

CHINA

NI YULAN

Housing activist under attack

Award-winning housing activist Ni Yulan has defended Beijing residents against forced eviction for nearly 20 years, despite harassment, surveillance, restrictions on her movements, detention and physical attacks. She has used a wheelchair since being badly beaten by the police in 2002.

Ni Yulan, who was particularly active in the run-up to the 2008 Olympic Games, was released from prison in 2013 after serving two-and-a-half years behind bars on spurious charges. Since then she and her family have been evicted from their home or obstructed from renting alternative accommodation at least seven times.

Ni Yulan's courage and determination earned her the Dutch government's 2011 Human Rights Tulip award.

'We will not yield to this pressure because we will not be able to survive in this world if we don't defend our rights. Facing [state] violence, we have to exhaust all legal means to fight for our rights.'

Ni Yulan



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In 2016, she won the International Women of Courage Award from the US Department of State, but was unable to accept the prize in person after the Chinese government imposed a travel ban.

SEND A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY

Ni Yulan and her family do not have a permanent mailing address, as they are forced to move regularly, so please take a photo of your solidarity action and share it on social media using the hashtag #NiYulan.

- » **Language:** English or Chinese (Chinese preferred)
- » **Suggested messages:** You are so brave. We stand by you, Ni Yulan. We are thinking about you and support your work. May our joint struggle for human rights bring social change and justice one day.

CAN I

- » Send a religious card or message? **Yes** (Ni Yulan is Christian)
- » Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty? **Yes**
- » Include my name and address? **Yes**

SEND AN APPEAL LETTER

Urge the Director of Beijing's Municipal Public Security Bureau to stop the harassment of Ni Yulan and her family.

- » **Write to:**
Director Wang Xiaohong
No.9 Dongdajie
Qianmen
Dongchengqu
Beijingshi 100740
People's Republic of China
- » **Salutation:** Dear Director
- » **In your letter:** Urge him to stop the harassment of Ni Yulan and her family, and carry out a thorough and impartial investigation so those responsible are brought to justice. Call on him to allow Ni Yulan and her family to find adequate accommodation, lift her travel ban, and issue her a valid passport. Urge him to ensure residents are not evicted without adequate notice, consultation, or adequate alternative accommodation.

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