

July 10, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush  
President of the United States  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We understand that during your trip to the upcoming Olympic Games in Beijing that you plan to raise your concerns with Chinese leaders about the ongoing human rights abuses in China. As stakeholders in the issue, we would like to recommend a particular course of action which would address the concerns of the largest groups of people suffering persecution in China, and would give the Chinese regime an opportunity to show good faith in making amends with these groups.

While our deepest wish, of course, is to see all political and religious prisoners released, we have compiled a short list of individuals currently suffering unjust incarceration whose release, if secured, would be an important stepping stone on the road to greater freedom for all of China. None of these people have committed any crime, and all of them are great assets to their communities. It is unfortunate that China's political system views them as enemies because they are the people with the greatest potential to help China grow and develop into a positive member of the international community. They include prominent attorneys who have defended the rights of the underprivileged, humanitarian aid workers, and common people whose simple belief in Falun Gong, Christianity, Islam, or Tibetan Buddhism has been viewed by the totalitarian leadership as a threat.

## Zhiwen Wang



Gender: Male  
Age: 58  
Occupation: Senior Material Engineer,  
China Railway Materials Commercial Corp.  
Detained Since: July 20, 1999  
Trial Date: December 26, 1999  
Sentencing Body: Beijing No.1 Intermediate People's Court  
Sentence: 16 years

Accusation:

Zhiwen Wang was accused of being a member of Falun Dafa Research Association; of having organized activities including the April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1999 demonstration in front of China's central government compound. He was charged on October 19, 1999 with "illegal obtaining and possessing top state secrets and deliberately leaking state secrets", "using an heretical organization to undermine the implementation of the law"

## Zhisheng Gao



Gender: Male  
Age: 42  
Occupation: Human Rights Attorney  
Detained Since: August 15, 2006  
Trial Date: December 22, 2006  
Sentencing Body: Beijing No.1 Intermediate People's Court  
Sentence: 3 year suspended sentence. Put under house arrest with no telephone and limited access to the outside world

### Accusation:

Zhisheng Gao was accused of “subversion of state power”. Mr. Gao was born and raised in poverty in Shaanxi Province with six siblings. He took a self-taught course on the law and won many cases in court. In 2000, he moved to Beijing and established the Shengzhi Law Office with a half dozen other lawyers. In 2001, he was voted as one of the 10 Best Lawyers in China, because of his professionalism and integrity, often helping poor people without fees suing local Chinese government branches and officials. In December 2005, he quit <sup>[1]</sup> the Communist Party of China. Gao gained international notice by representing controversial clients, including members of the banned spiritual group Falun Gong. On September 22, 2007, according to Hu Jia, a Chinese political activist, Gao was secretly taken away once again by Chinese police. His whereabouts are unknown at this moment.

## **Ablikim Abdureyim**



Gender: Male  
Age: 34  
Occupation: Businessman  
Detained Since: June 1, 2006  
Trial Date: January 22, 2007 (reportedly)  
Trial Date: April 17, 2007  
Sentencing Body: Intermediate People's Court of Urumchi  
Sentence: Nine years' imprisonment, three years' deprivation of political rights

**Accusation:**

Ablikim Abdureyim was accused of instigating and engaging in secessionist activities. He was initially detained two days after his mother, leading Uyghur human rights activist Rebiya Kadeer, was elected president of the Uyghur American Association (UAA) by the organization's members at the UAA's bi-annual congress in Washington, D.C.

## **Tulku Phurbu Tsering Rinpoche**



Gender: Male  
Detained Since: 18 May 2008

**Background:**

Tulku Phurbu Tsering Rinpoche was the chief spiritual preceptor and the head of Pang-ri and Ya-tseg Nunneries in Kardze. Incidentally on 14 May 2008, the Chinese authorities had arrested 55 nuns of his Pang-ri Nunnery in Su-ngo Township, Kardze County for protesting against the implementation of the "Patriotic education" campaign in religious institutions. There has been no information about his current whereabouts, detention and well being.

## **Hu Jia**



**Gender:** Male  
**Age:** 35  
**Occupation:** Director, Fourth Heritage & Culture Association  
Executive director, Beijing Aizhixing Institute of Health Education  
Founder of Loving Source.  
**Detained Since:** December 27, 2007  
**Trial Date:** April 3, 2008  
**Sentencing Body:** Beijing No.1 Intermediate People's Court  
**Sentence:** 3 ½ years  
**Accusation:**

Hu Jia was accused of "inciting subversion of state power". Hu Jia's work has focused on the Chinese democracy movement, Chinese environmentalist movement, and HIV/AIDS in the People's Republic of China. In addition to being an auxiliary member of the team to save the endangered Tibetan antelope, Hu Jia was bestowed honorary citizenship by the Paris City Council in April, 2008.

## Zhang Rongliang



Gender: Male  
Age: 58  
Occupation: Leader of the China for Christ Church  
Detained Since: December 1, 2004  
Trial Date: June 29, 2006  
Sentencing Body: Criminal Court  
Sentence: 7 ½ years  
Accusation:

A prominent Chinese house church leader, pastor Zhang was accused of obtaining passports through deception and illegally crossing the national border. He had been wanted for his religious activities for years before his arrest and has previously spent twelve years in prison during five separate detentions.

## Liewu Ji



Gender: Male  
Age: 45  
Occupation: General Manager, Oriental Copper Co., Ltd.  
Detained Since: July 20, 1999  
Trial Date: December 26, 1999  
Sentencing Body: Beijing No.1 Intermediate People's Court  
Sentence: 12 years  
Accusation:

Liewu Ji was accused of being a member of Falun Dafa Research Association; of having organized activities including the April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1999 demonstration in front of China's central government compound. He was charged on October 19, 1999 with "illegal obtaining and possessing top state secrets and deliberately leaking state secrets", "using an heretical organization to undermine the implementation of the law"

## KIM Hui Sang

Picture not available

Gender: Male  
Age: 38  
Occupation: Laborer in a coal miner in North Hamgyung, North Korea  
Detained Since: April 1, 2007  
Trial Date: September 26, 2007, appeal denied on December 29, 2007  
Sentencing Body: Beijing No.1 Intermediate People's Court  
Detained by: Shandong Yubang Prison  
Sentence: 7 years  
Accusation:

Kim was accused of illegal trafficking in persons for helping North Korean refugees; currently in Shandong Yubang Prison. Kim was helping his relatives escape to South Korea and saw other defectors who desperately needed help so he offered to help them.

He was arrested with three other North Korean defectors he was helping to escape in Shandong, China.

**Tashi Gyaltzen (Tagya)  
Samphel  
Lobsang Donyoe.**



Gender: Male  
Arrested: April 26, 2008  
Accusation:  
Refusing to sign anti-Dalai Lama campaign at Gonsar Monastery, Derge District.

**Shi Weihan**



Gender: Male  
Age: 37  
Occupation: Christian publisher and bookstore owner  
Detained Since: March 19, 2008  
Trial Date: No date set  
Detained by: Beijing Municipal Public Security Bureau  
Accusation:

Mr. Shi is being held on the stated grounds of being a "dangerous religious element." He had a registered legal business. He is denied visits from family and though he was finally allowed to meet with a lawyer, his detention continues despite his deteriorating health and the failure of officials to set a trial date.

## **HONG Jin-Hee**



Gender: Male  
Age: 38  
Occupation: Clerk in a foreign currency exchange company in Hamheung, North Korea.  
Detained Since: November, 2004  
Trial Date: 2006  
Sentence: 7 years  
Background:  
Hong escaped but later found out his family had been exiled to a village in South Hamgyung Province, so he helped them escape North Korea. In early November, 2004, he was arrested in Shenyang, China, as he was helping North Korean defectors get to South Korea.

## Alim Abdureyim



Gender: Male  
Age: 32  
Occupation: Businessman  
Detained Since: June 1, 2006  
Trial Date: October 27, 2006  
Trial Date: November 27, 2006  
Sentencing Body: Intermediate People's Court of Urumchi  
Sentence: Seven years' imprisonment, fined RMB 500,000 (USD 62,500)  
Accusation:

Alim Abdureyim was accused of tax evasion. He was initially detained two days after his mother, leading Uyghur human rights activist Rebiya Kadeer, was elected president of the Uyghur American Association (UAA) by the organization's members at the UAA's bi-annual congress in Washington, D.C. Alim's sentence came one day after Ms. Kadeer was elected to the position of president of the World Uyghur Congress.

## Qiuju Gao

Picture not available

Gender: Female  
Age: 67  
Occupation: Manager of Import-Export Company  
Detained Since: July 24, 1999  
Trial Date: February 1, 2000  
Sentencing Body: Xigang District Court of Dalian City, Liaoning Province  
Sentence: 9 years  
Accusation:

Qiuju Gao was accused of "disturbing public order" by helping to organize the demonstration in Beijing on 25 April 1999 and of "leaking state secrets" by passing government documents about the crackdown on the Falun Gong to Zhiwen Wang (see above).

## Wusiman Yiming

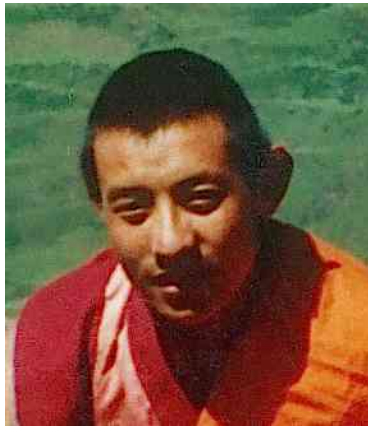


Gender: Male  
Age: 35  
Occupation: former employee of Xinjiang Pacific Agricultural Resources Development Company Ltd.  
Detained Since: November 19, 2007  
Trial Date: November 27, 2007  
Sentencing Body: Administratioin committee on re-education through labor of Hetian District  
Sentence: 2 years

Accusation:

Mr. Yiming, an ethnic Uyghur, a Christian, was detained on suspicion of disclosing state secrets, and accused of assisting foreigners in illegal activities. After appeal to Kashi People's Court on April 16, 2008, before judges from Hetian City, Xinjiang, his sentence was upheld. He filed an administrative lawsuit, but the case which opened on June 4, 2008, was conducted behind closed doors and without sufficient legal proceedings. He experiences malnutrition and heavy labor requirements.

## **Jamyang Nyima**



Gender: Male  
Age: 30  
Occupation: Monk at Kirti Dhongri Monastery  
Background:

Mr. Jamyang Nyima was arrested in Amdo Ngaba County in March 2008.

## **KIM Heung-Gyun**



Gender: Male  
Age: 51  
Occupation: Labor camp laborer in Russia  
Detained Since: September 1, 2004  
Trial Date: 2006  
Sentence: 5 years  
Background:

Kim was sent to Russia as a laborer after working as a secretary in the lowest level Party Unit after graduating from a North Korean Agriculture Professional School; He defected to South Korea from Russia in 1994 instead of returning to North Korea. With other defectors in South Korea, Kim organized a rescue team to help defectors go to Vietnam

and Mongolia to reach the South Korean embassy in those countries. He was arrested with 60 other defectors in an apartment in Beijing

## Huseyin Celil



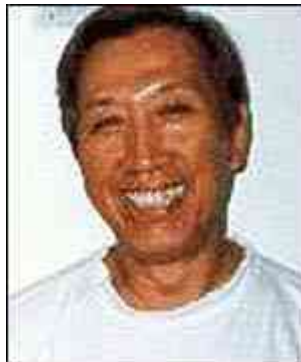
Gender: Male  
Age: 39  
Occupation: Imam  
Detained Since: March 27, 2006 (in Uzbekistan); he was sent to China in June 2006.

Trial Date: August 2006  
Trial Date: April 19, 2007  
Sentencing Body: Intermediate People's Court of Urumchi  
Sentence: Life imprisonment

Accusation:

Celil was convicted on charges of "terrorist activities" and "plotting to split the country". He was formerly a charismatic imam based in Toronto, and became a Canadian citizen in November 2005. He originally fled from the Chinese authorities in the late 1990s, after having served a prison term on charges relating to allegedly founding a political party in East Turkistan.

## Chang Li



Gender: Male  
Age: 68  
Occupation: former deputy director at the Ministry for Public Security  
Detained Since: July 20, 1999  
Trial Date: December 26, 1999

Sentencing Body: Beijing No.1 Intermediate People's Court

Sentence: 18 years

Accusation:

Chang Li was accused of being a member of Falun Dafa Research Association; of having organized activities including the April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1999 demonstration in front of China's central government compound.

## **Shuang Shuying**



Gender: Female

Age: 77

Detained Since: February 9, 2007

Trial Date: February 26, 2007

Sentencing Body: Beijing Chongwen District People's Court

Sentence: 2 years

Accusation:

For visiting her then-imprisoned son Hua Huiqi (Prominent House Church Leader) and seeking his release, Shuang Shuying was accused of willfully damaging public and private property. She experiences serious health problems while in prison.

## Nurmemet Yasin



Gender: Male  
Age: 34  
Occupation: Writer  
Detained Since: November 29, 2004  
Trial Date: February (1 or 2), 2005  
Sentencing Body: Kashgar District People's Intermediate Court  
Sentence: 10 years  
Accusation:

Yasin was convicted of publishing a story "inciting splittism," after his story, about a wild pigeon that travels far from home, only to be captured by humans and confined to a birdcage, was published in a literary journal. Chinese authorities apparently interpreted the story as an allegorical criticism of Han Chinese policies in the Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region.

## OH Young Sun



Gender: Male  
Age: 47  
Occupation: Assistant director of the North Korean Art Film Center  
Detained Since: 2004  
Trial Date: 2005  
Sentence: 7 years.  
Background:

OH defected North Korea in 2002. Before his arrest, OH was in Yanbian, China, helping

with the production of a film about North Korean human rights issues. He began to help 8 defectors to escape to South Korea.

We greatly appreciate your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Friends of Falun Gong  
Capital Area Tibetan Association  
China Aid Association  
Uyghur American Association  
North Korea Freedom Coalition  
Open Doors USA

cc:

The Honorable Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State