



HELP FREE CHINESE CITIZEN JOURNALIST ZHANG ZHAN

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I have grave concern for citizen journalist Zhang Zhan (张展), who has been arbitrarily detained since May 2020 and sentenced to four years' imprisonment for "picking quarrels and provoking trouble". Zhang travelled to Wuhan in February 2020 to report on the COVID-19 outbreak there. She reported on the detention of other independent reporters as well as the harassment of victims' families before being detained herself. In protest of her detention and to assert her innocence, Zhang chose to start a hunger strike in June.

Zhang is a prisoner of conscience, imprisoned solely for peacefully exercising her right to freedom of expression. Although Zhang resumed eating on 28 December 2020 to avoid further punishment, I remain extremely concerned about her health and well-being, as well as the risk that she might be subjected to torture and other ill-treatment while in detention. I therefore call on you to release Zhang Zhan immediately and unconditionally.

Yours sincerely,



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