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China: Rise in violent forced evictions - Amnesty International to publish major report

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** Amnesty International experts available for interview **

In the new 85-page report, *Standing Their Ground*, to be launched on 11 October, Amnesty International highlights how forced evictions – a longstanding cause of contention within China - have increased significantly in the past two years in order to clear the way for developments.

The report highlights the many deaths, beatings, harassment and imprisonment of residents who have been forced from their homes across the country in both rural and urban areas. It also documents the increase in self-immolations connected to forced evictions.

The study looks at the reasons behind the increase in forced evictions, the limited measures taken by the Chinese government to address it and what more needs to be done.

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