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TRIAL DATE SCHEDULED FOR CHINESE ARTIST

The trial for Chinese artist and activist Wu Yuren has now been scheduled to take place on 17 November at Wenyuhe Court in Beijing. Wu Yuren was detained in May, and allegedly beaten by the police. He has been denied access to medical treatment.

The trial for Wu Yuren is to begin at 9.30 on 17 November at Wenyuhe Court where he will face charges of “obstructing public service”. The hearing will be public but the court has informed Wu Yuren’s lawyer that, due to the courtroom being “too small”, he can only have one person in addition to his lawyer present in the courtroom.

Wu Yuren has been in police detention since 31 May. After accompanying a friend to the police station to assist him in filing a complaint against his landlord, Wu Yuren was taken away by four or five policemen and allegedly beaten and kept in detention within the police station. The next morning, his friend saw him briefly and noticed that one of Wu Yuren’s arms was completely limp. During a meeting with Wu Yuren, his lawyer also observed injuries allegedly inflicted through beatings. The authorities have refused to investigate the allegations of beatings and have denied him access to medical assessment and treatment.

Wu Yuren is a prominent artist and also a signatory of Charter '08, a petition co-authored by 2010 Nobel Peace Prize laureate, Liu Xiaobo, calling for legal and political reform in China to establish a democratic system that respects human rights.

PLEASE WRITE IMMEDIATELY in English, Chinese or your own language:

- Calling on the authorities to immediately conduct an investigation into allegations that Wu Yuren was beaten by police;
- Calling on the authorities to ensure Wu Yuren is not subjected to torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment whilst in detention;
- Calling on the authorities to ensure Wu Yuren has access to any medical attention he requires;
- Calling on authorities to ensure that his trial be conducted in a manner that respects international standards of fairness, in particular, allowing any evidence or testimony that may be deemed relevant to his defence.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 23 DECEMBER 2010 TO:

Head, Wenyuhe Court
Louzizhuangcun
Jinzhaxiang
Chanoyangqu
Beijingshi 100018
People's Republic of China

Salutation: Dear Head

Prime Minister of the People's Republic
of China

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 of Foreign Affairs)

Salutation: Your Excellency

And copies to:

Procurator-General of the Supreme
People's Procuratorate of the
People's Republic of China

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 147 Beiheyandajie
 Beijingshi 100726
 People's Republic of China

Salutation: Dear Procurator-General

Also send copies to diplomatic representatives of China accredited to your country. Please check with your section office if sending appeals after the above date. This is first update of UA 215/10. Further information: <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/ASA17/040/2010/en>

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Liu Xiaobo's Nobel Peace Prize award has put the international spotlight on persecution by the Chinese authorities of individuals who peacefully exercise their rights, including expressing their political views. Liu Xiaobo was sentenced in December 2008 to 11 years in jail for "inciting subversion of state power", after an unfair trial.

According to Article 18 of China's Criminal Procedure Law, the People's Procuratorate is responsible for monitoring places of detention and investigating and prosecuting crimes committed by state functionaries. In 2006 the Supreme People's Procuratorate announced the nationwide implementation of video-taping of all interrogations of criminal suspects by the end of 2007.

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