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PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA: Li Guiren

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Li Guiren, a prisoner of conscience, is seriously ill, is virtually cut off from his family, and may die unless he gets proper medical attention soon. Official sources have confirmed to his family that Li Guiren is now seriously ill. Prison regulations allow Li Guiren's family only one short visit every month.

Li Guiren is suffering from a serious heart condition and gallstones; he is able to consume only 50 grams of grain a day and over the past few months has had to be fed intravenously three times, each time for a period of one week. In January a relative was reported as saying, "I don't know if he will live until the Spring....He gets worse and worse. His legs are as thin as poles".

Over the past twelve months Li Guiren's family has appealed to the authorities several times for his release on bail or to be sent to a hospital for proper medical attention but the authorities have failed to meet these requests.

Li Guiren was arrested in June 1989 for trying to organize a strike at the Hua Yue Publishing House, of which he was editor-in-chief, in protest at the 4 June massacre in Beijing. He was also accused of taking part in demonstrations and other activities during the 1989 protests. In March 1991, Li Guiren was sentenced to five years' imprisonment and is now imprisoned in Shaanxi No. 2 Prison in Weinan city.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes and airmail letters:**

- expressing concern at recent reports that Li Guiren's health has continued to deteriorate rapidly in recent months and that he has been denied proper medical care and sufficient access to relatives;

- expressing concern that Li Guiren is being held for the peaceful exercise of his right to freedom of association and expression and urging that he be released quickly and unconditionally;

- urging that Li Guiren be granted immediate and proper medical care appropriate to his state of health in accordance with the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners.

**APPEALS TO:**

1. Governor of Shaanxi Province  
Shaanxisheng Renmin Zhenfu  
Xixin Jie, 710004  
Xi'ianshi  
Shaanxisheng  
People's Republic of China

**Telegrams: Governor Hu Fuguo, Shaanxi Province, Xi'an, China**

**Salutation: Dear Governor Hu Fuguo, Shengzhang**

2. Prison Governor  
Jianyuzhang  
Shaanxisheng Di 2 Jianyu  
Weinanxian  
Shaanxisheng  
People's Republic of China

**Telegrams: Prison Governor, Provincial Prison no. 2., Shaanxi Province, China**

**Salutation: Dear Sir**

3. Minister of Justice  
Cai Cheng Buzhang  
Safabu  
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People's Republic of China

**Telegrams: Minister of Justice, CAI, Beijing, China**

**Telexes: 210070 FMPC CN or 22478 MFERT CN, Please forward to Cai Cheng Buzhang**

**Salutation: Your Excellency**

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**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 3 March 1993.