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**MEDICAL ACTION**

**Zhang Shanguang, teacher and labour activist**  
**China**

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**Key words** ill-health / denial of care / forced labour

**Zhang Shanguang: transferred to hospital**

Zhang Shanguang, former teacher and trade union activist, has reportedly been transferred from Prison Number 1 in Hunan Province to a hospital in Jinshi. His transfer to hospital indicates that Zhang Shanguang's health has deteriorated. He is believed to have tuberculosis and despite being ill, was reportedly forced to do heavy physical work in fetters. Since July 1998, when he was re-arrested, Zhang has reportedly been prevented from taking any medication to treat his tuberculosis infection.

Zhang Shanguang was convicted of "endangering state security" on 27 December 1998 and sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment. The trial took place behind closed doors and lasted two hours and twenty minutes. His wife, Hou Xuezhong, was refused entry to the court. He was accused of revealing secret information on peasant and worker unrest during an interview with Radio Free Asia, a US-funded broadcasting station.

Amnesty International urges the authorities to ensure that Zhang Shanguang has access to appropriate medical care and reiterates its call for his immediate and unconditional release.

**Recommendations**

Please write letters in English to the authorities below, using professionally-headed paper if you use this in your profession:

- Introducing yourself in your professional capacity and/or as a member of Amnesty International and referring back to the dates of any previous correspondence sent on his behalf;
- Expressing concern about the ill-health of Zhang Shanguang, currently in hospital in Jinshi and asking for further information about his state of health;
- Calling on the authorities to release Zhang Shanguang, imprisoned for the peaceful expression of his opinion and urging that he has access to full and appropriate medical care pending his release.

## **Addresses**

### **President of the People's Republic of China**

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Telegram: President Jiang Zemin, Beijing, China

**Salutation: Your Excellency**

### **Acting Governor of the Hunan Provincial People's Government**

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Telegram: Acting Governor, Changsha, Hunan Province, China

**Salutation: Dear Governor**

### **Director of the Reform-Through-Labour Administration of the Ministry of Justice of the People's Republic of China**

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**Salutation: Dear Director**

### **Prison Director**

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People's Republic of China

**Salutation: Dear Director**

Please send a copy of your appeal to diplomatic representatives of China accredited to your country.

If you receive no reply from the government or other recipients within six weeks of dispatch of your letter, please send a follow-up letter seeking a response, referring to your previous letter(s). Please check with the medical team if you are sending appeals after 30 March 2003, and send copies of any replies you do receive to the International Secretariat (att: medical team).

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