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China: Crackdown on lawyers intensifies

On 30 June 2011, at a press conference in Hong Kong, Amnesty International will launch a report revealing how the Chinese government has unleashed an uncompromising series of measures intended to rein in independence of the legal profession and suppress lawyers pursuing human rights cases.

Against the Law – Crackdown on China’s Human Rights Lawyers Deepens analyzes patterns of repression, detailing how the Chinese government has increased control over lawyers through new regulatory and policy instruments, imprisonment, enforced disappearance and torture.

The report also highlights a determined group of lawyers who are challenging restrictions to their work.

When: Thursday 30 June 1000 Hong Kong time, 0400 BST

Where: Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents’ Club, Hong Kong

Who: Catherine Baber, Deputy Programme Director Asia-Pacific Programme, Amnesty International
Albert HO, President of Hong Kong based China Human Rights Lawyer Concern Group

Further information:

- The report includes detailed testimony
- A short video and still images are available
- Interviews with Amnesty International spokespeople and Chinese lawyers are available
- The report updates Amnesty International’s *Breaking the Law: Crackdown on Human Rights Lawyers and Legal Activists in China* (2009)

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