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PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA:

Chen Wei - former student, Beijing University
Wang Peizhong - postgraduate student, Beijing University
Guo Shaoyan - postgraduate student, Beijing University
Wang Guoqi - printing worker, Beijing Institute of Languages
Wang Qishan - employee, Institute of Geology of China, Beijing
Gao Yuxiang - worker, Beijing
Chen Qinglin - government cadre, Tianjin
Yu Lianqing - government cadre)

Huang Jinwan - company manager) Anhui province
Ma Lianggang - student)
Tian Yang)

The eleven people named above are among several dozen pro-democracy supporters who are reported to have been detained in China since early June 1992 during a crackdown on pro-democracy activists and underground organisations. Some are reported to have been accused of involvement in so-called "counter-revolutionary" activities. Their detention has not been publicly acknowledged by the Chinese authorities and it is feared that they might be held in prolonged incommunicado detention and possibly face torture or ill-treatment in detention. Amnesty International is also concerned that they may be prisoners of conscience, held solely for the peaceful exercise of fundamental human rights.

The total number of those arrested since early June 1992 is not known, though the names of 18 of those held are known. According to some sources, some 30 people were arrested in Beijing during this crackdown and a series of arrests were also carried out in provincial cities. They include students, workers and intellectuals, some of whom were members of underground organisations, such as the China Progressive Alliance which was established recently in Beijing, and others who are reported to be held for distributing political leaflets or displaying "reactionary" banners.

Six of the eleven named above were arrested in Beijing. Two of them are being detained for the fourth time since 1989: Chen Wei, a former student from Beijing University, and Wang Guoqi, a printing worker at Beijing Languages Institute. The other four are Gao Yuxiang, a worker, Wang Qishan, an employee at the Institute of Geology of China, and Wang Peizhong and Guo Shaoyan, both post-graduate students from Beijing University.

The other five include a government cadre from Tianjin, Chen Qinglin, and four people from Anhui province: Tian Yang, Yu Lianqing, a government cadre, Huang Jinwan, a company manager, and Ma Lianggang, a student at Anhui University.

Seven other people were identified earlier as having being detained in Beijing, including people reportedly held for their involvement in the China Progressive Alliance. (For further information on them, see UA 185/92 (ASA 17/37/92, 3 June 1992) and UA 235/92 (ASA 17/40/92, 15 July 1992).

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes and airmail letters:

- urging the authorities to release those named immediately and unconditionally if they are held solely for the peaceful exercise of fundamental human rights; otherwise, to ensure that they are either brought to trial promptly and fairly on recognizably criminal charges according to international standards, or released;
- calling on the authorities to ensure that those named above are not subjected to torture or other ill-treatment and are given immediate access to relatives, lawyers and independent medical doctors;
- urging that their whereabouts and any charges against them be made public.

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People's Republic of China

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Salutation: Your Excellency

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Chen Xitong

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People's Republic of China

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Salutation: Dear Sir

3) Mayor of Tianjin Municipality:

Nie Bichu

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People's Republic of China
Telegrams: Mayor Nie Bichu, Tianjin, China

Salutation: Dear Sir

4) Governor of Anhui province

Fu Xizhou

Anhuisheng Renmin Zhengfu Shengzhang

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People's Republic of China

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Salutation: Dear Governor

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