

URGENT ACTION

TWO ACTIVISTS FACED UNJUST CONVICTION

#MeToo activist, Sophia Huang Xueqin, and labor activist, Wang Jianbing, were arrested on September 19, 2021. On June 14, 2024, Huang was sentenced to 5 years of imprisonment, and Wang to 3 years and 6 months, both for “inciting subversion of state power”; the evidence used by the prosecution included allegations that the two had organized weekly private gatherings with activists to discuss civil society challenges in China and received and organized training in “non-violent movements”. Wang and Huang have formally filed appeals. Recently, Amnesty learned that they are both facing health concerns but have not been allowed appropriate access to medical care. They should be released immediately and unconditionally.

TAKE ACTION:

- Write a letter in your own words or using the sample below as a guide to one or both government officials listed. You can also email, fax, call or Tweet them.
- [Click here](#) to let us know the actions you took on **Second Urgent Action 44.22**. It's important to report because we share the total number with the officials we are trying to persuade and the people we are trying to help.

***Note: Since there are two targets, we suggest sending the letter to both of them separately, or you can choose to send it to one of them depending on the primary issue you are focusing on.**

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CC: Chinese Embassy in the United States
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Zhang Jian
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Dear Director Zhang Rui, / Chief Procurator Zhang Jian,

I am writing to express my concern for #MeToo activist, **Huang Xueqin (黄雪琴)**, and labor activist, **Wang Jianbing (王建兵)**. On June 14, 2024, Huang was sentenced to five years and Wang to three years and six months, for “inciting subversion of state power” (煽动颠覆国家政权).

Furthermore, I am concerned about their health. Wang has serious heart and gastrointestinal problems and has been unable to receive timely and appropriate treatment. Huang was also reported to be suffering from prolonged amenorrhea and sudden weight loss, among other health problems.

Therefore, I urge you to release Sophia Huang Xueqin and Wang Jianbing immediately and unconditionally as they have been convicted only for exercising their rights to freedom of expression and association. Pending their release, ensure that they have prompt access to adequate medical care, and that they are not subjected to torture or other forms of ill-treatment.

Yours sincerely,

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Guangzhou Intermediate Court sentenced **Sophia Huang Xueqin** to five years in prison and labor activist, **Wang Jianbing**, to three years and six months in prison for “inciting subversion of state power” on June 14, 2024. Both have formally appealed to the Guangdong High Court.

Huang Xueqin is a journalist who has been involved in several #MeToo campaigns to provide support and assistance to survivors of sexual assault and harassment. Wang Jianbing has provided legal support for people with disabilities and workers with occupational diseases. He is also a prominent supporter of the #MeToo movement in China.

Their conviction is related to their involvement with weekly gatherings with fellow activists, hosted by Wang Jianbing. In addition, Huang and Wang participated in online human rights education activities and authored online posts on issues deemed “sensitive” by the Chinese government.

The pair were arrested in Guangzhou on September 19, 2021. Both were detained incommunicado for more than five months. Since their arrest, both activists have been prevented from seeing family.

Both Huang and Wang have reportedly been subjected to ill-treatment in detention, leading to the serious deterioration of their health. According to reliable sources recently, Wang’s recent health condition is worsening, particularly regarding his heart and gastrointestinal issues. During routine checkups, he was found to have mitral valve insufficiency, left ventricular abnormalities, and arrhythmia, with occasional severe chest pains. Due to the prolonged digestive issues that developed during his early solitary confinement, he frequently experiences diarrhea. Despite the repeated expression of his concerns, the detention center has taken no action to date and has rejected the medicine sent to him. Prior to their sentencing, Huang was also reported to be suffering from prolonged amenorrhea and sudden weight loss, among other health problems.

The Chinese authorities systematically use national security charges with extremely vague provisions, such as “subverting state power” and “inciting subversion of state power”, to prosecute lawyers, scholars, journalists, activists, NGO workers, and others.

Amnesty International published a [joint statement](#) with other organizations in September 2023 on the second anniversary of their detention. The UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention [determined](#) in 2022 that Wang Jianbing was being arbitrarily detained and has repeatedly called on China to repeal the crime of “inciting subversion” or bring it into line with international standards.

Letters to call for better treatment and release of Huang and Wang can be sent to Director Zhang Rui (Guangzhou Public Security Bureau), Chief Procurator Zhang Jian (Guangzhou City People’s Procuratorate), or both. However, due to the urgency of Huang and Wang’s health, letters to Director Zhang Rui (Guangzhou Public Security Bureau) should be prioritized.

PREFERRED LANGUAGE TO ADDRESS TARGET: English, Chinese, or your own language.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UNTIL: March 18, 2025

NAME AND PREFERRED PRONOUN: Huang Xueqin (She/her), Wang Jianbing (He/Him)

LINK TO PREVIOUS UA: <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/asa17/5628/2022/en/>