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Further Information on UA 221/04 (ASA 17/035/2004, 14 July 2004) and update (ASA 17/037/2004, 9 August 2004) - Fear of torture or ill-treatment/medical concern

CHINA

Li Dan (m)  
Pan Zhongfeng (m)  
Fan Zhenbang (m)

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Li Dan was released on 9 August. However, a few hours later he was reportedly attacked and beaten by two young men who told him that he "should know why they were beating him". He reportedly sustained leg injuries.

The attack, which took place at Shangqiu city railway station in Henan province went on for 15 minutes before a police officer intervened and took all three to a local police station, where Li Dan gave a statement. His two attackers were then released, apparently without being questioned. Li Dan, who was released at the same time, believes that the attack was an attempt to intimidate him on account of his HIV/AIDS activism.

There is no further news on Pan Zhongfeng or Fan Zhenbang.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in Chinese or your own language:**

- welcoming Li Dan's release, but expressing concern that he appears to have been detained solely on account of his peaceful HIV/AIDS activism;
- expressing concern at the assault on Li Dan on 9 August, and calling for a full, independent and impartial investigation with a view to bringing those responsible to justice;
- urging the authorities to ensure that all human rights defenders can carry out their work without fear of arbitrary detention, harassment or other abuses;
- asking to be told what charges Pan Zhongfeng and Fan Zhenbang are facing, and stating that they should be released immediately unless they are to be charged with a recognisably criminal offence;
- calling on the authorities to ensure that they have access to a lawyer of their choosing and their families, as well as adequate medical attention, food and water while they remain in detention.

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**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 20 September 2004.