

URGENT ACTION

DETAINED AFTER PLANNING WOMEN'S DAY EVENTS

Five young women activists have been detained in unknown locations in China after planning to hold events against sexual harassment to mark International Women's Day. They have not had access to a lawyer and are at risk of torture and other ill-treatment.

On 6 March at 4pm, **Wei Tingting** and **Wang Man** were taken to Haidian Police Station in Beijing. Around midnight the same day, **Li Tingting** (aka Li Maizi) and **Zheng Churan** (aka Da Tu) were taken away from their homes in Beijing and Guangzhou respectively. **Wu Rongrong** was detained upon her arrival at Hangzhou Airport on 7 March at 2pm. Later that day, a friend of Wu Rongrong received a call from her with cries of pain. The line was cut almost instantly and she could not be reached again. The authorities confiscated the women's computers, phones, and materials for events they were planning to mark International Women's Day. Police also raided Weizhiming Women Center office in Hangzhou, a women's rights NGO that Wu Rongrong founded and where Zheng Churan and Li Tingting are staff. According to their lawyers, none of their families have received formal notice of their detention.

All of the women are members of Women's Rights Action Group, and they were planning to hold public events calling for an end to sexual harassment on public transportation in several cities in China on 7 March. They had made stickers printed with "Stop sexual harassment, let us stay safe" and "Go police go, arrest those who committed sexual harassment!" which they planned to distribute at the events.

Wu Rongrong has been suffering from chronic liver problems, and was in poor health condition when she was taken away. There are grave concerns about her health, as she may not be receiving the treatment she needs.

A lawyer representing some of the women has said that he and another lawyer went to Haidian District Police Station where Li Tingting, Wei Tingting and Zheng Churan are believed to be held, to enquire about their situation. The head of the detention centre denied that they were held there and refused to give any information.

Please write immediately in English, Chinese or your own language:

- Demanding that the authorities immediately disclose the whereabouts and legal status of Wu Rongrong, Zheng Churan, Li Tingting, Wei Tingting and Wang Man;
- Urge the authorities to immediately and unconditionally release the five women if they are being detained solely for peacefully exercising their rights to freedom of expression and association;
- Calling on them to ensure without delay that they all have regular, unrestricted access to their lawyers and family, and are protected from torture and other ill-treatment.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 20 APRIL 2015 TO:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Wu Rongrong, Zheng Churan, Wang Man, Li Tingting, Wei Tingting are active members of Women's Rights Action Group which advocates women's rights and campaigns against gender discrimination. In the past few years, the group led several successful campaigns raising public awareness on gender equality issues. They staged "Occupy the Men's Toilets" to challenge the lack of public facilities for women, shaved their heads to protest higher college admission requirements for female applicants, and organized a street protest where demonstrators wore wedding dresses spattered with red ink to bring public attention to the issue of domestic violence.

Name: Wu Rongrong (武嵘嵘) (30) , Zheng Churan (郑楚然) (aka Da Tu) (大兔) (26) , Li Tingting (李婷婷) (aka Li Maizi) (李麦子) (26) , Wang Man (王曼) (32) , Wei Tingting (韦婷婷) (26)

Gender: female

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