

URGENT ACTION

LAWYER REMAINS BEHIND BARS IN BEIJING

Prominent human rights lawyer Pu Zhiqiang has been in detention since 6 May after attending a meeting to discuss the anniversary of the 1989 Tiananmen crackdown. His assistant and niece, Qu Zhenhong, has also been detained. Four other activists detained after attending the meeting were released on bail on 5 June.

Pu Zhiqiang was criminally detained on 6 May on suspicion of “picking quarrels”. He had attended a meeting on 3 May which called for an investigation into the suppression of the 1989 protests. His lawyer was able to meet with him on 9 June after repeated requests, and expressed concern about Pu Zhiqiang’s health condition as his legs were swollen. Pu Zhiqiang suffers from diabetes and it is unclear whether he is receiving adequate treatment. His lawyer also reported that Pu Zhiqiang says he is being questioned every day, sometimes for up to 10 hours.

Academics **Hao Jian** and **Xu Youyu**, activist **Liu Di** and writer **Hu Shigen**, who were also detained after attending the meeting, were released on bail on 5 June. Pu Zhiqiang applied for bail on 6 June but this was rejected.

Pu Zhiqiang's assistant and niece, **Qu Zhenhong**, was also detained in early May on suspicion of “illegally obtaining personal information”. Her last post on Weibo, a microblogging website in China, was on 6 May, when she wrote about Pu Zhiqiang's detention.

Public commemoration or discussion of the Tiananmen Square crackdown is forcibly curtailed by the authorities. At least 66 people were detained by the Chinese authorities ahead of the 25th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square crackdown on 4 June, and several people were also forced by police to travel to different cities in China.

Please write immediately in Chinese, English or your own language:

- Urge the authorities to immediately and unconditionally release Pu Zhiqiang and Qu Zhenhong;
- Call on them to ensure that Pu Zhiqiang’s treatment while in detention complies with international human rights law and standards, including ensuring that he has immediate access to any medical treatment he requires;
- Demand that all those detained for commemorating and discussing the 1989 events are immediately and unconditionally released.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 23 JULY 2014 TO:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This year's crackdown ahead of the 25th anniversary of Tiananmen has been more severe than in previous years. More people have been detained, put under house arrest or forced to travel to another city. In particular, the authorities criminally detained many activists one month before the anniversary, in an attempt to silence those who wanted to commemorate the anniversary and create a deterrent to others. A provision in Chinese law allows a person to be held for up to 37 days before deciding whether to proceed with formal arrest.

Name: Pu Zhiqiang (m), Hao Jian (m), Xu Youyu (m), Liu Di (f), Hu Shigen (m), Qu Zhenhong (f)
Gender m/f: Both

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