

I am writing this with grave concern on Buzainafu Abudourexiti, who returned to China in 2015 after studying for two years in Egypt, was suddenly detained in March 2017 and sentenced in a secret trial to seven years in prison. No information has been provided about the charges against her, but it is believed that it may be part of a wider crackdown on Uighur students who studied abroad. Held incommunicado, she is at grave risk of torture and other ill-treatment.

Please ensure that Buzainafu Abudourexiti has regular, unrestricted access to family and lawyers of her choice, and is not subjected to torture and other ill-treatment. She should be immediately and unconditionally released unless there is sufficient credible and admissible evidence that she committed an internationally recognized offence and is granted a fair re-trial in line with international standards. Please allow her prompt, regular and unrestricted access to medical care on request or as necessary.

Sincerely,