

URGENT ACTION

ACTIVISTS STILL DETAINED AND AT RISK OF TORTURE

Ran Yunfei has been put under “residential surveillance”. Hua Chunhui has been sent home to serve the rest of his term on medical grounds. Ding Mao, Chen Wei and Liang Haiyi remain in detention awaiting trial. They are at risk of torture and other ill-treatment.

On 9 August, **Ran Yunfei**, an activist, writer and blogger, was sent to his home after his case was sent back from court to the procuratorate in June for lack of evidence. Police told him and his family that he has been put under “residential surveillance”. Under the Chinese Criminal Procedure Law, a criminal suspect can be held under surveillance at home for up to six months. Ran Yunfei will not be allowed to leave his home or receive visitors without prior permission and the police will continue to investigate his alleged crime of “inciting subversion of state power”.

The authorities sent **Hua Chunhui** to serve the remainder of his 18-month Re-education Through Labour term at home on medical grounds. He is suffering from serious diabetes. He is receiving medical treatment but his freedom of movement is restricted.

Ding Mao remains in detention on suspicion of “inciting subversion of state power”. The procuratorate has not been able to prosecute him due to lack of evidence and has sent his case back to the police for further investigation twice. Ding Mao’s lawyer has been allowed to see him only once, on 24 August.

Chen Wei remains in incommunicado detention. His case too has been sent back to the police twice, again due to lack of evidence. Chen Wei’s lawyers have not been allowed to meet with him at all.

Liang Haiyi also remains in incommunicado detention. Although her lawyer has not been allowed to meet with her he suspects that she might be tried soon. The details of possible charges against her remain unknown.

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

- Call on authorities to release Ding Mao, Chen Wei and Liang Haiyi immediately and unconditionally;
- Urge the authorities to ensure they have access to family, legal representation of their choice, and any medical care they may require;
- Call on the authorities to guarantee that Ding Mao, Chen Wei and Liang Haiyi will not be tortured or ill-treated in custody;
- Urge the authorities to lift all restrictions on Ran Yunfei and Hua Chunhui;
- Urge the authorities to take effective measures to guarantee freedom of expression, association and assembly in line with China’s Constitution and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights which China has signed and declared an intention to ratify.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 21 OCTOBER 2011 TO:

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MENG Jianzhu Buzhang
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Salutation: Your Excellency

Minister of Justice
WU Aiyang Buzhang
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

On 17 February, US-based Chinese news site Boxun reported an anonymous appeal for Chinese people to stage protests across the country on 20 February. News of the appeal spread quickly via social media sites such as QQ, Twitter and blogs, urging protesters to proclaim: “We want food, we want work, we want housing, we want fairness.” The anonymous call was inspired by protests across the Middle East and North Africa and the “Jasmine Revolution” in Tunisia. In response, Chinese authorities closed down websites and blogs reporting or posting information about Middle East protests, and blocked use of search terms such as “Egypt”.

The police then detained or placed under various forms of house arrest or surveillance more than 136 activists across China, among those a dozen prominent human rights lawyers. In most cases, Amnesty International is not aware of any formal notice, procedure, access to family or lawyers or notification of the exact whereabouts of those who were held. The vast majority of them have since been released, without a charge or on bail.

Ran Yufei was charged with “inciting subversion of state power” in March, and in June the Chengdu Intermediate People’s Court sent his case back to the procuratorate because of insufficient evidence against him for a trial to proceed.

Ding Mao, Chen Wei, and Hua Chunhui were detained separately between 19 and 21 February during the crackdown.

Name: Ran Yunfei (male), Hua Chunhui (male), Ding Mao (male), Chen Wei (male) and Liang Haiyi (female)

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