

I would like to express my deep concern on seven activists who are being criminally detained after gathering outside a court in Beijing during the trial of prominent human rights lawyer Pu Zhiqiang.

I am demanding that the authorities immediately and unconditionally release Zhang Zhan, Wang Su'e, Qu Hongxia, Ran Chongbi, Li Meiqing, Wen Rengui and Sheng Lanfu.

I am also calling on them to ensure that pending their release, they have regular access to their lawyers, family and any medical treatment they require, and are protected from torture and other ill-treatment.

Your attention on this matter would be highly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,