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PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA: Bao Tong, aged 60

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Bao Tong has been transferred from Qincheng Prison to a hospital in the centre of Beijing. According to his family he was moved in March to Fuxing hospital after suffering from severe pain due to inflammation of the shoulder joints.

Bao Tong already suffers from a variety of potentially serious ailments: a reduced white blood cell count, chronic gastritis, growths in his colon and intestines, swollen lymph nodes and constricted salivary glands, as well as arthritis for which he needs regular injections. The doctors at the hospital have now detected six tumours in his thyroid glands, which they say need further observation before a decision to operate is made.

Despite repeated written appeals to the authorities Bao Tong's family have still not been given access to his medical records, and are concerned that the growths and tumours Bao Tong has developed could be cancerous. Before his transfer to hospital his family were allowed to visit him once a month. It is not known whether they will be permitted the same visiting rights now he is in hospital.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes and airmail letters in Mandarin, English or your own language:**

- welcoming Bao Tong's transfer to hospital, and urging that he be allowed to seek medical treatment at home;
- urging that he not be returned to prison, but immediately and unconditionally released as a prisoner of conscience.

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