

URGENT ACTION

ACTIVIST DETAINED, RISKS TORTURE

Activist Liu Yuandong, a businessman, was detained on 23 February in Guangzhou, China after he took part in a protest against North Korea's nuclear tests. He is at risk of torture and other ill-treatment.

Liu Yuandong, a 35-year-old businessman, protested with several other people against North Korea's nuclear tests on 23 February in the southern city of Guangzhou. They were all detained, and given administrative detention orders ranging from seven to 15 days for violating the Law on Assemblies, Processions and Demonstrations. All but Liu Yuandong have since been released, and have told the media they were deprived of sleep in custody.

The police told his wife that they were holding him on the grounds that he had "withdrawn the contributed capital after the incorporation of the company" and that they were in the process of issuing a formal arrest notification. His wife, however, has not received any formal arrest notice. Liu Yuandong is detained in Guangzhou city's Tianhe district detention centre.

Liu Yuandong has taken an active part in a number of social movements or protests in China. He was briefly detained after he took part in a solidarity action for the people of the nearby village of Wukan who were protesting against local corruption and land grabs. More than 500 people across China signed a petition in March, within three days, calling for him to be released.

Please write immediately in English or your own language:

- Calling on the authorities to give Liu Yuandong immediate access to his family, legal representation of his choosing and any medical attention he may require;
- Calling on them to release Liu Yuandong immediately and unconditionally;
- Calling on them to ensure that Liu Yuandong is not tortured or otherwise ill-treated.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 31 MAY 2013 TO:

Director, Tianhe District People's
Procuratorate
Liu Zhimin Jianchazhang
Guangzhoushi Tianhequ Remin
Jianchayuan, 19 Longkou West Road
Tianhequ, Guangzhoushi 510630
People's Republic of China
Salutation: Dear Director

Director, Tianhe District Public Security
Sub-branch
Jin Wei Juzhang
Guangzhoushi Tianhequ Gong'anfenju,
613 Shougoulinglu, Tianhequ,
Guangzhoushi 510640,
People's Republic of China
Salutation: Dear Director

And copies to:
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Li Keqiang Zhongli
The State Council General Office
2 Fuyoujie, Xichengqu Beijingshi 100017
People's Republic of China
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Also send copies to diplomatic representatives accredited to your country.

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

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Activist and lawyers in China believe that the police decision to investigate Liu Yuandong's business activities is politically motivated. The police have told his wife that he is suspected of having violated the Criminal Law, Article 159: "Any sponsor or shareholder of a company who, in violation of the provisions of the Company Law, makes a false capital contribution by failing to pay the promised cash or tangible assets or to transfer property rights, or surreptitiously withdraws the contributed capital after the incorporation of the company shall, if the amount involved is huge, and the consequences are serious, or if there are other serious circumstances, be sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of not more than five years or criminal detention and shall also, or shall only, be fined not less than two percent but not more than 10 percent of the false capital contribution or of the amount of the capital contribution surreptitiously withdrawn."

Name: Liu Yuandong

Gender m/f: m

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