

## BACKGROUND

The Chinese authorities have recently intensified their controls over media outlets, including newspapers, magazines and websites. Those reporting on sensitive issues or who challenge the status quo, including journalists and activists, are at risk of dismissal, arbitrary detention or imprisonment.

Such patterns of repression cast doubts on Chinese authorities' commitment to ensure 'complete media freedom' during the Beijing Olympics in August 2008.

A key factor which facilitates the detention or imprisonment of political dissidents in China is the Criminal Law itself, which continues to be used as a political tool to suppress dissidents.

## ACT NOW

**Please use your voice and send polite letters to Wen Jiabao, Prime Minister of the People's Republic of China, expressing concern that Huang Jinqiu has been imprisoned in violation of his human rights to freedom of expression and association, and calling for his immediate and unconditional release.**

- Ask the Prime Minister to initiate a full and impartial investigation into allegations that he has been subjected to torture and other ill-treatment in prison, with a view to bringing those responsible to justice.
- Note that his conditions of detention appear to have improved since 2006, but call on the Prime Minister to provide guarantees that he will not be subjected to further torture and other ill-treatment while he remains in custody.
- Also call on his administration to ensure that no one is arrested and/or tried for the legitimate use of the internet in China, including human rights defenders and journalists.

### WRITE TO:

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