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Further information on UA 185/92 (ASA 17/37/92, 3 June 1992) - Arbitrary Detention/Fear of Ill-Treatment

**PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA: WANG Wanxin
and one other man, name not known**

Wang Wanxin, a 42 year-old man detained by police in Beijing on 3 June 1992, has been confined to a mental hospital and forcibly given drugs, according to reports from journalists in Beijing on 28 July. Wang Wanxin had been arrested by plainclothes police on 3 June when he tried to unfurl a banner in Tiananmen Square to commemorate the 4 June 1989 massacre in Beijing.

According to reports, Wang Wanxin recently smuggled a letter out of the Beijing's Fangshan county psychiatric hospital where he was forcibly transferred by police on 30 June after spending several weeks in detention.

In the letter, which includes an appeal to the United Nations Secretary General and several world leaders to rescue him, he accused the hospital of forcibly administering drugs to him every day and "trying to destroy his body and spirit". He also stated that he was not a psychiatric patient and that, despite the various laws and criteria which different countries have for judging human rights, there should be a "uniform standard for judging whether a man is sane or not" (Reuters in Beijing, 28 July 1992).

Prior to his arrest on 3 June, Wang Wanxin had told reporters in Beijing that he wanted to ask for compensation for the victims of the 1989 crackdown. He also said that he had been jailed twice before, in 1966 and 1976, for supporting the then disgraced leader Deng Xiaoping. It is not known whether Wang Wanxin has any history of psychiatric problems.

There is no further information available about the other man whose name is not known, who was reportedly detained along with Wang Wanxin on 3 June.

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

- expressing concern about Wang Wanxin's detention without charge following his arrest on 3 June 1992 for an attempted protest in Tiananmen Square which was entirely peaceful;

- expressing concern at reports that Wang Wanxin was transferred on 30 June from police custody to the Fangshan county psychiatric hospital, and that he has been forcibly given drugs in the hospital;

- urging the authorities to investigate without delay the reasons why he is being confined in a mental hospital and to make the information public;

- urging the authorities to ensure that, pending the result of the investigation, he is not forced to take drugs, that he can consult a doctor of his own choice, and has frequent and regular access to his family.

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