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Wang Quanzhang and Jiang Tianyong, China Human rights lawyers at risk of torture

Human rights lawyer Wang Quanzhang was taken away by police in August 2015 and has been held incommunicado ever since. It was more than 1,000 days later, on 12 July 2018, that his family finally received confirmation that he was still alive. They remain concerned for his physical and mental wellbeing.

Another human rights lawyer, Jiang Tianyong, is serving a two-year prison sentence for 'inciting subversion of state power'. He was convicted on 21 November 2017 in a sham trial in which he was represented by government-appointed lawyers. He has been force-fed unknown medications twice a day, and had his hands and feet cuffed to an iron chair. Reported side effects of the medications include blurred vision, headaches, and the sensation of bugs crawling on his skin. Wang and Jiang are among almost 250 lawyers and activists who have been persecuted in a government crackdown that started in July 2015. Both men are at risk of torture and other ill-treatment, and their families face constant harassment and surveillance.

APPEAL

Urge the President of China to release Wang Quanzhang and Jiang Tianyong immediately and unconditionally. Ask him to ensure that human rights defenders can carry out their peaceful activities free from intimidation, arbitrary detention or imprisonment, in line with the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders. Call on him to protect freedom of expression in line with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Chinese constitution.

WRITE TO:

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