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Further Information on UA 259/02 (ASA 17/037/2002, 23 August 2002) Possible disappearances/Incommunicado detention/Fear for safety

**VIETNAM/PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

**Wang Bingzhang (m), US permanent resident, aged 54
Zhang Qi (f), US permanent resident
Yue Wu (m), French permanent resident, aged 54
Yang Jianli (m), US permanent resident, aged 38**

On 20 December, a spokesman for the Chinese Ministry of Public Security announced that Wang Bingzhang, Yue Wu and Zhang Qi were "found" in Fangchenggang city, Guanxi Zhuang Autonomous Region in early July 2002. They were reportedly "kidnapped" in Quang Ninh Province, Viet Nam on 27 June and held for a large ransom, before being allegedly "rescued" by the Chinese police.

The Chinese authorities have publicly admitted that they are holding Wang Bingzhang in detention on charges of espionage and involvement in "violent terrorist activities". Yue Wu and Zhang Qi who disappeared in northern Viet Nam together with Wang Bingzhang in June 2002 have now reportedly been cleared of all charges and released. However, their exact location remains unknown.

Yang Jianli, a Chinese pro-democracy dissident and permanent US resident was detained on 26 April by Chinese State Security police for illegally entering China on someone else's passport. It is not known where he is being held, nor what charges he faces as the authorities have not released this information in breach of Chinese and International law.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to the Chinese authorities to arrive as quickly as possible, in Chinese, English or your own language:

on behalf of Wang Bingzhang:

- urging the authorities to make public the details of all charges against him;
- urging the authorities to ensure immediate and proper access to a lawyer, his family, and any medical treatment he may require.

on behalf of Yang Jianli:

- urging the authorities to officially inform his family where he is detained and to make public the charges against him;
- urging the authorities to order that he is released immediately and unconditionally, unless he is charged with a recognizable criminal offence;
- urging the authorities to ensure that he has proper access to his family, lawyer and any medical treatment he may require.

on behalf of Yue Wu and Zhang Qi:

- urging the authorities to confirm their release and to make public their whereabouts.

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