

URGENT ACTION

TWO MISSING AND TEENAGER UNDER HOUSE ARREST

A 16-year-old whose parents are detained as part of a crackdown on legal activists in China has been placed under house arrest. He had crossed the border into Myanmar along with two activists, and all three were taken away by a group of uniformed officials on 6 October. The teenager was returned to China where he remains under house arrest. There has been no information about the whereabouts of the two activists.

According to eyewitness reports, **Bao Zhuoxuan**, the son of Chinese lawyer Wang Yu, and Chinese activists **Tang Zhishun** and **Xing Qingxian** were taken away from a guesthouse in Mong La, a town in Myanmar close to the Chinese border, by uniformed officials and plain-clothed individuals on 6 October. After several days during which there was no information about their whereabouts, Bao Zhuoxuan was returned to his grandparents' home in Ulanhot, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, in northern China, where he is being held under house arrest. State media in China have denounced the actions of the two men travelling with him, and activists who are advocating for their release believe they are being held by Chinese authorities.

Both men have long-term health conditions which require medications; Tang Zhishun has hyperthyroidism and Xing Qingxian suffers from asthma and respiratory diseases. Their families fear that they will not get the medical care they need.

Wang Yu is a prominent human rights lawyer who has not been seen since she was taken away from her home on 9 July, which proved to be the start of a wider crackdown on lawyers and activists in the country. She and her husband Bao Longjun have been held under "residential surveillance" at an unknown location on suspicion of "inciting subversion of state power" since early July. Bao Zhuoxuan had been interrogated and briefly detained by Chinese police in early July during his father's detention, and was prevented from travelling to Australia where he had been accepted to study at a high school. He has been under tight surveillance and faced frequent harassment by police in Ulanhot.

Please write immediately in English, Chinese or your own language:

- Calling on the Chinese authorities to immediately disclose the whereabouts and legal status of Tang Zhishun and Xing Qingxian;
- Urging them to ensure that they are protected from torture or other ill-treatment, and have prompt access to any medical treatment on request or as needed, and to their lawyers and family;
- Demanding that they lift all restrictions on Bao Zhuoxuan's movement.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 24 NOVEMBER 2015 TO:

Minister of Public Security
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People's Republic of China
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Salutation: Your Excellency

Director of Ulanhot City Public Security
Bureau
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Email: 2165777@qq.com
Salutation: Dear Director

Also send copies to diplomatic representatives accredited to your country. Please insert local diplomatic addresses below:

Name Address 1 Address 2 Address 3 Fax Fax number Email Email address Salutation Salutation

Please check with your section office if sending appeals after the above date.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Over 200 human rights lawyers and activists have been detained, missing, or brought in for questioning as part of an unprecedented nationwide crackdown which began in July. Twenty-eight people are still in detention or are unaccounted for. At least ten people are being held on suspicion of “inciting subversion of state power”, which carries a prison sentence of up to 15 years. The crackdown was accompanied by a smear campaign in state media, with lawyers and activists accused of being part of a criminal operation to “undermine social stability”. For the latest information on those targets, see:

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/press-releases/2015/08/china-list-of-lawyers-and-activists-targeted/>.

Xing Qingxian, an activist from Chengdu, used to be a technician with China Railway before he lodged a labour dispute lawsuit against the company. He was imprisoned for two years after reporting on a protest outside Chengdu Intermediate People’s Court in March 2009. After being released from prison in 2011, he has been helping petitioners to draft legal documents and providing assistance to other detained activists.

Tang Zhishun, a Beijing activist, used to work at a company in Beijing which produced biological products. His activism has included protesting against forced evictions and providing assistance to detained activists.

Name: Bao Zhuoxuan (包卓轩) (m), Tang Zhishun (唐志順) (m), Xing Qingxian (幸清賢) (m), Wang Yu (王宇) (f), Bao Longjun (包龙军) (m)
Gender m/f: Both

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