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**ZHANG ZHAN
CHINA**

**REPORTING ON COVID-19
GOT HER LOCKED UP**

ZHANG ZHAN, CHINA

When Wuhan – then the centre of the Covid-19 outbreak in China – went into lockdown, Zhang Zhan was one of the few citizen journalists to report on the unfolding crisis.

Determined to get the truth out, the former lawyer travelled to the beleaguered city in February 2020. She took to social media, reporting how government officials had detained independent reporters and harassed families of Covid-19 patients. Citizen journalists were the only source of uncensored, first-hand information about the epidemic.

Working independently of state-controlled media, citizen journalists face constant harassment for exposing information the government would rather keep quiet.

Zhang Zhan went missing in Wuhan in May 2020. Authorities later confirmed that she had been held by police in Shanghai, 640km away. In June 2020, she began a hunger strike to protest her detention. In December, her body was so weak she had to attend her court hearing in a wheelchair. The judge sentenced her to four years in prison for “picking quarrels and provoking trouble”.

Zhang Zhan was transferred to Shanghai Women’s Prison in March 2021. The authorities continue to refuse her family visits. “We should seek the truth and seek it at all costs,” Zhang Zhan has said. “Truth has always been the most expensive thing in the world. It is our life.”

Tell China to free Zhang Zhan immediately.



ACT NOW

Tell China’s authorities to release Zhang Zhan immediately and unconditionally.

Grab a petition and start collecting names and emails.

SHOW ZHANG ZHAN SHE’S NOT ALONE

Print off the solidarity letter template and write Zhan a message of hope and support.

SEND TO

Post your petitions, letters and solidarity letters to:

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Locked Bag 23,
Broadway NSW 2007
Australia.

Make sure you post them to us by 31 January 2022.

We’ll post them to the target, include them in the handover in February 2022 and make sure that Zhan gets your solidarity messages.

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