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FILM DIRECTOR ARRESTED FOR PROTEST FILM



Chen Pinlin is the director of the documentary ‘Urumqi Middle Road’ (乌鲁木齐中路), which captures scenes from the nationwide “White Paper Movement”, a series of peaceful protests against three years of rolling lockdowns under China’s zero-COVID policy and the harsh environment of censorship and surveillance in China.

In November 2023, Chen uploaded the documentary to the Internet around the one-year anniversary of the White Paper Movement and he was later detained by Chinese authorities for “picking quarrels and provoking trouble”.

On January 5, 2024, Chen was formally arrested on the same charge; he is currently being held at the Baoshan Detention Center. Chen may face five years in prison if convicted.

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