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Further information on EXTRA 07/92 (ASA 17/16/92, 29 January 1992) - Legal Concern

~~PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA: Qi Lin~~

Qi Lin, a journalist detained in Beijing since July 1991, went on trial at the Beijing Intermediate People's Court on 30 January 1992 charged with "leaking secret information" but no verdict has yet been passed. A second hearing is due to take place at the Beijing Intermediate People's Court on or around 15 February 1992. It is reported that the trial on 30 January was held behind closed doors although he did have a lawyer.

Amnesty International is concerned that Qi Lin is reported to be held solely for peacefully exercising fundamental human rights and that he may have been tried under procedures which fall short of international standards for fair trial. It is also concerned that Qi Lin, a diabetic, has been held incommunicado since his arrest in July 1991 and that his health has deteriorated in detention.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- expressing concern that Qi Lin reportedly went on trial on 30 January and that this trial was closed to the public;
- expressing concern that there is to be a further hearing on or around 15 February and that this too may be closed to the public;
- urging the authorities to ensure that he receives a fair and open trial, in accordance with agreed international standards for fair trial;
- expressing concern that his health has deteriorated in detention;
- urging that if he is held solely for the peaceful exercise of fundamental human rights, he be released immediately and unconditionally.

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