated by higher levels of the CCP. The Ministry of the Public Security is directly involved, and caused the interference and damage through its spies in Hong Kong. WOIPFG has filed the case and started to investigate those responsible.

The Epoch Times is one of the very few Chinese independent media sources outside China that is not controlled or influenced by the CCP, and is reputable for its upholding justice, truth and courage. It has given deep and comprehensive reports on the persecution of Falun Gong, SARS, Hong Kong Article 23, Taiwan issues, mainland Chinese people's civil rights movement, religious persecution, China's financial crisis and many other issues; it exposed the CCP's deceptions, broke through the CCP's information blockage, and helped many people both inside and outside China to know the truth and facts. In particular, after the publication of the "Nine Commentaries," the great wave of withdrawal from the CCP in China made the CCP extremely fearful, so it further intensified its interference and pressures upon The Epoch Times. Because of Hong Kong's special position, the interference and damage caused by the CCP to the Epoch Times Hong Kong Branch is more severe.

The investigation has shown that the CCP's damage and pressure on the Epoch Times and other independent media sources has been going for long time and is systematic. It was very carefully plotted. As early as late October 2004, under the direction of Liu Jing, the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Public Security of China, also the director of the "610 Office" of CCP Central Committee, the 26th Bureau of the CCP (a bureau specially established for the purpose of persecution of Falun Gong) held a meeting in Shenzhen City, in which the chiefs of the "610 Office" of the Public Security Bureau of nine provinces or cities participated, including Beijing, Tianjin, Shanghai, Shandong, Guangdong, Jiangsu, Shaanxi, Hunan and Anhui. They secretly plotted and planned the project of interference and damage to the Epoch Times, NTDTV and Sound of Hope Radio, and dedicated a lot of manpower, material and financial resources to the project.

The evidence shows that the Epoch Times newspaper in Hong Kong is the main target of the CCP's interference and damage. In order to achieve its goal, the Minister of Public Security has sent a lot of spies to Hong Kong. They bought off and threatened people with base and indelicate means, and attempted to get inside the Epoch Times, collect information, cause conflicts, and reduce the influence of the Epoch Times. The recent forcing the printing firm to stop printing newspapers for the Epoch Times was also done by the CCP's spies, and is another one of the CCP's crimes of attempting to block the voices of the righteous.

WOIPFG will continue to investigate this incident and find out who plotted it behind the scenes, and determine the legal responsibilities of those involved. WOIPFG also solemnly reminds those spies who are still driven by CCP, stop all the interference and damaging activities, contact us at an appropriate time, and report the crimes of the CCP. Those who continue to commit crimes must be severely punished!

The officials who have been involved in the plotting and implementation of the interference and damage of the Epoch Times and other media:

Liu Jing: Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Public Security, the direct responsible person of the "610 Office" of CCP central committee ;

Zhang Yue: Chief of the 26th Bureau of the Ministry of Public Security, who had led and plotted the interference and damage of the Epoch Times;

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Chen Bin: Deputy Chief of the 26th Bureau of the Ministry of Public Security, who had plotted the strategy to damage the Epoch Times

Zhang Xianlin: Chief of the "610 Office" of Beijing Public Security Bureau;

Zhao Yuezeng: Chief of the "610 Office" of Tianjin City Public Security Bureau, who has trained those backbones to be sent to Hong Kong as spies;

Li Genlin: Chief of the "610 Office" of Shanghai City Public Security Bureau;

Chu Chenglin: Chief of the "610 Office" of Jiangsu Province Public Security Bureau;

Yang Bingyan: Chief of the "610 Office" of Hunan Province Public Security Bureau;

Zhang Zhiming: Chief of the "610 Office" of Anhui Province Public Security Bureau;

Pan Zhanxin: Chief of the "610 Office" of Guangdong Province Public Security Bureau;

Dong Zongfang: Chief of the "610 Office" of Shandong Province Public Security Bureau;

Wang Zhimou: Chief of the "610 Office" of Shaanxi Province Public Security Bureau.