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Ablikim Abdiriyim, Uighur, male, 26

Kahriman Abdukirim, Uighur, male, 29

Rebiya Kadeer, Uighur, female

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Amnesty International is extremely concerned that Ablikim Abdiriyim has been beaten in detention in Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region (XUAR). His mother, businesswoman Rebiya Kadeer, and her secretary Kahriman Abdukirim are also at risk of ill-treatment.

Visitors who saw Ablikim Abdiriyim on 22 November in the Wulabai Reeducation through Labour School in Urumqi city, say that during the visit he was sitting, holding his stomach and simply saying "they beat me". Prison officials were present throughout the visit. Ablikim is known to be a quiet, shy man.

On 1 November 1999, Chinese officials visited Rebiya Kadeer's home and demanded a large amount of money from one of her sons. The son was told that the money was needed to pay for Rebiya to be taken to hospital. On 4 November she was reportedly taken to hospital for a check-up but there have been no further details about her health. Rebiya is being held at Liudaowan jail in Urumqi, which is notorious for the torture and ill-treatment of prisoners.

Kahriman Abdukirim is known to be detained in the Wulabai Reeducation through Labour School, and is believed to be at risk of being beaten and otherwise ill-treated.

On 20 November 1999 Ablikim was assigned to a two-year term of "re-education through labour" (an administrative punishment imposed by a committee without charge or trial). Kahriman is serving a three-year term of "re-education through labour". Although Rebiya has been questioned by judicial authorities in XUAR, her case is reported to have been referred to authorities in Beijing.

Ablikim, his mother Rebiya and Kahriman, were detained on 11 August 1999. They were reportedly accused of "providing information to foreigners" or "people outside the borders". The accusation is thought to relate to Rebiya's attempt to speak to members of a United States Congressional Research Service group, who had invited her to meet them during a visit to XUAR. Ablikim and Kahriman had only just been released from eight months incommunicado detention.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/express/airmail letters in English or Chinese or in your own language:**

- demanding the immediate and unconditional release of Ablikim Abdiriyim, Rebiya Kadeer and Kahriman Abdukirim, who are all prisoners of conscience;
- expressing concern at reports of the beating of Ablikim Abdiriyim;
- seeking assurances that Ablikim Abdiriyim, Rebiya Kadeer and Kahriman Abdukirim are being treated in accordance with international standards for the treatment of prisoners; that they will not be ill-treated and will receive all necessary care and medical treatment to ensure they remain in good health while detained.

**APPEALS TO:**President of the People's Republic of China

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**Telegrams: President Jiang Zemin, Beijing, China**  
**Salutation: Your Excellency**

Chairman of the Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Regional People's Government  
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**Salutation: Dear Chairman**

**COPIES TO:**

Chief Procurator of the Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Regional People's Procuratorate  
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**Telegrams: Chief Procurator of the Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Regional People's Procuratorate, Wulumuqi, Xinjiang Weiwuer Zizhiqu, China**  
**Salutation: Dear Sir**

and to diplomatic representatives of People's Republic of China accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 13 January 2000.