

I am writing this to express my concern on at least 24 human rights lawyers and activists who have been detained or are missing in China in an unprecedented nationwide crackdown. Many more have been questioned by police and at least three law firms have also been searched. This crackdown is totally against your obligations and commitments to human rights.

I therefore demand the authorities to immediately confirm the whereabouts and legal status of all the lawyers currently missing, including Wang Yu, Zhou Shifeng, Li Heping and Sui Muqing.

I also call on the authorities to ensure that if detained, they all have regular, unrestricted access to their lawyers and family and are protected from torture and other ill-treatment.

Thank you for your prompt attention to the above.

Sincerely,