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Further information on UA 47/94 (ASA 17/07/94, 14 February 1994) and follow-up (ASA 17/08/94, 17 February) - Arbitrary Detention / Legal Concern and new concern Ill-treatment

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA: Zhang Yongliang, aged 43  
Tian Mingge, aged 59  
Zheng Xintai, aged 39

7 foreign Christians

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Amnesty International has learned the names of the three Chinese Christians detained since 10 February 1994 in Henan province. They are Zhang Yongliang, Tian Mingge and Zheng Xintai. It has been reported that Public Security Bureau (police) officers told the foreign Christians that the Chinese Christians had been released, but Amnesty International believes the three are still being detained. There is no news about where they are being held.

Amnesty International is concerned that Zhang Yongliang, Tian Mingge and Zheng Xintai are at risk of being ill-treated, and may be prisoners of conscience.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please continue to send telegrams/telexes/faxes and airmail letters in Mandarin, English or your own language:**

- urging the authorities to disclose where the three Chinese Christians, Zhang Yongliang, Tian Mingge and Zheng Xintai, arrested on 10 February 1994, are being detained and any charges made against them;
- expressing concern at the reports of ill-treatment of the Chinese detainees and one of the foreign nationals (since released) and seeking assurances that the detainees are treated humanely in accordance with international standards;
- calling for their immediate and unconditional release unless they are charged promptly with recognizably criminal offences in accordance with international standards;
- expressing concern that new legislation which came into force on 31 January 1994 appears to allow the detention of people solely for the peaceful exercise of the right to freedom of conscience and for carrying out peaceful religious activity.

**APPEALS TO:**

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to your country.

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or your section office, if sending appeals after 4 April 1994.