

In Custody: An Updated List of Imprisoned Labor Activists

Following is a list of people believed to be currently in custody for crimes related to labor activism. The list is drawn from information provided by the following organizations: HRIC, Human Rights Watch, China Labour Bulletin, China Labor Watch, Solidarity Center, Amnesty International, International Labour Organization, National Labor Committee, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, U.S. State Department.

Abbreviations: WAF - Workers Autonomous Federation; FLUC - Free Labor Union of China; CDP - China Democracy Party; CFDP - China Freedom and Democracy Party; RTL - reeducation through labor; CCP - Chinese Communist Party; ACFTU - All China Federation of Trade Unions

NAME	CITY	DETENTION DATE	BACKGROUND	TRIAL DATE	OFFENSE	CURRENT SITUATION
Shao Liangshen	Shandong Province	1989	A member of the Jinan City WAF and the Workers Democratic Federation, arrested in the wake of the official crackdown on the 1989 Democracy Movement.	Sep-89, death commuted to prison. Due for release Nov-07	destroying transportation equipment	Shangdong Weihsu Prison
Yao Guisheng	Hunan Province	Jun-89	A manual laborer, Yao joined the Changsha WAF during the 1989 protests. After a dispute with a taxi driver while helping WAF leaders escape from China after June 4th, Yao and others were charged with "robbery and assault." Yao's charge was subsequently changed to "looting."	Oct-89, 15 years	robbery and assault	Hunan Provincial No. 6 Prison, Longxi. Reported mentally ill as a result of ill-treatment.
Guo Yunqiao	Hunan Province	9-Jun-89	Manual laborer and leader of Yueyang City WAF. Arrested while leading a protest by 10,000 workers after June 4th. Sentenced to death in September 1989, but sentence commuted to life in 1991. Eight other defendants sentenced to prison terms of 7 to 15 years.	01-Sep-91, 13 years (commuted from death)	hooliganism	Hunan Provincial No. 2 Prison, Hengyang
Chen Gang	Hunan Province	11-Jun-89	Employee of Xiangtan Machinery Factory in Hunan. Accused of vandalizing the home of a factory official who prevented a factory protest. Death sentence commuted to 18 years in prison after a strike by fellow workers. Two co-defendants, Liu Zhihua and Peng Shi, also had life sentences reduced.	1989, death commuted to 18 years, reduced to 15 years	hooliganism	Longxi Prison. Due for release November 2007
Peng Shi	Hunan Province	Jun-89	A 26-year old worker. See Chen Gang.	Life subsequently reduced, due for release 2006	hooliganism	Hunan No. 6 Prison
Liu Jian	Hunan Province	Jun-89	A factory worker aged 33. See Chen Gang.	Aug-89, life	hooliganism	Hunan No. 6 Prison
Liu Zhihua	Hunan Province	Jun-89	A factory worker aged 25. See Chen Gang.	Jun-89, life, later reduced, to be released 2011	hooliganism	Hunan No. 6 Prison
Hu Shigen	Beijing	27-May-92	b. 1954. Former lecturer at Beijing Foreign Languages Institute, and a leader of FLUC. In 1991 established the CFDP with Wang Guoqi (also imprisoned, but recently released). Drafted papers calling for democratic reform and independent labor unions. Arrested for June 4 memorial activities in 1992.	16-Dec-94, 20 years	counter-revolutionary crimes	Beijing No. 2 Prison. Reported liver, heart, heart, and stomach ailments, hearing problems.
Liu Jingsheng	Beijing	28-May-92	b. 1955. Worker at the Tongyi Chemical Plant. Involved in establishing CFDP and FLUC.	16-Dec-94, 15 years	counter-revolutionary crimes	Transferred to Beijing City Prison in May 1999, whereabouts since then uncertain.

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Kang Yuchun	Beijing	27-Sep-92	b. 1964. Former doctor at Beijing Anding Hospital. Member of FLUC and CFDP. Arrested for June 4 memorial activities.	16-Dec-94, 17 years	counter-revolutionary crimes	Beijing No. 2 Prison. Reported heart problems, ill-treated in prison.
Wang Miaogen	Shanghai	27-Apr-93	b. 1954. Manual laborer, sentenced to two and a half years of RTL as president of Shanghai WAF in 1989. Continued to call for independent trade unions after release in 1991. Forcibly committed to psychiatric treatment in May 1993 on fears he would disrupt the Asian Games.	27-Apr-93, forcible commitment to psychiatric hospital		Shanghai An Kang PSB Hospital. Reported in filthy conditions with inadequate food and water.
Li Bifeng	Sichuan Province	8-Mar-98	b. 1965. Former tax official. Served 5 years' imprisonment for participation in 1989 Democracy Movement. Also a member of an underground Christian church. Arrested after sending reports to HRIC and others on worker protests in Mianyang City in July 1997.	24-Aug-98, 7 years	commercial fraud	Chuandong No. 3 Prison, Dazu County
Zhang Shanguang	Hunan Province	21-Jul-98	b. 1954. Originally a teacher. After completing 7-year sentence for counter-revolutionary crimes in 1996, Zhang worked in a factory, but was soon laid off. He organized hundreds of laid-off workers and established the Association to Protect Workers' Rights. Arrested after a Radio Free Asia interview on worker protests in Shupu County.	27-Dec-98, 10 years	supplying intelligence to orgs outside China	Hunan No. 1 Prison, Yuanjiang City. Suffers from tuberculosis, heart and intestinal illnesses, and ill-treated in prison.
He Chaohui (He Zhaohui)	Hunan Province	Detained Oct-98, formally arrested May-99	b. 1961. WAF member employed at Chenzhou Railway Bureau. Organized worker protests and released information to overseas groups in 1997 and 1998. Formed group to support Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. Detained when found in possession of a \$300 check from an American university professor.	24-Aug-99, 10 years	illegally providing information to foreign organizations	Chenzhou Prison
Yue Tianxiang	Gansu Province	11-Jan-99	Laid off from Tianshui City Transport Company in 1995 with pay in arrears. In Sept. 1998 began participating in CDP's Gansu branch. Arrested in January 1999 after establishing journal Chinese Workers' Monitor with Guo Xinmin and Wang Fengshan, and petitioning Jiang Zemin. Guo and Wang were sentenced to 2 years in prison and have been released.	5-Jul-99, 10 years	incitement to subvert state power	Tianshui Prison (Gansu Provincial No. 2 Prison)
Liao Shihua	Hunan Province	10-Jun-99	b. 1949. Worker at Changsha Automotive Electronics Factory and member of CDP. Led mass worker protests in October 1998 and June 1999.	22-Dec-99, 6 years	incitement to subvert state power	Changsha No. 1 Detention Center
Gao Hongming	Beijing	June 29, 1999, formally arrested July 1, 1999	b. 1950. CDP member. With He Depu and Wang Zhixin Gao attempted to run for election as an NPC delegate in 1998. In April 1999 established the China Free Workers Union with Xu Yonghai and Zha Jianguo. Arrested while preparing a June 4 commemoration.	Aug 2, 1999, 8 years	incitement to subvert state power	Beijing No. 2 Prison

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Zha Jianguo	Beijing	29-Jun-99	Beijing CDP representative. Arrested with Gao Hongming for involvement in China Free Workers Union and June 4 commemoration.	Aug 2, 1999, 9 years	incitement to subvert state power	
Chen Zhonghe	Hubei Province	1-Sep-99	b. 1948. A worker in a Wuhan steel mill and core CDP member, Chen was arrested for attempting with Xiao Shichang and Zhang Hanjian to organize a human rights conference in Wuhan in March 1999.	July 7, 2000, 7 years	incitement to subvert state power	
Wang Changchun	Sichuan Province	Oct-99	Collier at Damuhe coal mine in Damu County. Arrested during violent confrontations with police after closure of the mine in 1999. Subsequent whereabouts of Wang and 6 others, Wang Fanghua, Wang Heping, Wang Ligu, Wang Qun, Zhang Jun and Zhu Wanghong, remain unknown.			unknown
Wang Fanghua	Sichuan Province	Oct-99	See Wang Changchun			
Wang Heping	Sichuan Province	Oct-99	See Wang Changchun			
Wang Ligu	Sichuan Province	Oct-99	See Wang Changchun			
Wan Qun	Sichuan Province	Oct-99	See Wang Changchun			
Zhang Jun	Sichuan Province	Oct-99	See Wang Changchun			
Zhu Wanhong	Sichuan Province	Oct-99	See Wang Changchun			
Xu Jian	Inner Mongolia	Dec-99	Former employee of Neimengu No. 2 Main Machinery Factory in Baotou City, and a registered legal practitioner specializing in legal rights, arrested for distributing leaflets to educate workers regarding their rights.	18-Jul-00, 4 years	incitement to subvert state power	Chifeng No. 2 Prison, Inner Mongolia. Denied treatment for hepatitis and hypertension.
Feng Daxun	Sichuan Province	16-Dec-99	b. 1941. Former journalist and CDP member. Arrested after speaking with protesting machine tool workers in Neijiang City in December 1999.	Nov-01, 3 years	incitement to subvert state power	After sentencing, transferred from Neijiang Dongxing Detention Center to Gong County Coal Mine.
Miao Jinhong	Zhejiang Province	1-Oct-00	Miao led a group of migrant workers in Zhejiang in blocking a railway and attacking a police station to protest unpaid wages.	8 years		
Ni Xiafei	Zhejiang Province	1-Oct-00	See Miao Jinhong.	8 years		
Li Keyou	Zhejiang Province	1-Oct-00	See Miao Jinhong. Information indicates that Li should have been released by early 2004.	3-1/2 years		
Wang Sen	Sichuan Province	30-Apr-01	b. 1966. CDP member based in Chengdu. Arrested with Hu Mingjun and Zheng Yongliang after organizing protests by workers of the Dazhou Iron and Steel Factory in December 2000. Zheng has been released.	30-May-02, 10 years	incitement to subvert state power	Dazhou Municipal Public Security Bureau Detention Center
Hu Mingjun	Sichuan Province	29-May-01	b. 1963. See Wang Sen, above.	30-May-02, 11 years	incitement to subvert state power	Not stated. Probably same as Wang Sen.

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Li Wangyang	Hunan Province	6-May-01	b. 1950. Sentenced to 13 years in prison after organized protests and established Shaoyang WAF in 1989. Following early release in June 2000, Li was arrested again after hunger strike to demand medical treatment for ailments caused by imprisonment. Li's sister, Li Wanglin, was sentenced to three years' RTL for aiding his protest.	20-Sep-01, 10 years	incitement to subvert state power	Released, but suffers from lung and heart disease and unable to walk unaided.
Li Wangling	Hunan Province	7-Jun-01	Member of Shaoyang WAF. Should be due for release.	3 years		
Cai Guangye	Jilin Province	21-Dec-01	A labor activist and doctor at the local military hospital, Cai was detained briefly after photographing protests by workers laid off from the Jilin Chemical Industrial Company in April 2001. Arrested again following worker protests in November and December.	reported under "isolation and investigation"		current whereabouts unknown
Lu Wenbin	Jiangsu Province	22-Dec-01	An electrician at the Xinfeng Gin Cotton Factory, and special correspondent for the Textile Daily newspaper, Lu was arrested after investigating massive worker protests at the privatized Huainan Textile Factory in Dafeng City. There is no information on Lu's current status.			current whereabouts unknown
Yao Fuxin	Liaoning Province	17-Mar-02	b. 1950. Husband of a former employee of bankrupt Liaoyang Ferro-Alloy Factory, Yao led protests by thousands of workers in March 2002.	9-May-03, 7 years	subversion, organizing illegal demonstrations	Lingyuan Prison
Xiao Yunliang	Liaoning Province	20-Mar-02	See Yao Fuxin, above	9-May-03, 4 years	subversion, organizing illegal demonstrations	Lingyuan Prison
Zhao Changqing	Shaanxi Province	7-Nov-02, formally arrested 27-Dec-02	b. 1968. Teacher at a school affiliated with Shaanxi Hanzhong Nuclear Industry Factory 813. Imprisoned for three years in 1998 after attempting to stand for election to the NPC and criticizing ACFTU. After release, arrested for participation in open letter to 16th Party Congress calling for political reform.	05-Aug-03, 5 years	incitement to subvert state power	Shaanxi Weinan Prison