

The Church of Almighty God Persecution in China Refugee Problems Abroad

Stories from China - Statistics from Abroad

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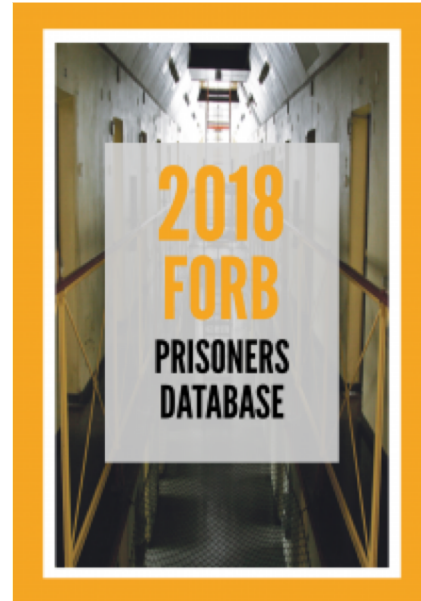
Database of religious prisoners 25 countries - Over 2200 documented cases



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Over 400 documented individual cases in 2018

Database under construction: hrwf.eu



Church of Almighty God Prisoners Database

▶ Prison term: 14 years

▶ **HE Zhexun**

▶ **Date of birth:** On 18th September 1963

▶ **Date of arrest:** On 11th March 2009, in Xuchang City, Henan Province

▶ **Charges:** Using a Xie Jiao organization to undermine law enforcement and disturbing social order because he was an upper-level leader of The Church of Almighty God in mainland China and was responsible for the overall work of the church.

▶ **Statement of the defendant:** He disagreed with the decision and said what he believed in is not a Xie Jiao.

▶ **Court decision:** In February 2010, he was sentenced to fourteen years of reeducation through labor.

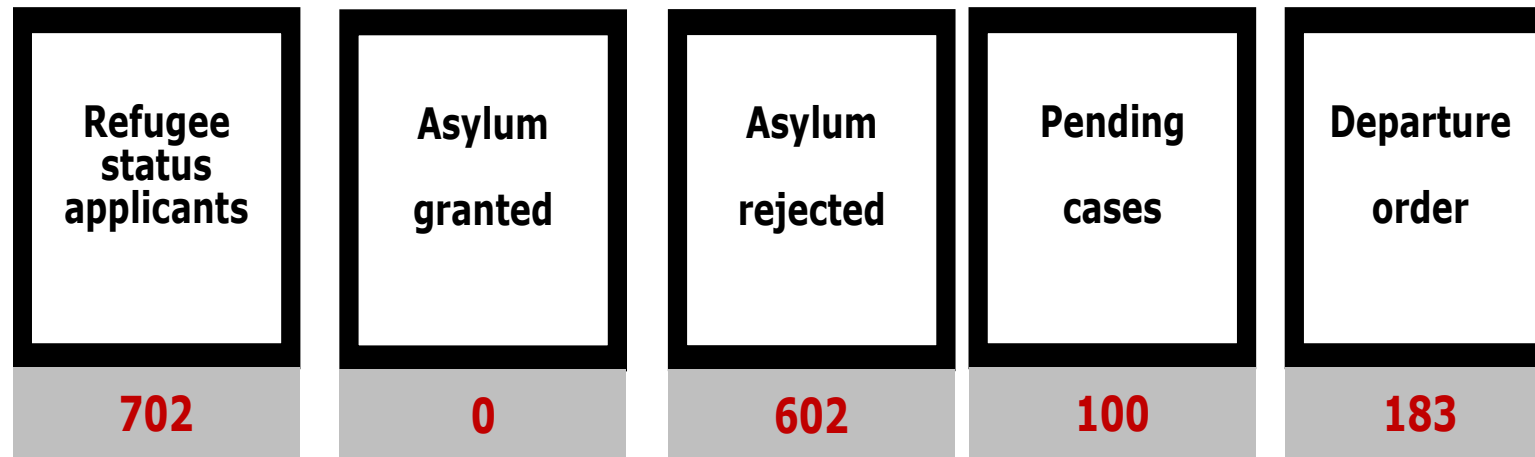
▶ **Other information:** He was arrested alongside five other people including Xin Ge, Zou Yuxiong, Song Xinling and Gao Qinlin, who were sentenced to twelve years, eleven years, eleven years and six months and twelve years of reeducation through labor respectively.

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- ▶ 1991 - 2017: innumerable number of victims of repression in China
- ▶ Arrests
- ▶ Torture
- ▶ Suspicious deaths in prisons
- ▶ Fake news demonizing the Church
- ▶ Some cases of persecution and torture
 - ▶ Couple arrested, drugged and tortured during their detention
 - ▶ Deprogramming attempt under torture

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Denial of asylum in South Korea



South Korea: Under threat of deportation back to China

- ▶ Of the 183 individuals under threat of deportation back to China,
 - 19 were previously arrested or sentenced in China, and upon their return, have been targeted by Chinese authorities; 10 of them have been investigated and remain wanted by the CCP;
 - 46 have been targeted by the CCP due to previous arrests by relatives;
 - 64 have been targeted due to their open activities related to their church while they were in South Korea.

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Denial of asylum in Europe

European Countries	Total Applications	Asylum Granted	Asylum Rejected	Departure Order	Deported	Left On Own Will
France	442	6	335	158		
Switzerland	33	1	26	23	3	5
Netherlands	38	13	25	19		
Belgium	12	0	11	11		
Sweden	9	6	2	2		1
Italy	684	27	200			
Germany	282	35	238	1	1	
Spain	216	pending	pending			
Greece	48	3	8			
Czech Rep.	42	3	39			
Finland	39	pending	pending			
Portugal	9	0	4			
Austria	8	2	4			
UK	1	0	1			

Developing trends in treatment

- ▶ Church of Almighty God members are arrested in vast numbers
- ▶ Their charges, if any are even announced, are usually along the lines of 'endangering social stability' or 'subverting the government'
- ▶ Those detained may be subject to extreme forms of torture, including:
 - ▶ Forced drugging
 - ▶ Violent interrogations regarding the Church and/or other members of the church
 - ▶ Severe beatings
 - ▶ Forced confessions
 - ▶ Sleep deprivation
 - ▶ The use of 'torture racks' in which the individual has to sit on a sharp surface
 - ▶ Brainwashing programs
- ▶ Forced renouncement of faith
- ▶ No internal investigation regarding allegations of torture against officers

Extradition to China?

- ▶ Extraditing members of the Church of Almighty God
- ▶ from South Korea or EU member states
- ▶ back to China
- ▶ would mean
- ▶ to hand them over to their persecutors



▶ **For more information**

▶ <http://hrwf.eu>

- ▶ Database: Prisoners of the Church of Almighty God in China
 - ▶ <http://hrwf.eu>
- ▶ Database: Prisoners of conscience of all denominations in China
 - ▶ <http://hrwf.eu/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/China-FBL-2018.pdf>
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