

Dear Director;

I am writing to express my grave concern on Xing Wangli who was taken away by local government personnel in Beijing, where he had travelled to seek medical care and legal assistance for filing a lawsuit against local officials regarding a severe head injury he suffered while imprisoned in 2016. Detained since 27 February 2018, he remains at risk of torture and other ill-treatment.

Authorities should immediately and unconditionally release Xing Wangli as he has been detained solely for peacefully exercising his human rights to seek legal remedies and medical care;

Please ensure that while in detention Xing Wangli has access to medical care as necessary or requested, is not subjected to torture or other ill-treatment and that his treatment is in accordance with the UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Nelson Mandela Rules) and also ensure that his family and lawyer has regular, unrestricted access to Xing Wangli and to ensure that his family is free from any harassment and intimidation from state authorities or others.

Sincerely,