

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals in English, Chinese or your own language:

- urging the Chinese authorities to commute the death sentences passed on Jiang Qiuping, Qiu Yongbiao and Peng Xiantao in Hunan Province;
- expressing deep concern at the arbitrary and massive use of the death penalty in China and its increased use for economic and non-violent crimes, and calling on the government to immediately commute any death sentences handed down as part of the **Strike Hard** anti-crime crackdown;
- acknowledging the right of governments to bring perpetrators of crime to justice, but expressing opposition to the death penalty in all cases as the ultimate form of cruel and inhuman punishment and as a violation of the right to life, as guaranteed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- noting that the death penalty has never been shown to have a unique deterrent effect on crime and is brutalizing to all involved in its application.

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