

# URGENT ACTION

## ACTIVIST DENIED MEDICAL HELP AS HEALTH FAILING

Chinese human rights campaigner **Yang Maodong** (better known by pen-name **Guo Feixiong**) has difficulty standing up and has significantly lost weight. He is suffering from bloody stools and is bleeding from his mouth, including haemorrhaging large amounts of blood on 19 April. He is currently in prison as a result of his peaceful advocacy. Prison officials denied him a medical examination and adequate medical treatment.



After visiting **Guo Feixiong** at the Yangchun Prison in Guangdong, Guo's sister, **Yang Maoping**, revealed on 26 April that Guo Feixiong was suffering from serious medical conditions. She said that he had been transferred to the Yanchun Prison Hospital on 7 April after suffering from bloody and watery stools. He told her that something was "seriously wrong" with his health. He has been bleeding from the mouth and throat, and on 19 April haemorrhaged a lot of blood. He had difficulty standing, has significantly lost weight and looked very pale.

The police monitoring him and hospital doctors said that they were unable to give him a medical examination without the approval of prison officials, who have denied these requests.

Guo Feixiong, the better-known pen-name of writer and human rights advocate **Yang Maodong**, has been detained since 8 August 2013. He took part in a protest against media censorship in January 2013, after Communist Party officials had sparked outrage by changing a front page editorial of the "Southern Weekly" newspaper that had called for greater civil and political rights as well as adherence to China's Constitution. On 27 November 2015 he was convicted of "gathering a crowd to disrupt order in a public place" and "picking quarrels and provoking trouble" and given a six-year prison sentence.

**Please write immediately in Chinese, English or your own language urging Chinese authorities to:**

- Immediately and unconditionally release Guo Feixiong, who is a prisoner of conscience;
- Ensure that for as long as he remains in detention Guo Feixiong is not tortured or otherwise ill-treated, and that he urgently receives a thorough medical examination and the health care that he requires;
- Ensure that the treatment of detainees, including Guo Feixiong, meets standards provided for in the UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, in particular with regard to the provision of adequate nutrition and health care.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 9 JUNE 2016 TO:**

Director  
 Yangchun Prison  
 Songbei Township  
 Yangchun City, 529615  
 Guangdong Province  
 Phone: 0662-7806008 (Chinese only)  
 Email: [ycjybgs@126.com](mailto:ycjybgs@126.com)  
**Salutation: Dear Director**

Director  
Li Jing Yan  
 Guangdong Prison Administrative  
 Bureau  
 298 Guangyuan Zhong Road  
 Baiyun District, Guangzhou City,  
 Guangdong Province, 510405  
 Email: [jyj\\_bgs@gd.gov.cn](mailto:jyj_bgs@gd.gov.cn)  
**Salutation: Dear Director**

**And copies to:**  
Premier  
 Li Keqiang Guojia Zongli  
 The State Council General Office  
 2 Fuyoujie, Xichengqu,  
 Beijingshi 100017,  
 People's Republic of China  
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 Foreign Affairs)

**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

Guo Feixiong is a writer, rights advocate and was once a legal adviser with the Beijing-based Shengzhi Law Office. He has supported various human rights causes in the past decade. In 2005 he participated in a hunger strike in response to a call by prominent human rights lawyer Gao Zhisheng for a "hunger strike group" to protest the government's crackdown on human rights activists. The hunger strike was also a protest against his previous detention and beatings following his legal support of Taishi villagers who were calling for the ouster of a village official they had accused of corruption in 2005.

Guo Feixiong had been previously detained in February 2006 and sentenced to five years in prison in November 2007 after being convicted of the crime of "illegal business activity", after he published a book entitled Shenyang Political Earthquake. Guo was subjected to several forms of torture while in detention, including being hung from the ceiling by his arms and legs while he was beaten, and being shocked with an electric baton to the face and genitals. Guo Feixiong states that he was tortured into confessing this crime, leading him to attempt suicide. Guo was released from prison in September 2011.

In September of 2015, Guo won the prestigious Frontline Defenders Award for his human rights activism.

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Gender m/f: ,

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