

I am writing this to express my grave concern for Taiwanese activist Lee Ming-che, the first foreign NGO worker who detained after China's new Foreign NGO Management Law came into effect. He has been sentenced to five years' imprisonment for "subverting state power". His family is not allowed to see him since the last prison visit on 10 September 2018, and in addition his whereabouts remain uncertain.

So I urge you to release Lee Ming-che immediately and unconditionally as he has been imprisoned solely for peacefully exercising his right to freedom of expression and has committed no crime.

I also urge you to ensure that Lee Ming-che is protected from torture and other ill-treatment, and that he has regular, unrestricted access to family and medical care on request or as necessary while in detention

Thank you for your prompt attention to the above.

Sincerely yours,