



RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS

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Feng Jianmei and her baby forcibly aborted in China

This story and photo caused outrage in China. How much outrage is being expressed in Australia over the level to which we have sunk in relation to abortion. Babies aborted up till birth. Some aborted and left to die! - see back page.

Margaret Tighe



Hon Ann Bressington
Independent MLC

Baby Safe Haven Law passed in S.A. Meet Ann Bressington

The Hon. Ann Bressington's Baby Safe Haven law passed in the upper House of South Australia's Parliament on 27th June 2012. It is called "The Children's Protection (Lawful surrender of Newborn Child) Amendment Bill." Those who spoke supporting the bill were Hon. Denis Wood, the Hon Terry Stephens and the Hon. Kelly Vincent.

The Hon Terry Stephens said, *'This will give somebody the option of safely looking after a newborn child, who sadly, was found, I think in a dumpster near the Tafe building in Adelaide. That one circumstance alone, helped me, in my conscience, pursue this issue.'*

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DEATH IN THE DELIVERY ROOM

The Testimony of Jill Stanek, R.N.

I had been working for a year at Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn, Illinois, as a registered nurse in the Labor and Delivery Department, when I heard a report that we were aborting a second-trimester baby with Down's syndrome. I was completely shocked.

But what became most distressing was to learn of the method Christ Hospital uses to abort, called induced labor abortion, now also known as "live birth abortion." For this particular abortion procedure doctors do not attempt to kill the baby in the uterus. The goal is simply to prematurely deliver a baby who dies during the birth process or soon afterward.

To commit induced labor abortion, a doctor or resident inserts a medication into the mother's birth canal close to the cervix. The cervix is the opening at the bottom of the uterus that normally stays closed until a mother is about 40 weeks pregnant and ready to deliver. This medication irritates the cervix and stimulates it to open early. When this occurs, the small second or third trimester pre-term, fully formed baby falls out of the uterus, sometimes alive. By law, if an aborted baby is born alive, both birth and death certificates must be issued. Ironically, at Christ Hospital the cause of death often listed for live aborted babies is "extreme prematurity," an acknowledgement by doctors that they have caused this death.

It is not uncommon for a live aborted baby to linger for an hour or two or even longer. At Christ Hospital one of these babies lived for almost an entire eight-hour shift. Some of the babies aborted are healthy, because Christ Hospital will also abort for life or "health" of the mother, and also for rape or incest.

In the event that an aborted baby is born alive, she or he receives "comfort care," defined as keeping the baby warm in a blanket until she dies. Parents may hold the baby if they wish. If the parents do not want to hold their dying aborted baby, a staff member cares for the baby until she dies. If staff does not have the time or desire to hold the baby, she is taken to Christ Hospital's new Comfort Room, which is complete with a First Foto machine if parents want professional pictures of their aborted baby, baptismal supplies, gowns and certificates, foot printing equipment and baby bracelets for mementos, and a rocking chair. Before the Comfort Room was established, babies were taken to the Soiled Utility Room to die.

One night, a nursing co-worker was taking a Down's syndrome baby who was aborted alive to our Soiled Utility Room because his parents did not want to hold him, and she did not have time to hold him. I could not bear the thought of this suffering child dying alone in a Soiled Utility Room, so I cradled and rocked him for the 45 minutes that he lived. He was between 21 and 22 weeks old, weighed about a pound, and was about 10 inches long. He was too weak to move very much, expending any energy he had trying to breathe. Toward the end he was so quiet that I could not tell if he was still alive. I held him up to the light to see through his chest wall, whether his heart was still beating. After he was pronounced dead, we folded his little arms across his chest, wrapped him in a tiny shroud, and carried him to the hospital morgue where all of our dead patients are taken.

After I held that baby, the weight of what I knew became too much for me to bear. I had two choices. One choice was to leave the hospital and go work at a hospital that didn't commit abortions. The other was to attempt to change Christ Hospital's abortion practice. Sure, I might be more comfortable if I left the hospital, but babies would continue to die.

Another nurse from Christ Hospital also testified with me in Washington. Allison described walking into the Soiled Utility Room on two separate occasions to find live aborted babies left naked on a scale and the metal counter. I testified about a staff worker who accidentally threw a live aborted baby in the garbage. The baby had been left on the counter of the Soiled Utility Room wrapped in a disposable towel. When my co-worker realised what she had done, she started going through the trash to find the baby, and the baby fell out of the towel and onto the floor.

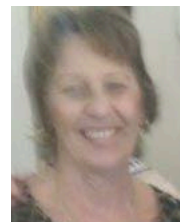
Other hospitals have now admitted that they commit live birth abortion. It apparently is not a rare form of abortion. But Christ Hospital was the first hospital in the United States to be publicly exposed for committing this form of abortion.

On August 31, 2001, after a two-and-a-half year battle with the hospital, I was fired. I then freely and openly discussed the horrors I have seen with my own eyes. Less than

a year later, President George W Bush signed into law the "Born-Alive Infants Protection Act", which establishes that a baby who is "completely expelled or extracted" alive from his or her mother at any stage of gestation, and whether viable or not, is a person worthy of protection. It was a high honor for me to be present at the signing of the bill.

But the battle does not stop there, because this practice must still be exposed, and the laws enforced. I can personally testify to the fact that One + God = the majority. Each one of us has a voice that we must use to stop the atrocity of abortion.

Anne O'Dwyer - Pregnancy Counselling Australia counsellor



Ann O'Dwyer

Anne O'Dwyer spoke about her group of people who witness outside the Croydon Day Surgery. Members of staff from the medical centre next door as well as from the abortion facility try to stop them from talking to the pregnant women, even though they stop and talk of their own free will. The abortionist Mark Schulberg has abused them verbally but their policy is to refrain from responding.

One woman was pregnant to a married man. Before he found out about the pregnancy he kept promising to leave his wife, but was now insisting on an abortion. She delayed the decision hoping he would change his mind, but he became more insistent. After many hours of counselling she continued her pregnancy and has now broken free of his power over her. She said, "I feel sick in the stomach when I think of what might have happened that day in Croydon. I can't imagine life without my beautiful baby boy."

British Columbia's Supreme Court's pro-death-decision (Canada)

A Right to Life member who recently visited Canada has sent us a copy of the Globe and Mail [June 16, 2012] which carries the news of the British Columbia's recent Supreme Court decision giving the green light to Physician Assisted Suicide to a 64 year old woman who suffers from Lou Gehrig's disease.

British Columbia's Supreme Court on Friday declared unconstitutional Criminal Code provisions that prohibit doctors from helping their patients commit suicide. In the landmark decision, Madam Justice Lynn Smith said the provisions discriminate against people who are too ill to take their lives.

Judge Smith gave Parliament a year "to take whatever steps it sees fit to draft and consider legislation." Her ruling is suspended until then. However, she granted plaintiff Gloria Taylor a constitutional exemption that permits her to proceed with physician-assisted death during that period under specified conditions.

Spectre of Euthanasia



Well known professor Dr Margaret Somerville ex pat Australian, who is director of the Centre for Medicine, Ethics and Law at McGill University Canada and who is an outspoken opponent of legalised patient killing, was quoted thus –

“Striking down, as unconstitutional the Criminal Code provision prohibiting assisted suicide, as the Taylor case does, in effect legalizing physician assisted suicide, is a very bad idea and a step backward for Canada and Canadian values, ethics and law. Not least because it will inevitably, lead to legalising euthanasia.

Legalising assisted suicide or euthanasia raises issues, not only, at the level of individuals like Ms Taylor who wants access to assisted suicide-the micro level – but also at the meso or institutional level – impact on health-care professions and hospitals; and at the macro or societal level – impact on some of our most important shared values that provide the glue that binds us as society.

Taking all this into account, the assisted suicide/euthanasia debate comes down to a conflict between the value of respect for human life, on the one hand, and individuals’ rights to autonomy and self-determination – the values of “choice” – on the other.

People who are anti-assisted- suicide/euthanasia give priority to respect for human life. That requires respect for each individual human life, and respect for human life in general. Even if we were to accept (which I do not) that helping a competent, consenting adult to die does not contravene respect for individual human life, it still contravenes respect for human life in general. Legalising assisted suicide/euthanasia means crossing the line that we must not intentionally kill each other, the only exceptions being where that is the only reasonable way to protect human life, as in self-defence.

People who support legalizing assisted suicide/euthanasia simply assume that individual autonomy is the value that takes priority. But research shows that the most likely reasons people want assisted suicide/euthanasia are fear of being abandoned – dying alone and unloved – and of being a burden on others. Surely our response to such fears shouldn’t be to help them to kill themselves or to give them a lethal injection.

Strong arguments against legalising assisted suicide/euthanasia at the individual level include a valid concern about their abusive use, especially in relation to old people, and particularly when paired with increasing disquiet about health-care costs. Two relatively recent Environics polls showed Canadians are very concerned about elder/abuse if assisted suicide/euthanasia is legalised and that elderly persons could be pressured to accept euthanasia to reduce health-care costs.

I suggest that if we ask ourselves a series of questions about

legalising assisted suicide/euthanasia, many of us will conclude that it’s a very bad idea.

Why are we debating assisted suicide/euthanasia now when there is so much more we can do to relieve pain than was possible in the past? Would legalizing assisted suicide/euthanasia harm medicine and society? The answer is a clear yes. In a secular society, medicine and law are the principal institutions that carry the value of respect for life. They could no longer do so in an unambiguous way.

If we legalised assisted suicide/euthanasia would it become the norm? Abortion gives a clue in this regard. How do we want our great-great-grandchildren to die? This is probably the most important question of all.

So what do dying people need to make death bearable?

Researchers are helping us to gain knowledge in that regard. It includes having access to good palliative care, including fully adequate pain management. But it also includes matters such as helping dying people to feel that they are respected, that they still have something to give to the rest of us, and that even when we are dying we can have a sense of hope and avoid the slough of despair.”

Assisted Suicide fails narrowly In S.A.

Bob Such’s assisted suicide bill was unexpectedly presented to the South Australian Lower House on 14 June 2012. It was defeated 22/20. There is no room for complacency because he said that he intended to “re-jig” his assisted suicide proposal and try again. Unfortunately the bill was backed by Premier Jay Weatherill.

Dr. Peter Saunders from London reports that the Australian campaigner Philip Nitschke said at the annual conference of right to die societies in Zurich earlier this year that the euthanasia movement had split into two opposing camps. Dr. Nitschke’s view is that ‘any rational adult (over a certain age) can peacefully and reliably end their life themselves at a time of their choosing.’ Others such as Lord Falconer suggest euthanasia with safeguards but admit that no such system could ever be completely watertight. Dr. Saunders says, “Quite! Which is exactly why we should not be going down this road at all.”



Photo from Dr Peter Saunders, www.lifenews.com/2012/07/20/pro-euthanasia-movement-splitting-into-two-warring-factions/



Seen at RTL Conference and with Jill Stanek on Tour



Teresa Martin of Brisbane and Katrina Haller



Carolyn Mongan, Dr Kath Woolf and Julie James of Canberra and Sydney



Babette Francis, Mike Sullivan of NZ, Mary Collier



Irma Morzone (who hosted Mary Collier in Cairns)

Perth

The University of Western Australia's University Club was the venue for Jill's talk on Monday 9th July 2012. Nick Goiran's research assistant, Michelle Jack, introduced Jill and she was thanked by The Hon. Kate Doust, member for the South Metropolitan Region and Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council. Kate Doust and Ed Dermer have called for a Parliamentary Enquiry into the fate of the 14 babies born alive after abortions in Western Australia. A Parliamentary Enquiry would be more available to the public than a Hospital enquiry, which the government said it would do.



Hon. Catherine (Kate) Doust MLC



Jill Stanek and Dr Toni Turnbull

Adelaide

We enjoyed the outstanding hospitality of Dr Toni Turnbull who picked us up from the airport and had invited pro-lifers to dinner at her home, before Jill's talk at Adelaide University. Jill was introduced by Dr Toni Turnbull and thanked by The Hon. Ann Bressington, Independent MLC, who told us about her victory with her Baby Safe Haven legislation.



Beck and Ewan McDonald at the Conference Dinner





Jill Stanek
and Dr John
James

Jill Stanek
and Rowan
Light,
Nicholas
Fearnley and
Kieran Byrne
of University
of Sydney
Pro Life Club



Margaret Tighe and Jill Stanek



Jill Stanek with Kate Bennett (left) and Carly Forsyth (centre) of Cairns

Conference 2012

The conference was well attended and talks presented were of great interest and motivation. We are most grateful to all speakers whose details were in the previous Right to Life News and whose talks covered the issues of abortion and euthanasia and activism. Just two examples:

Especially mind boggling was the speech of Albury surgeon Roland Von Marburg who revealed the enormous amount of taxpayer's dollars spent on the abortion industry, I.V.F. and related issues - making babies and destroying them!

Trevor Grace of Adelaide spilled the beans on the way in which aborted babies can finish up as landfill! And so much more!

Jill Stanek Tour

Jill Stanek also visited Brisbane and Cairns where she addressed two well attended public meetings. The Brisbane meeting was held at the parliament and attended by six M.P.s Liz Preston, wife of Graham, helped with Brisbane.

Irma Morzone was a great help in Cairns. A successful dinner was held in Sydney.



Dr Toni Turnbull chats with our young people

Greetings from Glasgow in Scotland

A quick word to say how much both Marian and myself enjoyed the Conference on Saturday [7th July, 2012]. The speakers were of an incredibly high standard with each talk offering its own level of interest. We left "on a high" and have been spreading the literature around to very shocked family members who were totally unaware of what is happening in their own backyard.

I believe that you have been crisscrossing the country with your guest speaker. You must be very proud of how well the weekend went. I hope you get a well-deserved break in the next few days.

I will hand in some of the leaflets to our Scottish S.P.U.C. HQ when we get home in August.

Many thanks again. Martin Gordon

Letter from Australia's Prisoner of Conscience

John Graham Preston will be in prison until just before Christmas. His crime was sitting down in front of an abortion clinic. He appreciates your letters of support. If you would like to make a donation to support his family, send it to Liz Preston, 22 Rigby St. Annerley, Queensland 4103. He wrote:



*Mr John Preston
Palen Creek
Correctional Centre
Private Mail Bag 1
RATHDOWNEY QLD 4287*

14 June, 2012

Dear All at the Right to Life office,

Thanks for your letter from some weeks ago with your words of encouragement. I'm trying to catch up on my correspondence! Two weeks ago I was classified as a low security prisoner and moved from the high security Brisbane Correctional Centre to the prison farm at Palen Creek, 1 and ½ hours drive south of Brisbane.

It is a much more pleasant environment here out in beautiful country side with no razor wire fences or bars on windows. Unfortunately though it does mean that Liz and my children have a lot further to come for visits. I've had no particular problems since being arrested beyond the normal challenges of prison life.

I've had quite a few good talks with men and they are always astonished to find out how it is that I came to be here. Many express strong agreement that abortion is wrong – some regret their own involvement and others are angry that women have aborted their babies without talking to them. So, there is still a long way to go (for me here) but things are not too bad and we trust good will come from all of this. A lot of people seem to have been challenged to think more seriously about abortion.

Thanks again for your support.

Graham

40 days for life

David Bereit is the cofounder of 40 Days for Life, a groundbreaking prolife initiative that has mobilised more than half a million people in 440 cities across all 50 American states and fourteen countries over the last five years. 40 Days for Life is a focused prolife campaign working to end abortion through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils outside abortion facilities, and grassroots outreach and education in local communities

David is coming to Australia with his family to share the story of '40 Days for Life' and promote a 'Life Breakthru' in 2013 through the National Day of Prayer and Fasting on 10 February 2013 and the 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting from 13 February - 24 March 2013.

David Bereit and Family 'Life Breakthru Tour' Schedule:
23 Aug - 3 Sept 2012

Brisbane Thu 23 Aug 07 3871 2445 Canberra Fri 24 Aug 0418 627 692
Melbourne Sat 25 Aug and Sun 26 Aug 0431 894 529
Hobart Mon 27 Aug 0438 449 544 Adelaide Tue 28 Aug 08 7070 0044
Perth Wed 29 Aug 08 95729363 Sydney Sat 1 Sept 0499 251 013
Sydney Sun 2 Sept 0428 313 931 Sydney Mon 3 Sept 0438 439 082

Monthly Letter Writing Group - You can do this too!

Beth Laws of Melbourne runs a group who meet on the first Wednesday of the month in Mordialloc to write pro-life letters to politicians and newspapers. Margaret Maslen started the group 25 years ago by inviting friends to a home. Now, even members who have moved away from Mordialloc return for the monthly meeting. The oldest member is 93 years old and she says she "keeps on keeping on." They meet from 12 until 2 p.m. and all bring lunch to share. Each person brings \$2 for paper and envelopes. One person donated 400 stamps. They give encouragement and strength to each other. Sometimes they respond to an offensive article in a newspaper. Recently they wrote to Graham Preston in Queensland, then to politicians about born alive victims of late term abortions. They sometimes pick up on an item in the Right to Life News. Beth attributes the longevity of the group to them being "all in together" and "very compatible." She says, "There is a very good bond between us." We encourage you to follow this idea and enjoy monthly letter writing parties.

IT Upgrade

The new Joomla Website went live on 19 June prior to the annual conference. The booking online system worked quite well, but then the system fell over due to internet naming issues. This was a one-off problem that was quickly resolved. Blogs and articles have been written and the website can be updated by the office staff.

All members and supporters have been georeferenced. That is they all have latitude and longitude values and can be mapped. They are associated with their electorates, so that searching members in any State or Federal electorate is now possible. Key parts of the system were demonstrated to staff.

Formal staff training will be provided shortly. We are indebted to Simon Greener of www.spatial-dbadvisor.com who is a computer solutions architect. He holds the 2011 Oracle Spatial Excellence Award for Education and Research.

Concern over "Instructional Health Care Directives"

There is a growing campaign by some sections of the medical profession to encourage people to sign "instructional health care directives" to be used in a future event of becoming seriously ill, through stroke, dementia, accident or injury etc.

This can be a very dangerous step to take because a person could sign their life away whilst in good health not knowing what the future holds for them.

The Right to Life Australia is holding Workshops about the Enduring Power of Attorney (medical treatment) on Wednesday 12th September 2012 at 11 a.m. and Saturday 6th October at 2p.m. This is about your power to appoint a person who you trust to make medical decisions for you, if you become unable to make them for yourself. Then there will be no delays, indecisions or having a doctor or hospital take over the decision-making for your treatment. The Workshops will be held at 161A Donald St. Brunswick East, Melbourne. If you cannot attend on these days but would like to attend on another day please advise us and we will schedule another Workshop. Please R.S.V.P. to Doris on 9385 0100.

Late term abortions disguised as stillborns

This information from the King Edward Memorial Hospital in Perth of how they deal with late term abortions, illustrates the hypocrisy in treating the dead babies in the same way as babies actually stillborn. Keep in mind that 14 of these babies were born alive after the attempted abortion. This no doubt is used to help the aborting mothers assuage their guilt.

"<http://wnhs.health.wa.gov.au/services/nccu/guidelines/documents/7241.pdf>"
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"10.4 Delivery of the Fetus

6. The woman/couple may wish to see or hold fetus and have mementos such as photographs and footprints taken. Wrap the fetus in a quilt. The quilt may be taken home by the couple if they wish. The couple may dress the fetus if they wish.

9. The fetus and placenta are placed in the white, labelled container and stored in the fridge in the treatment room. Appropriate documentation must be completed if the fetus is to be sent to pathology."

Inaugural March for the Babies Oration Dinner 2012

Oration to be given by Lord Nicholas Windsor (very pro life member of the Royal Family) at Sofitel Hotel Melbourne.

7pm on Friday 12 October 2012 \$150.00 per person

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email marchforthebabiesdinner@gmail.com



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United States

House Committee passes D.C. Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act

"[HTTP://WWW.LIFESITENEWS.COM/AUTHOR/KGILBERT/](http://www.lifesitenews.com/author/kgilbert/)" KATHLEEN GILBERT

WASHINGTON July 18, 2012 ([HYPERLINK "http://www.lifesitenews.com/"](http://www.lifesitenews.com/) LifeSiteNews.com) - The U.S. House Judiciary Committee voted 18-14 Wednesday in favor of a measure that would ban abortions in the nation's capital past the point when an unborn child can feel pain.

The vote took place after a survey by The Polling Company, Inc./WomanTrend this week showed American adults supporting a ban on abortion after 22-weeks of pregnancy, except to save a mother's life, by more than a 2-1 margin.

When asked, "Would you be more or less likely to vote for a Member of Congress who votes in favor of this bill?" 58 percent said more likely, while 27 percent said less likely.

In response to a separate poll question, adults favored, by a 3-to-1 margin, a policy of not permitting abortion anywhere "after the point where substantial medical evidence says that the unborn child can feel pain," unless it is "necessary to save a mother's life."

In the bill, Congress adopts findings that by at least 20 weeks after fertilization, the unborn child has the capacity to experience great pain. The bill then prohibits abortion after that point, except when an acute physical condition endangers the life of the mother.

Woman Who Survived Colorado Theater Shooting Gives Birth

By Steven Ertelt/LifeNews.com 23rd July, 2012. The Colorado theatre shooter may have taken a dozen lives and injured dozens more in his rampage but he wasn't able to claim the life of one person – an unborn child just days away from birth. However, the father is in serious medical condition and needs support. According to an AP report, a pregnant woman who escaped the deadly shooting uninjured delivered her baby today as her wounded husband remains in critical condition in the hospital. Today, 21-year-old Katie Medley gave birth but her husband, 23-year-old Caleb Medley, was shot in the head and remains hospitalized. "He is in stable but critical condition and they are monitoring his condition," Sanchez said.

Study: Parents of Kids With Disabilities Beating Abortion Culture by Steven Ertelt, Washington, DC, LifeNews.com 24th July, 2012.

A new study shows parents of kids with disabilities who may have received suggestions to have an abortion of their baby before birth are battling back against that abortion culture

thanks in part to social networking web sites.

A new study published this week in the highly accredited pediatric medicine journal, Pediatrics, reveals social networks are trumping the medical establishment. The study is entitled The Experience of Families with Children with Trisomy 13 and 18 in Social Networks.

It shows families are proving to the medical community that their children's lives, no matter how long, have value and are worthy of care and treatment.

"Church" of Scientology Reportedly Forced Women to Have Abortions by Steven Ertelt, Washington, DC, LifeNews.com 19 July, 2012.

The controversial Church of Scientology is coming under criticism from multiple women who all say they were forced to have abortions. The Church has been a source of debate since its founding by American science fiction author L. Ron Hubbard.

Adding to the debate, the Church of Scientology is now facing accusations from sources of women who say they have been pressured or coerced into having abortions against their will – and Laura DeCrescenzo, a New Mexico resident, is leading the way with a lawsuit against the "Church."

New Zealand

Pro-life club wins dramatic victory at Auckland University

BY THADDEUS BAKLINSKI

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, July 18, 2012 (LifeSiteNews.com) – In a dramatic and perhaps surprising turn of events, new-zealand-university-students-association-threatens-to-shut-down-pro-life" an attempt to shut down a pro-life club at Auckland University has failed after students turned out in droves to vote down the motion put forward by the executive of the university's student association.

The motion to ban the club was voted down 227-125.

Government Resists Pressure From UN CEDAW Committee to Change Abortion Law—July 2012

Right to Life Commends the New Zealand government for rejecting pressure from the United Nations Convention for the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women [CEDAW] Committee to review its abortion laws.

The Committee is currently reviewing New Zealand's compliance with the Convention. This is the seventh four yearly review conducted by the Committee. The Committee has asked why the law has not been decriminalized as previously recommended by the Abortion

Supervisory Committee. Patricia Schulz, a member of the Committee alleged that the abortion law needed to be changed to reflect the country's standard of human rights.

The Minister of Women's Affairs, Jo Goodhew said that there was no appetite for reform and that as it was a conscience vote, there was no assurance that it would pass.

In any society the law must protect the voiceless and the weak, and be seen to protect them.

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China

European parliament passes resolution strongly condemning forced abortion in China

BY KATHLEEN GILBERT

July 5, 2012

"<http://www.lifesite.net/>" LifeSiteNews.com)

- The European Parliament has adopted a resolution strongly condemning forced abortions and sterilizations under China's one-child policy, including the recent forced abortion at seven months of a woman in Shaanxi Province, reported Women's Rights Without Frontiers (WRWF) Thursday. The resolution, 2012/2712 (RSP), "strongly condemns the decision to force Ms Feng [Jianmei] to have an abortion and condemns the practice of forced abortions and sterilizations globally, especially in the context of the one child policy."

The resolution further states that "the EU has provided, and still provides, funds for organizations involved in family planning policies in China," and "urges the Commission to ensure that its funding of projects does not breach" the European Parliament's commitment against coercive population control.

Reggie Littlejohn, President of Women's Rights Without Frontiers, welcomed the resolution with high praise.

"The UNFPA and International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) work hand in hand with the Chinese population control machine, which is coercive," she said. "I have no doubt that the investigation by the European Parliament will reveal that these organizations are complicit with forced abortion in China."

Following an international uproar last month over the image of Feng Jianmei lying beside the body of her baby, whom Chinese officials had aborted at seven months, conservative leaders in America urged President Obama without success to condemn forced abortion.