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PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA: Zheng Xuguang
Ma Shaohua
Li Guiren

Zheng Xuguang was released on 26 February 1994 after three months in detention without being charged. Fellow dissident, Ma Shaohua, who was arrested with Zheng on 27 November 1993, reportedly remains in detention in Xi'an, Shaanxi province.

The two men, both former prisoners of conscience, had launched a campaign in early November 1993 in Xi'an calling for human rights improvements. They were arrested a few weeks later in Beijing after holding discussions with members of the "Peace Charter" group whose manifesto called on the Chinese Communist Party to respect human rights and introduce political reforms, and were sent back to Xi'an for questioning.

According to members of the Peace Charter group in Beijing, Ma Shaohua's continuing detention is possibly related to a book he wrote in 1993 about the fall of communism in eastern Europe and which was banned shortly after being published.

There is no further news of prisoner of conscience Li Guiren, aged 50, who was re-arrested on 16 February 1994 and who is in very poor health.

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

- welcoming the release of Zheng Xuguang;
- urging that Ma Shaohua and Li Guiren be released immediately and unconditionally;
- expressing concern about the poor health of Li Guiren and urging that he be given appropriate medical attention.

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