

# In custody: A list of prisoners in custody for labor-related activities

Following is a list of people 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, Amnesty International, International Labour Organization, National Labor Committee, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions

**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	SENTENCE	CURRENT SITUATION
Leng Wanbao	Changchun, Jilin Province	10-Jun-89	b. 1960. Imprisoned for organizing peaceful protests by 10,000 workers of Changchun First Automotive Factory in May and June 1989. After release in 1994, continued to publish open letters calling for reassessment of June 4th and formation of independent labor unions, for which he has been repeatedly arrested and detained.	27-Nov-90	counter-revolutionary crimes	8 years	paroled in 1994 for medical reasons
Yao Guisheng	Changsha, Hunan Province	Jun-89	A manual laborer, Yao joined the Changsha WAF during the 1989 protests. After a dispute with 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	robbery and assault	15 years	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.	Sep-91	hooliganism	13 years	Hunan Provincial No. 2 Prison, Hengyang
Chen Gang	Hunan Province	Jun-89	Employee of Xiangtan Machinery Factory in Hunan. Accused of vandalizing the home of a factory official who prevented a factory protest. Initially sentenced to death, but sentence commuted to 18 years in prison after a strike by fellow workers, and later reduced. Two co-defendants, Liu Zhihua and Peng Shi, had life sentences reduced, and have been released.	1989	hooliganism	15 years	due for release November 2007

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Liang Qiang	Beijing	1989	Cadre at Beijing Light Vehicle Company and member of Beijing WAF. Arrested for writing "reactionary" articles for Beijing WAF and Beijing Students Autonomous Federation during the 1989 protests.	Jan-90	counter-revolutionary crimes	15 years	Beijing Yanqing Prison. Due for release May 2004
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. Drafted papers calling for democratic reform and independent labor unions. Arrested for June 4 memorial activities in 1992.	16-Dec-94	counter-revolutionary crimes	20 years.	Beijing No. 2 Prison. Reported liver, heart, and stomach ailments, hearing problems.
Liu Jingsheng	Beijing	28-May-92	b. 1954. Worker at the Yitong Chemical Plant. Involved in establishing CFDP and FLUC.	16-Dec-94	counter-revolutionary crimes	15 years	Beijing No. 2 Prison. Suffers from hypertension and gastric illness.
Wang Guoqi	Beijing	27-Sep-92	b. 1962. Printer and co-founder of FLUC and CFDP.	16-Dec-94	counter-revolutionary crimes	11 years	Beijing No. 2 Prison.
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	counter-revolutionary crimes	17 years	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.				Shanghai An Kang PSB Hospital. Reported in filthy conditions with inadequate food and water.
Li Bifeng	Mianyang City, Sichuan Province	8-Mar-98	b. 1965. Former tax official. Served 5 years' imprisonment for participation in 1989 pro-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	commercial fraud	7 years	Chuangdong Prison, Dazu County, Sichuan

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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 Radio Free Asia interview on worker protests.	27-Dec-98	supplying intelligence to orgs outside China	10 years	Hunan No. 1 Prison, Yuanjiang City. Suffers from tuberculosis, heart and intestinal illnesses, and ill-treated in prison.
He Chaohui	Hunan Province	Aug-98	b. 1961. Originally 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.	29-Jun-99	endangering state safety	10 years	Chenzhou Prison
Yue Tianxiang	Tianshui City, 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 Feng-shan, and petitioning Jiang Zemin. Guo and Wang were sentenced to 2 years in prison and have been released.	5-Jul-99	subversion	10 years	Tianshui 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	incitement to overthrow state power	6 years	Changsha No. 1 Detention Center
Wang Changchun	Neijiang City, Sichuan	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
Xu Jian	Baotou, Inner Mongolia	Dec-99	Former employee of Neimengu No. 2 Main Machinery Factory in Baotou City, and a registered legal practitioner. Helped workers distribute leaflets on worker rights.	Jul-00	incitement to overthrow state power	4 years	Chifeng No. 2 Prison, Inner Mongolia. Denied treatment for hepatitis and hypertension.
Feng Daxun	Neijiang City, Sichuan	16-Dec-99	b. 1941. Former journalist. Arrested after speaking with protesting machine tool workers in December 1999.	1-Nov	incitement to overthrow state power	3 years	After sentencing transferred from Neijiang Dongxing Detention Center to Gong County Coal Mine.

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Huang Qi	Chengdu City, Sichuan	30-Mar-00	b. 1964. In late December 1999 reported on his Tianwang web site that more than 200,000 fishermen had been forced to have preventative surgery, spurring official investigation. Site was closed down in March 2000 and Huang was arrested in June. Original trial in February 2001 postponed after Huang fainted in court. The retrial was not open to the public.	14-Aug-01	subversion	undisclosed	unknown
Li Jiaqing	Henan	7-Aug-00	Paper factory engineer. Organized an independent workers' congress at Zhengzhou Paper Mill in October 1999 to prevent proposed merger. Arrested with 20 others after months of petitions and protests in early 2000. Trial adjourned after 200 workers protested outside the courthouse.	13-Feb-01	gathering a crowd to disrupt social order	undisclosed	last known to be held in Zhengzhou No. 2 Detention Center
Wang Sen	Dazhou City, Sichuan	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. Only Zheng has been released.	30-May-02	subversion	10 years	Dazhou Municipal Public Security Bureau Detention Center
Hu Mingjun	Chengdu, Sichuan	29-May-01	b. 1963. See Wang Sen, above.	30-May-02	subversion	11 years	Not stated. Probably same as Wang Sen.
Li Wangyang	Shaoyang City, 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	incitement to overthrow state power	10 years	Hunan Province No. 1 Prison. Suffers from lung and heart disease and unable to walk unaided.
Cai Guangye	Jilin City, 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.				current whereabouts unknown
Lu Wenbin	Jiangsu Province	22-Dec-01	b. 1982. 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.				current whereabouts unknown

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Yao Fuxin	Liaoyang City, 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. Yao and another protest leader, Xiao Yunliang, were tried Jan. 15, 2003, but no verdict has been disclosed.	15-Jan-03	subversion	undisclosed	Liaoyang Detention Center
Xiao Yunliang	Liaoyang City, Liaoning Province	20-Mar-02	See Wang Zhaoming, above.	15-Jan-03	subversion	undisclosed	Liaoyang Detention Center
Wang Zhaoming	Liaoyang City, Liaoning Province	20-Mar-02	Wang Zhaoming, Xiao Yunliang and Pang Qingxiang were arrested after leading protests calling for release of Yao Fuxin and other protest leaders. Wang and Pang were eventually released and have begun negotiating with officials for Yao and Xiao's release.	no trial	illegally organizing a public protest	conditionally released Dec. 20, 2002	
Pang Qingxiang	Liaoyang City, Liaoning Province	20-Mar-02	See Wang Zhaoming, above.	no trial	illegally organizing a public protest	conditionally released Dec. 20, 2002	
Di Tianguai	Taiyuan City, Shanxi	1-Jun-02	b. 1945. Retired worker at Taiyuan City Dazhong Machinery Factory, member of CCP and long-time advocate of worker rights. Arrested after calling for national federation representing China's 30 million retired state workers.	awaiting trial	incitement to subvert state power		Taiyuan City Detention Center. Suffers from high blood pressure and ill-treated in prison. China Labor Watch reports life-threatening deterioration of health.
Zhao Changqing	Hanzhong City, Shaanxi	7-Nov-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.	awaiting trial	incitement to subvert state power		Transferred to a prison infirmary after worsened condition from tuberculosis.
Unknown	Suizhou City, Hubei Province	19-Mar-03	According to CLB, a retired worker and former ACFTU official who wrote protest banners & poems for demonstrations in March by the Tieshu Textile Group has been secretly detained.				Unknown