

URGENT ACTION

HEALTH FEARS FOR DETAINED WOMEN ACTIVISTS

Two of the five women activists who are in detention in China have been transferred to hospital with serious health problems. These are thought to have been aggravated by their continued detention, and they still might not be receiving the treatment they need.

Wang Man's lawyer first learnt that she had suffered a heart attack when he met her in a hospital run by the Public Security Bureau on 20 March. He believes this occurred due to the stress she has experienced as a result of continuous interrogations. Her health is currently stable, but there are concerns that she may not be receiving all the treatment she needs, and that her continued detention may cause her health to deteriorate further.

Wu Rongrong has chronic liver problems, which have worsened in detention. She was not provided with the medication she needs despite requests from her lawyer, and had to sleep on the floor in the detention centre. On 19 March she was sent to a hospital run by the Public Security Bureau after her condition deteriorated, but it is not known whether she is now receiving adequate treatment. Her lawyers have been unable to visit her since she was taken to hospital.

Li Tingting (aka Li Maizi)'s lawyer has not been allowed to meet with her since 19 March on the grounds that she is being interrogated. There are concerns that the five women are being subjected to prolonged sessions of interrogation.

Wang Man, **Wei Tingting**, Li Tingting and **Zheng Churan** (aka Da Tu) were detained by police on 6 March and Wu Rongrong the following day. They were planning to hold events in several cities in China calling for an end to sexual harassment on public transportation on 7 March. On 12 March they were criminally detained on suspicion of 'picking quarrels and provoking troubles', which can lead to a sentence of up to five years in prison.

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

- Demanding that the authorities immediately and unconditionally release Wu Rongrong, Zheng Churan, Li Tingting, Wei Tingting and Wang Man;
- Urging the authorities to ensure that pending their release, Wang Man and Wu Rongrong have immediate access to any medical treatment they require;
- Calling on them to ensure that pending their release, all five women have regular, unrestricted access to their lawyers and family, to any medical treatment they need, and are protected from torture and other ill-treatment.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 5 MAY 2015 TO:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

On 6 March 2015 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.

All of the women are members of the Women's Rights Action Group which advocates women's rights. Some of them also work on LGBTI issues. Women's Rights Action Group has 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 m/f: Female

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