

# TIMELINE: HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

Human rights defenders and their families continued to be harassed, detained, and arrested throughout the year. For more information on the cases noted in the timeline, see HRIC's Monthly Briefs, available at <http://www.hrichina.org>.

## FEBRUARY

- 4 Journalist **Ching Cheong** (程翔) released on parole
- 5 Writer **Lü Gengsong** (吕耿松) sentenced
- 8 *Southern Metropolitan Daily* editor **Yu Huafeng** (喻华峰) released
- 19 Land rights defender and Olympic critic **Yang Chunlin** (杨春林) tried
- 16–22 Rights defense lawyer **Zheng Enchong** (郑恩宠) repeatedly beaten, subpoenaed
- 20 Jailed petitioner **Liu Jie's** (刘杰) Reeducation-Through-Labor (RTL) decision upheld
- 21 **Yuan Weijing** (袁伟静) barred from monthly family visit to her husband, jailed barefoot lawyer **Chen Guangcheng** (陈光诚)
- 25 Family informed that jailed democracy activist **Zhu Yufu** (朱虞夫) to be retried
- 25 Husband of rights activist **Ni Yulan** (倪玉兰) beaten
- 26 Jailed petitioner **Liu Jie** (刘杰) begins hunger strike
- 29 Rights defender **Zheng Mingfang** (郑明芳) taken from home

## MARCH

- 1–5 Tiananmen Mothers member **Zhang Xianling** (张先玲) monitored
- 2 Jailed petitioner **Liu Jie** (刘杰) ends hunger strike
- 4 Jailed petitioner **Liu Jie** (刘杰) files administrative suit on RTL decision, suit not accepted
- 4 Land rights defender **Yu Jianli** (于建利) tried
- 5 Rights defense lawyer **Teng Biao** (滕彪) detained
- 7 Rights defender **Hu Jia** (胡佳) indicted
- 10 Tibetan writer **Woeser** and husband **Wang Lixiong** (王力雄) under house arrest
- 18 Rights defender **Hu Jia** (胡佳) tried
- 20 Uyghur Christian **Alimujiang Yimiti** (阿里木江·依米提) arrested
- 21 **Yuan Weijing** (袁伟静) barred from monthly family visit to **Chen Guangcheng** (陈光诚)
- 24 Land rights defender and Olympic critic **Yang Chunlin** (杨春林) sentenced
- 27 Jailed dissident **He Depu** (何德普) denied visit with medical specialist
- 28 Jailed democracy activist **Zhu Yufu** (朱虞夫) retried

## APRIL

- 1 Writer **Hu Di** (胡迪) summoned
- 3 Rights defender **Hu Jia** (胡佳) sentenced
- 8 Husband of rights defender **Zheng Mingfang** (郑明芳) informed of Zheng's two-year RTL sentence
- 9 Jailed democracy activist **Zhu Yufu's** (朱虞夫) sentence increased to include deprivation of political rights
- 14 Appeal of writer **Lü Gengsong** (吕耿松) dismissed
- 15 **Yuan Weijing** (袁伟静) barred from monthly family visit to **Chen Guangcheng** (陈光诚)
- 15 Rights activist **Ni Yulan** (倪玉兰) beaten, taken into police custody
- 17 Dissident **Tao Jun** (陶君) detained and interrogated
- 17 Writer **Lü Gengsong** (吕耿松) transferred to prison
- 17 Rights defense lawyer **Zheng Enchong** (郑恩宠) blocked from attending hearing for former Shanghai mayor Chen Liangyu, phone line cut
- 26 Veteran dissident **He Depu** (何德普), serving an eight year prison sentence, writes letter to International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge about worsening prison conditions
- 27 Imprisoned rights defender **Hada** (哈达) mistreated
- 29 **Yuan Weijing** (袁伟静) barred from monthly family visit to **Chen Guangcheng** (陈光诚)
- 29 Rights activist **Ni Yulan** (倪玉兰) arrested
- 29 Rights defender **Hu Jia** (胡佳) barred from family visit
- 29 **Yuan Weijing** (袁伟静) barred from attending Beijing hearing in administrative case Yuan brought against the government for prohibiting her from traveling outside of China in 2007

## MAY

- 3 Freelance writer **Zhou Yuanzhi** (周远志) taken away, monitored, and interrogated
- 5 **Yuan Weijing** (袁伟静) barred from attending hearing in her administrative case
- 6 Wife learns that imprisoned rights defender **Guo Qizhen** (郭起真) beaten in prison
- 7 Rights defender **Hu Jia** (胡佳) transferred to Chaobai Prison in Tianjin

- 14 **Yuan Weijing** (袁伟静) barred from attending hearing in her administrative case, court upholds decision prohibiting her from travelling outside of China in 2007
- 15 **Yuan Weijing** (袁伟静) barred from monthly family visit to **Chen Guangcheng** (陈光诚)
- 15 Freelance writer **Zhou Yuanzhi** (周远志) released
- 17 Democracy activist **Guo Quan** (郭泉) taken away, home searched, computer confiscated
- 17–22 Jailed petitioner **Liu Jie** (刘杰) tortured
- 23 Land rights defender **Yu Jianli** (于建利) retried
- 27 Uyghur Christian **Alimujiang Yimiti** (阿里木江·依米提) tried
- 28 Democracy activist **Guo Quan** (郭泉) released
- 28 Heilongjiang barefoot lawyer **Yuan Xianchen** (袁显臣) taken back from Beijing
- 31 Rights defense lawyers **Teng Biao** (滕彪) and **Jiang Tianyong** (江天勇) unable to renew licenses

## JUNE

- 3 Rights defense lawyers **Li Xiongbing** (黎雄兵) and **Cheng Hai** (程海) barred from meeting clients
- 4 Rights defense lawyer **Pu Zhiqiang** (浦志强) prevented from visiting Tiananmen Square to pay tribute to those killed in June Fourth massacre
- 7 Activist blogger **Zeng Jinyan** (曾金燕), wife of imprisoned rights defender **Hu Jia** (胡佳), leaves Beijing after harassment
- 9 Consumer rights activist **Chen Shuwei** (陈书伟) beaten
- 9 Retired teacher **Zeng Hongling** (曾宏玲) detained after posting three Sichuan earthquake-related articles
- 10 Rights activist **Huang Qi** (黄琦) taken away by police
- 11 Rights activist **Huang Qi** (黄琦) criminally detained
- 16 Mother of rights activist **Huang Qi** (黄琦) receives notice of his detention
- 16 Rights defense website manager **Ren Shangyan** (任尚燕) detained
- 17 Rights activist **Hua Huiqi** (华惠棋) harassed
- 17 Mongolian dissident **Jaranbayarin Soyolt** (苏何图) released
- 19 AIDS activist **Wan Yanhai** (万延海) monitored
- 25 Daughter of imprisoned rights defender **Guo Feixiong** (郭飞雄) denied admission to local public school
- 25 Changsha dissident **Xie Changfa** (谢长发) and younger brother detained
- 25 Sichuan schoolteacher **Liu Shaokun** (刘绍坤) detained
- 27 Democracy activist **Zha Jianguo** (查建国) released
- 28 Shanxi rights activist **Liu Jianjun** (刘建军) taken away by Beijing police
- 30 Elder brother of **Chen Guangcheng** (陈光诚) under

- close surveillance, number of guards monitoring **Yuan Weijing** (袁伟静) increases to more than 40
- 30 Heilongjiang barefoot lawyer **Yuan Xianchen** (袁显臣) arrested

## JULY

- 1 Activist **Hua Huiqi** (华惠棋) threatened, wife beaten
- 2 U.S. Citizen **Jude Shao** (邵裘德) released on parole
- 4 Shanxi rights activist **Liu Jianjun** (刘建军) taken back to Shanxi, criminally detained
- 7 Guizhou dissident **Chen Xi** (陈西) under 24-hour surveillance by the Guiyang municipal police to prevent him from traveling to Beijing
- 9 Tianjin-based dissident **Lü Honglai** (吕洪来) detained
- 17 Rights defender **Yu Jianli** (于建利) sentenced
- 18 Rights activist **Huang Qi** (黄琦) formally arrested
- 20 Rights defense lawyer **Zheng Enchong** (郑恩宠) interrogated
- 20 Dissident **Zhang Shanguang** (张善光) released from prison
- 21 Internet dissident writer **Du Daobin** (杜导斌) detained
- 23 Family informed of Sichuan schoolteacher **Liu Shaokun's** (刘绍坤) one-year RTL sentence
- 23 Rights defense lawyer **Zheng Enchong** (郑恩宠) summoned, home searched
- 24 Beijing house church member **Xu Yonghai** (徐永海) notified by the Deshengmenwai Police that he will be under 24-hour surveillance until end of September
- 24 **Jia Jianying** (贾建英), wife of imprisoned Beijing dissident **He Depu** (何德普), notified by the Zhanlan Road Police that 24-hour surveillance will last until September 24
- 25 Sichuan rights activist and Pan-Blue Alliance member **Huang Xiaomin** (黄晓敏) detained
- 25 Zhejiang rights activist and Pan-Blue Alliance member **Wei Zhenling** (魏桢凌) detained
- 25 Detained rights activist **Huang Qi's** (黄琦) family denied permission to bring him medicine or submit an application for his release on bail
- 26 Imprisoned activist **Ye Guozhu** (叶国柱) not released after serving full term
- 28 Shanghai Petitioners **Zhang Cuiping** (张翠平), **Zhang Zhiying** (张智英), **Wang Shanbao** (王山葆), **Wang Shuizhen** (王水珍), and **Zhu Libin** (朱黎斌) detained by authorities to prevent them from going to Beijing during the Olympics
- 29 Family of Sichuan schoolteacher **Liu Shaokun** (刘绍坤) denied a visit after being told they could see him

- 31 Chaoyang District state security police notified Beijing-based intellectual **Yu Jie** (余杰) that he would be under 24-hour surveillance until conclusion of the Paralympics

## AUGUST

- 1 Zhejiang dissident **Wang Rongqing** (王荣清) arrested on suspicion of “subversion of state power”
- 4 Guizhou petitioner **Chen Hong** (陈红) dragged from her home by local officials demanding a “confession”
- 10 Beijing house church activist **Hua Huiqi** (华惠棋) abducted by state security police on his way to a church service attended by U.S. President Bush,

- managed to escape
- 17 Beijing petitioners **Wu Dianyuan** (吴殿元), 79, and **Wang Xiuying** (王秀英), 77, sentenced to a one-year term of RTL after applying for protest zone permits
- 26 Long-term political prisoner **Hu Shigen** (胡石根) released after serving 16 years of a 20-year sentence
- 29 RTL sentence of petitioners **Wu Dianyuan** (吴殿元) and **Wang Xiuying** (王秀英) rescinded