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Further information (2) on UA 208/95 (ASA 17/61/95, 24 August 1995) and follow-up (ASA 17/66/95, 4 September) - Prisoners of conscience / Fear of further arrests / Fear of ill-treatment and new Health concern

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA Ding Zilin (f), university professor, human rights activist  
Jiang Peikun, her husband  
Liu Gang

and new names: Qi Zhiyong  
Xu Shuiliang, 51

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Around 28 August 1995, Qi Zhiyong, who lost both his legs during the suppression of the 1989 pro-democracy movement, was taken from his home in Beijing into police custody. No arrest warrant was shown, but his relatives believe that his arrest is linked in some way to the Fourth United Nations World Conference on Women, currently underway in Beijing. Qi Zhiyong had only recently been fitted with two artificial legs.

On 5 September, the veteran dissident Xu Shuiliang was taken away from his home in Nanjing, in southern China, to serve a 15-day administrative detention order in a police detention centre. According to his friends, this order was issued to prevent him from undertaking any kind of action during the Conference. Xu Shuiliang has already served two sentences of, respectively, three and 10 years' imprisonment for his involvement in pro-democracy movements in the late 1970s. He was released in 1992. He is believed to be suffering from a heart complaint and high blood pressure.

Amnesty International believes that Qi Zhiyong and Xu Shuiliang are prisoners of conscience, and fears that they will not receive appropriate medical treatment.

Meanwhile, 16 relatives of those killed or injured during the suppression of the 1989 pro-democracy movement have written an open letter to the National People's congress, asking for the prompt release of Ding Zilin and Jiang Peikun. Relatives have dismissed allegations that the couple might be in any way involved in "economic irregularities" and have appealed for them to be treated fairly by the authorities. They express hope that during the Women's Conference in Beijing, women's rights and citizens' rights in China will be guaranteed.

Ding Zilin and Jiang Peikun have reportedly been held in Procuratorate premises in Wuxi, Jiangsu province, since 18 August 1995. They have not been permitted visits from relatives since then.

Before being arrested, Ding Zilin, in a letter to friends, said that she intended to go to Beijing in August to solve a personal problem; she was reportedly being pressured into early retirement which she interpreted as being a result of her activities on behalf of the families of victims of the 1989 repression.

**Please continue action for Ding Zilin, Jiang peikun and Liu Gang and FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in Chinese, English or in your own language:**

- calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Qi Zhiyong, Xu Shuiliang;
- seeking assurances that they receive all necessary medical treatment;

- seeking assurances that no further dissidents will be detained during the Fourth United Nations World Conference on Women.

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