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## PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

### @Update on Wang Juntao Health Concern

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Amnesty International has received new information concerning the medical treatment of Wang Juntao, a prisoner of conscience jailed in Beijing for his involvement in the 1989 pro-democracy protests (see *Wang Juntao, Ren Wandong and Bao Tong -- New Health Concerns*, ASA 17/22/93). According to recent reports from relatives Wang Juntao has been transferred from Yanqing prison hospital to a military hospital. Amnesty International is concerned that the military hospital may not have adequate medical facilities to treat Wang Juntao.

In addition to suffering from chronic hepatitis B and liver disease, doctors have recently informed Wang Juntao's wife that he has developed coronary heart disease. He also reportedly suffers from diabetes and other unspecified minor illnesses which, according to a relative, doctors are now trying to identify.

Since September 1991 Wang Juntao had been serving his 13-year prison sentence in Yanqing Prison hospital. According to Wang Juntao's wife, Hou Xiaotian, the Yanqing Prison doctors had previously recommended that Wang Juntao be released on bail for specialist medical treatment. One doctor was reported to have told Wang that he would not have accepted him into the prison hospital had he known the seriousness of his physical condition. A relative was recently quoted as saying that the move to a military hospital "... is a long way from being on medical parole, but at least it is outside the prison system." Wang Juntao is still under guard and family members are permitted to visit once a month.

Wang Juntao had said that he would start a hunger strike on 4 June if he did not receive release on bail for medical treatment. He has not gone ahead with the hunger strike.

*Please send telegrams/telexes/express and airmail letters either in English or in your own language:*

**◆ urging that Wang Juntao be granted immediate and proper medical care appropriate to his state of health in accordance with the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, or that he be released to seek medical treatment at home.**

*Please send appeals to:*

**Minister of Justice**

**Cai Cheng Buzhang**

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*Salutation: Your Excellency*

**Beijing Municipal Procurator**

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*Salutation: Dear Municipal Procurator*

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the China Research Team at the International Secretariat if sending appeals after 1 July 1993.

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