



in the student movement from the beginning and was a member of the hunger strike group set up during the occupation of Tiananmen Square. He is not known to have used or advocated violence prior to the army intervention on 3 June 1989. According to official sources, he was arrested by martial law troops during the night of 3 to 4 June 1989 while allegedly trying to set fire to an army armoured vehicle. Sources who know Guo Haifeng doubt the validity of this accusation. Guo was reportedly badly beaten after his arrest.

Three other people, identified as Yao Junling, Chen Tao and Li Chenghuan, also face trial on the same charge as Guo Haifeng. "Counter-revolutionary sabotage" carries a minimum sentence of 10 years' imprisonment for serious cases, or at least three years in "relatively minor" cases. These trials have not yet been concluded.

There has been, as yet, no news about the trials of other student leaders and intellectuals who were charged recently with "counter-revolutionary" offences (see UA 485/90, and UA 487/90, ASA 17/72/90, 3 December 1990), though it is believed they will go on trial before the end of February 1991.

Amnesty International is concerned that some of the detainees are prisoners of conscience held for the peaceful exercise of fundamental human rights and that those sentenced recently were denied fair and open trials in accordance with international standards for fair trials.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telexes/faxes/airmail letters:**

- expressing concern that Wang Youcai, Zhang Ming, Ma Shaofang, Zheng Xuguang and Ren Wanding are held for the peaceful exercise of fundamental human rights, and urging the authorities to review their cases and release them unconditionally;
- expressing concern that the recent trials fail to meet international standards for fair trial and urging the authorities to make public a full transcript of the trial and evidence on which the charges are based;
- urging the authorities to ensure that the current and future trials are open to the general public and conducted according to international standards for fair trial, and to allow international observers to attend the trials.

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**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 28 February 1991.