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PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA:Wang Juntao
Chen Ziming
Ren Wanding
Bao Zunxin
Wang Dan
Liu Gang

According to sources cited by Associated Press (AP) on 15 October, Chen Ziming was moved out of solitary confinement in September and has been placed in a cell with three other prisoners. The sources were not identified for fear of reprisals. Other sources explained that Chen Ziming was not prepared to move out of solitary confinement and share a cell with others who might abuse him - he would have preferred to remain in solitary confinement to read, study and write.

Prison officials reportedly denied Chen Ziming his monthly visit on 14 October with relatives because he had "violated prison regulations".

Chen Ziming and Wang Juntao were both sentenced to 13 years' imprisonment for their involvement in the 1989 pro-democracy protests. They had started a hunger-strike on 13 August in protest against their prison conditions. According to recent official reports Chen Ziming and Wang Juntao are allowed a monthly visit from their family and they may correspond with their families.

They are given a copy of the Beijing Daily every day and are allowed to receive books and to listen to the radio.

Wang Juntao, who is ill with hepatitis, is in a prison hospital in Yang Qing.

According to sources cited by AP, Wang Juntao has been on a second hunger-strike in the past month. The report on 14 October stated that Wang Juntao had demanded that prison officials deliver another appeal he had written to the Justice Ministry. Wang Juntao reportedly gave up the hunger-strike when prison officials showed him receipts from the Justice Ministry indicating his appeal had been received.

The Fujian Press Review reported that Ren Wanding, Bao Zunxin and Wang Dan were transferred in July to four-prisoner cells in Beijing Prison No. 2.

The three were sentenced to prison terms ranging from four to seven years for their involvement in the 1989 pro-democracy protests and had been placed in solitary confinement in April 1991.

Unconfirmed reports state that Liu Gang who was sentenced to six years' imprisonment has been moved to a reform-through-labour camp in Liaoning Province.

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FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telexes/faxes and airmail letters:

- Expressing concern that all six prisoners named above are held for the peaceful exercise of their right to freedom of association and expression and urging that they be released unconditionally.

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