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# Trump-up Charges against a Human Rights Defender

Posted by Sandvand - 2007/01/18 18:17

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THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM NETWORK OF CHINESE HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS:

The Conviction of Mao Hengfeng:

Trump-up Charges against a Human Rights Defender

On January 12, 2007, Shanghai authorities convicted activist/petitioner Mao Hengfeng, female, for "damaging hotel property" and sentenced her to two-and-half years in jail. CRD condemns the conviction, a politically motivated act of retaliation against a human rights defender for her persistent petitioning efforts and protests against abuses of housing rights and women's reproductive rights.

Apparently in anticipation of a surge of Chinese citizens flocking to Beijing to seek hearings of their grievances against local authorities during the 2008 Beijing Olympics, Chinese authorities have stepped up harsh crackdowns on petitioners, including use of police violence as witnessed in the case of petitioner Duan Huiming who was beaten to death by Shanghai police in Beijing where he was intercepted while trying to file petition ( [http://crd-net.org/Article\\_Show.asp?ArticleID=3153](http://crd-net.org/Article_Show.asp?ArticleID=3153)).

Mao Hengfeng's conviction is yet another case of a harsh sentence based on trumped up charges after a long period of illegal detention. This pattern has characterized the recent retaliation against human rights defenders in general – especially Chen Guangcheng, Gao Zhisheng, Guo Qizhen, and Yan Zhengxue. CRD demands the immediate and unconditional release of Mao Hengfeng and all other imprisoned human rights defenders.

On January 12, when the trial opened, several hundred fellow petitioners gathered outside the court to show their support. Police denied them entry into the court room to observe the trial.

During the trial, Mao Hengfeng tried to tell the judges about her mistreatment and abuse during her year-long detention. She said that she was put under solitary confinement in filthy and unsanitary conditions. Prison guards put a mask on her in order to prevent her from verbally protesting. The judges ignored her.

Prosecutors accused Mao Hengfeng of breaking two desk lamps worth the value of about \$900 during her detention by police at a guest house. Lawyers for Ms. Mao argued that the hotel only asked guests to pay the equivalent of \$7 for each damaged lamp and that the prosecutor should produce the receipts for the particular lamps to prove the extraordinarily high costs they cited. The prosecutors refused. The judges did not ask for the receipts. In an unusual move, indicating a pre-determined sentencing, the court announced its verdict immediately upon the closing of the trial.

Mao Hengfeng will file an appeal through her lawyer. Her lawyers were harassed and physically assaulted when they went to visit Mao Hengfeng before the trial. Today, January 17, Mao's husband Wu Xuewei was questioned in relation to the several hundred supporters outside the courtroom. He was warned not to speak publicly about the case.

## Background

Mao, the mother of twins, was reportedly dismissed from her job in 1988 because she became pregnant for a second time with a third child, in violation of China's "one child" birth regulations. Mao Hengfeng refused to undergo an abortion and she was subsequently incarcerated at a psychiatric hospital, where she was forcibly injected with various drugs. She nevertheless continued the pregnancy, giving birth to a girl prematurely on February 28, 1989. She was then notified in March 1989 that she had been dismissed from her job for missing sixteen days at work.

Mao won an appeal about her dismissal according to regulations under China's Labour Law. She got her job back according to a ruling by the Shanghai Municipal Labour Arbitration Committee. However, the soap factory where she worked disputed the ruling, and appealed to Shanghai Yangpu District Court. Mao was seven months pregnant with her fourth child at the time of the appeal hearing. The judge reportedly told her that if she terminated her pregnancy, he would rule in her favor. She refused and lost her job. And she continued to try to get a hearing from authorities on her case.

Mao Hengfeng was detained after she traveled to Beijing to petition authorities for her own and others' grievances (mostly about housing rights abuses and forced eviction) at the time of the annual meeting of the National People's

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Congress in March 2004. Authorities ruled that her petitioning "disturbed social order." Her welfare allowances were discontinued when she was sent to the Re-education through Labor camp for 18 months in April 2004.

She was released on September 12, 2005. She continued to play an active role in housing activists/petitioners' protests and suffered further abuses along with her husband, Wu Xuewei, who has also been subjected to beatings and threatened with criminal charges. Both have been at risk of persecution, including arbitrary detention and torture or ill-treatment.

Several days after her release, Mao Hengfeng and her family were reportedly held under a form of "house arrest" from 23-27 September, 2005. Officials tried to prevent her from contacting a UN office in Beijing about the abuses she and other Shanghai petitioners had suffered. She was placed under house arrest again from September 29, to October 11, 2005 during the National Day holidays and the fifth plenary session of the 16th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China.

She was detained again in Beijing when she went there to petition the central government on January 24, 2006. She was released on Feb. 8 and detained again on Feb. 13 for 45 days. In mid-May, police detained her and then filed charges against her for "damaging hotel property" in the guest house used by police to detain her in Feb. 2006.

Mao was featured in CRD's 2006 report "Hazardous Times for Human Rights Defenders" [http://crd-net.org/Article\\_Show.asp?ArticleID=186](http://crd-net.org/Article_Show.asp?ArticleID=186)

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CRD is a non-political, non-government network of grassroots and international activists working to advance human rights protection in the PRC. Its objective is to build NGO capacity, to monitor government adherence to its international and constitutional obligations and to aid victims of rights abuses and assist them in seeking redress. CRD encourages efforts to achieve these objectives through democratization and rule of law reform. CRD activities include consultation, dissemination of information, building international solidarity, supporting a program of small grants to those working in China, research assistance, and other services.

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## Re:Trump-up Charges against a Human Rights Defende

Posted by David - 2007/01/18 21:28

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I am terrified by the treatment of Mao Hengfeng. There have been too many cases like this, showing how scared the old men in power are of democracy. But changes will come, that I am sure about. Mao's fight will not be in vain. Shame on you, CPC!

David:evil:

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## Re:Trump-up Charges against a Human Rights Defende

Posted by kylie - 2007/04/12 11:33

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i have to say foreigners dont have qualification to judge china's issues,such as human rights. Because the situation here is complex,we have huge area and multiple culture,pls dont see a whole painting just frm a small point! Moreover we are developing!we are dynamic...

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## Re:Trump-up Charges against a Human Rights Defende

Posted by warazein - 2007/04/12 12:17

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Dear Kylie,

Despite your claim that no one outside China (that is, foreigners) have no say when it comes to China's alleged breach of human rights, I hope you do consider as 'human', don't you?

Well, if you do consider yourself as being 'human' than you should assess for yourself whether Mao has been treaded fairly or not. Like your late supreme leader said 'to get rich is glorious' there's no doubt that your country's economic growth is phenomenal, but at what cost? You are like the person who has the goose that lays 'golden egg'. I hope your greed won't take you that far to 'kill the goose that lays the golden egg'.

At the moment in China the air is not good enough to breathe. Because of China's thirst for energy misery to the people is spread not only in Asia but right accross Africa like situation in Darfur and the instability in Nigeria.

Don't get me wrong, I admired Chairman Mao very much for how he and his colleagues managed to lift China from a big lump of poverty stricken mess into where everyone has enough to eat. I also admire Deng-Hsiao-Peng for being 'pragmatic' but the China that I know and the China that I've admired is gone. You're paying 'lipservice' to 'Communism' and didn't have the guts to say so but calling the system 'Communism with Chinese Characteristics'. In the same way I should say that you must be 'human with Chinese Characteristics'.

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## Re:Trump-up Charges against a Human Rights Defende

Posted by Sandvand - 2007/04/13 05:34

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To me human rights are global principles not restricted by the borders of nations. Standing up for individuals who are not treated according to basic human rights is a duty for each and one of us, not depending on where neither the victims nor us live.

John

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## Re:Trump-up Charges against a Human Rights Defender

Posted by kylie - 2007/04/13 08:40

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Frm my point of view,we are not very humble,means we cant just think about how powerful we were in the ancient time,and most peole lack of an awareness.that's the key!besides i acknowledge that we should be more open and flexible,because some aspects we performance in too old style....look at things dialectically,we have our own situation which is completely differ with other countries,history,culture and we are big that means very hard to manage... one thing i can make sure that we are walking forward,though it need a long time for innovation. i also know in western world people like talk about human rights,actually we dont use it that word usually,and we are feeling comfortable live in China.Why u like tell us words that make no sense for us?! look at this,chinese characteristics,what a bullshit. Any way it's a free area for people who want show their opinions,i will not argue with this topic,it's useless and things will be clear someday ...also unnecessary to speak more,just showing....give China time!

Post edited by: kylie, at: 2007/04/13 08:46

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## Re:Trump-up Charges against a Human Rights Defende

Posted by David - 2007/04/13 23:32

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To me this is very simple: China is run by a dictatorship who will not accept any opposition! Although the country is opening up on many arenas, this does not apply to political rights. In this area everything is more restricted now. That is very bad, I think. And the situation cannot go on.

David

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## Re:Trump-up Charges against a Human Rights Defende

Posted by kylie - 2007/04/14 13:44

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r u chinese or not? i know there are many foreigners working in beijing. Frm ur detail i know u r a manager working in beijing,so u must know the real business situation in here,but i pay more attention to how can u treat and improve problems in,not just talk about how bad u have known...

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## Re:Trump-up Charges against a Human Rights Defende

Posted by Igor - 2007/04/24 17:31

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To David,

It really isnt as simple as you see it. China has a dictatorship, yes. There is very, very little room for opposition, yes. I am not sure that this fact in itself may be seen as either "bad" or "good", I would have to say that the legitimacy of such a situation depends on the policies.

Today China is lifted out of poverty at breathtaking speed. I have many friends and relatives who lived in mud huts a handful of years ago who now have decent housing, decent jobs, clean water and some basic health care.

Very little of this progress would have taken place should China have had all decisions involved in this transformation debated on by an indirect democratic assembly like what most Western countries have. This is a true dilemma facing anyone who takes a closer look at China's modernization: It simply could not have taken place in a democracy. Most Western countries who are industrialized, sanitized and well-educated used two or three hundred years on that process. China is using one tenth or that time.

Mrs. Mao's case is a case which dates back to 1989. In 1989 China did not yet have a rule-of-law system, it has now. Mrs. Mao furthermore has given birth to four children, which I personally guess is the chief reason for her failure to win sympathy with the courts of law. We have earlier in this forum touched upon the particular challenges facing rural China, with its close to one billion impoverished populace. While Mrs. Mao is situated in Shanghai, giving birth to four children is the kind of act that really sets you apart from what authorities here are trying to create: Some sort of basic social and economic providence for all. It is the equivalent of arsoning ones home and asking the government for more matches.

China does not have a fair legal system, it does not have a clean legal system, and China violates human rights. But China has a fairER legal system, a cleanER legal system and violations of human rights are exposed and clamped down upon more now than before. In other words, slowly but surely things are going in the right direction here.

I am sure those two lamps weren't worth 900 Yuan. Probably just nine yuan or so. This isnt a major point.

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If you want to criticize China for its unfair and dirty legal practices, you should be able to find a more illustrious case than this. Mrs. Mao appear to be a hair in the soup for the authorities and she appears to be treated like that. Let us hope that she is released soon. She has four kids to get through school. My sympathy, I have only one.

Post edited by: Igor, at: 2007/04/24 17:32

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## Re:Trump-up Charges against a Human Rights Defender

Posted by Jacques - 2007/04/24 22:14

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The economic success is not an excuse for the lack of democracy. We saw that in some South America countries.

A little beat of more freedom in China would not endanger the pace of economic improvement

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## Re:Trump-up Charges against a Human Rights Defende

Posted by Igor - 2007/04/26 05:22

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Freedom, yes. Democracy, no. Democracy will ruin China, just as it has ruined Europe. Democracy is in essence the right of the majority to set aside the rights of the minority. In practice, taxes, socialism, and bureaucracy will be the results. All of those are antithetical to freedom and thus antithetical to economic growth. What China needs, and all other countries for that matter, is a strong constitution, where rights are laid down, and not laid open to modification by any given majority. It also needs a strong an impartial judiciary and a strong and small government. China is on its road to all of these, but not on the road to European-style, multi-party democracy, luckily.

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## Re:Trump-up Charges against a Human Rights Defender

Posted by Jacques - 2007/04/27 18:34

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Igor, you are wrong, there is not freedom without democracy. Do you agree that in China, if you give your point of view, you can be arrested and send to Laogai without even a trial, just a police decision. During this time, you are free on Asia Observer to make the apologia of Chinese dictature. Its more easy for you than for Chinesees looking for freedom

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## Re:Trump-up Charges against a Human Rights Defende

Posted by Igor - 2007/04/28 15:53

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Certainly not by a decision of the ordinary police. This would have to involve a decision by branches assigned to evaluate state security. To answer your question, yes, you are right, there are laws in effect in China that circumvent the rule of law under special situations. It is certainly something we would like to see amended.

May we return to democracy versus freedom for a moment. Would you agree with me that democracy invariably leads to an expansion of the public sector? Is there any occurrence of a democracy where this is not happening?

Post edited by: Igor, at: 2007/04/28 15:54

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## Re:Trump-up Charges against a Human Rights Defender

Posted by Jacques - 2007/04/28 21:20

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No, Igor, there are no link between democracy and enlargement of public sector. For instance, in my country, we are next sunday to vote to elect your president.

The rightist want to cut the State employees number by to and the leftist rise their number. All that in the same democracy.

China, that is not a democracy has the most percentage of States employees in the world.

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## Re:Trump-up Charges against a Human Rights Defender

Posted by linsi - 2007/04/29 01:50

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very interesting topic and discussions,  
i wanted to give my two cents opinion  
about democracy, although i adhere to  
democratic ideals i have to admit that  
democracy is the most difficult  
form of government in the sense that  
it has the essence of the right  
of the majority to set aside the rights  
of the minority as what Igor stated.

What is sick about the matter is,  
the powerful and influential takes  
the majority and rule all.

Democracy ruined USSR, and now in the Philippines  
it is so much abused, they donot even know  
what the real meaning of democracy and freedom  
entails.

Therefore, Democracy in one nation,  
is not applicable to another. we may enjoy the  
benefits of democracy in our own terms  
but when manhandled it could lead to chaos  
and distructions because man is never satisfied.

donot misinterpret what i posted  
it is for the sake of discussions that we  
disect democracy when it comes to china.

we just hope and aim for an objective  
approach to our differences and at least  
arrive to the most at least if not compromise.

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## Re:Trump-up Charges against a Human Rights Defender

Posted by linsi - 2007/04/29 02:02

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from Igor:

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Freedom was given to man, but man destroyed freedom.

therefore freedom has a price.

Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide.

JOHN ADAMS

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## Re:Trump-up Charges against a Human Rights Defende

Posted by Igor - 2007/04/29 20:49

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That connection is well-known and well-documented. You may well look at the figures for your own country since common suffrage was introduced. You may look at the number of persons employed by the three public sectors in France, which are the state, the municipality and the health services, or you may look at a simple figure as the VAT rate. When was VAT introduced in France? What was the percentage then? What is it now? There is an abundance of evidence pointing at a continuing enlargement of the public sector in France. In other countries the tendency is even more striking.

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Yes, but look at the tendency! Government businesses are being sold or closed down en masse!

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Posted by Igor - 2007/04/29 21:09

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To Linsi:

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I believe the two are two different things. Freedom is safeguarded through constitutional rights. One has the right to work, to relocate, to engage in peaceful activities, to express oneself. There are no rights that can be voted over. Rights should be immovable, rock solid.

I believe the inhabitants in a block of flats should have the opportunity to vote over which colour to paint that house in. I do not believe the citizens in a country should have the opportunity to vote to elect who runs that country. We have some nasty examples of what the latter results in: We have the German historical experience (I do not need to name it) and more recently a retard with a history of substance abuse has been elected and then reelected as a president of the largest military power in the world.

Instead I believe the leaders of a nation should qualify themselves through elitist organisations, public service or private enterprise, proving themselves able to govern, gradually moving from a lower position and upwards.

Elected leaders are rarely statesmen, but frequently corrupt and invariably populist.

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## Re:Trump-up Charges against a Human Rights Defender

Posted by Jacques - 2007/04/29 21:28

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To Igor,  
One more time your are wrong.

It's OK that elected leaders are not always the better and you give a good exemple. But, following your way of qualification for the leaders of a nation, you got Staline.

You admire Chinese regime, but following your definition of freedom, the Chineses have not the right to relocate neither to express themselves. There, these rignhts are not immovable, rock solid as you said.

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## Re:Trump-up Charges against a Human Rights Defende

Posted by Igor - 2007/04/30 07:47

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Indeed. Stalin was not elected and Hitler was, yet they were pretty much the same. So democracy or not cannot alone predict the nature of the head of state. What I am saying is that democracy will invariably lead to an expansion of the public sector, which, if it goes on for a long enough time, becomes incompatible with freedom. The best examples are the Scandinavian countries. When all the schools are state-run, when there is hardly any private enterprise left and when all the media are government funded, then is that a free society?

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I wouldnt put it like that. I first visited China just after the Cultural Revolution and I have been coming back a dozen or so times. I have seen the evolution of Mainland China over more than two decades. What I see in China now, is a model of government that works. I see a system which is mostly fair, which tries to achieve some very basic goals and which mostly succeeds in doing that. Still, we should not forget that the Communist Party in the past has been responsible for some hidous atrocities where millions of people died of terror and starvation and other millions fled overseas. The last bout of violent political crackdowns followed the June Fourth Movement in 1989, which I participated in, demonstrating every day for many weeks. Yet, this is an era long gone. There is still the same party, but the people are new, younger generations have taken command. Policies are radically different. To say that I admire the Chinese regime is not my choice of words. Let me say that I often see myself being able to nod consentingly to what I see and that I feel that the Chinese people now more or less has a regime that it deserves. This would be my way of describing things in China now.

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I was describing ideal rights, not all of which are upheld in China, especially the right of expression, as you point out. But do the Chinese not have the right to relocate? I didnt know that. Anyone can buy property anywhere and live in it inside China and anyone who is not under criminal investigation can get a passport in less than one week (if one can get a visa to the countries one would like to travel is of course another cup of tea). So the right of movement appears to be real. You could of course discuss special areas like Shenzhen and Hong Kong. Hong Kong retains its own immigration control and so does the city of Shenzhen, so you have restrictions on movement into those areas, yes. But in other parts of China any Chinese citizen can move anywhere, look for employment anywhere, buy property or invest in businesses anywhere.

Post edited by: Igor, at: 2007/04/30 07:48

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## Re: Trump-up Charges against a Human Rights Defende

Posted by linsi - 2007/04/30 10:50

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Mine:

as the american heritage dictionary defines:

Freedom is:

The condition of being free of restraints.  
Liberty of the person from slavery, detention, or oppression.

The capacity to exercise choice; free will: We have the freedom to do as we please all afternoon.  
this is Freedom.

while "the right" as you stated is associated with law or legal terms.

It is that quality in a person by which he can do certain actions, or possess certain things which belong to him by virtue of some title. In this sense, we use it when we say that a man has a right to his estate or a right to defend himself.

Right is the correlative of duty, for, wherever one has a right due to him, some other must owe him a duty.

When we refer freedom in connection to democracy, it is the condition of being free from restraints as in

freedom from want  
from religion  
from fear  
freedom to speak

as the freewill dictates...

you refer freedom in connection of rights only bestowed by a state to exercise choices within limited options dictated by that particular power of a state alone.

Therefore you are speaking of a right to freedom according legal terms not according to freedom from restraint against outside forces which man's freewill is designed.

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## Re: Trump-up Charges against a Human Rights Defender

Posted by Jacques - 2007/04/30 22:52

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Igor,

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I am a China watcher for more than 30 years. About the no right to Chinese to relocate, You don't know the "Hukou" system. This means "Residence certificate". Under it, it is forbidden to a Chinese to quit his province for relocating elsewhere without the police authorisation. It's why there are around 180 million peasants now in the main costal cities living with nos rights and are exploited by bad employers. Their children have no right to go to public schools. Is that the freedom you admire in China ?

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Of course I know the hukou system. It is not very different from a population cencus system that most other countries have. Japan has an almost identical system and all European countries that I know of also have systems that works the same way. I know two countries in the world that do not have a hukou system; the USA and Australia. Are there any more? Please enlighten me. As far as I know, even France has a system like this.

As far as I can judge, the Chinese hukou system has some serious problems associated with it, but the right of relocation is not one of them. The most pressing problem is the requirement for parents to be married in order to be able to enlist a newborn into the hukou system. At present, children born out of wedlock face severe difficulties entering the hukou system and this is by far the most dramatic problem with the present hukou system and this point needs to be changed right away.

When you say that you need police authorisation to relocate, you are simply wrong. This was changed in the early 1990s. I know very well, because about half of my family are Chinese citizens. As my family relocated to Shanghai a few years back, there was even a "blue hukou" option available (there is no more blue hukou in Shanghai now). I should perhaps explain a little the three colours used in connection with the hukou system:

- White hukou: A regular hukou
- Black hukou: Someone who is not in the hukou system anywhere (this is actually a huge problem)
- Blue hukou: Some cities offers to accept enlisting into their hukou base if you buy property

As my family relocated to Shangai a handful of years ago, there were no physical hindrances anywhere. There were no legal hindrances when they sought employment or when they rented flats or bought property. Now, their hukous could not be moved here. Their hukou remains in the place where they originally came from.

There are some privileges associated with a hukou: You may seek public office, you may stand for election and party posts, in Shanghai people who have their hukou here enjoy a very generous and very subsidised health care benefit system, and as you mentioned, in almost all the large cities on the Eastern coast, a hukou is required to proceed beyond the compulsory 9 years in the education system.

But is it so unnatural or unfair about a city reserving these limited resources for their own citizens? You have to consider China's immense population, and the poor interior has more than 800 million people. If subsidised health care and education in the wealthy cities on the Eastern coast were free for every Chinese, Shanghai would have 80 or 100 million inhabitants, not between 20 and 25, as it has now. Shanghai is a good example of how necessary it is to stem the influx of people from the interior. They (or should I say "we"?) can come here, but we have to pay full price at hospitals and we have to send our kids to private schools. My daughter has not got Shanghai hukou. I send her to a private school. After she graduates from senior high, she has to return to where her hukou is for nation-wide university entrance exams.

I see this as very impractical, but also as fully reasonable.

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The main problem with the hukou system is the obstacles it presents to children born out of wedlock, and this needs to be rectified. But the idea behind the hukou system itself, I really have difficulties seeing how China can function without it. And I cannot see that the hukou system hinders free movement.

Post edited by: Igor, at: 2007/05/01 14:29

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## Re:Trump-up Charges against a Human Rights Defender

Posted by Jacques - 2007/05/01 21:53

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Igor,

Perhaps you know better than me the hukou system (I din't know the "three colors"), but I know, for instance, that of one of my ex-studiant who find a job in a French company in Shanghai, got a lot of problems to regularise her situation. I don't call that freedom of relocate.

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## Re:Trump-up Charges against a Human Rights Defende

Posted by Igor - 2007/05/02 09:56

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Well, there are some things that one simply cannot expect to be able to do when relocating from the interior of China to one of the wealthy cities in the East, and this has to do with the size of the poor population in the interior, and is not really related to political system as such, because any regime, regardless of political colour, would have had to implement the same measures.

You are not being very specific when you say "regularize her situation". Your student can certainly not expect to move her hukou to Shanghai and benefit from all the privileges associated with it.

She can, however, relocate.

Post edited by: Igor, at: 2007/05/02 15:25

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## Re:Trump-up Charges against a Human Rights Defender

Posted by Jacques - 2007/05/03 00:16

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You are discussing on two levels at the same time. Please try to separate the following:

- 1, what I say about my ideals
- 2, my observations about China

About my ideals, I list among them the right to relocate and the freedom of expression. I say the first appear to be upheld in China and the second not.

About the right to relocate, you say it is not "so easy". well, please tell us about it! So far I havent heard much tangible. You seem to equate the right to relocate with the right to move one's hukou privileges. I dont follow you on this one.

If you should apply the same logic elsewhere, that must mean that you would expect anyone to have the right to relocate

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The facts u have given out they are all right,but no matter how superior taiwan people feel,that's cant be the reason they dont like this area back to his motherland China!!!

It's an issue relating to personal quality,if ur motherland really in ur heart.

Exp:the time around 1949,i cant give the exact time,but that's not important,there are many chinese scientists abroad,some of them insist back to mainland for giving distribution to the new China,and that's the time motherland really need them. Also there are a certainly amount of scientists didnt back,why?they were think they can have much better opportunity for personal achievement,and honour...here no need to compare the two choices' differences,but have to emphasize that those scientists who were back to China,many of them are really intelligent and got much possibility get great honour in the world for their study area.Beside america at time promise to some of them if they could stay in america,they will have a very very good condition for their life...can u image what was the emotion those scientists hold at that time,they decide backing to motherland where there is the places give birth to them and rise them for their growing! It's not like chose what kind of life u want,or finding jobs in a company,it's absolute. Many chinese abroad or living in taiwan,hong kong,they need to learn frm those scientists,is that the reason that weakness of the mainland,and they want away frm it??? Now china got much developed,and some of them changed their mind partly,why they now got some changed? For ur motherland u should never think down to it,and willing to devote urself to it,no complain,no no...if people say no,i m sick of those persons.

Here really rare people know China and people's feeling,it's also nature,one is because China complex,many cultural things,history,and languages hard to understand,i mean hard to got a good concept with them.The other reason is we are humble and tolerate,it's true,as for chinese kong fu,not any country could compare no matter frm skill or history,though janpanese and korean those kong fu are famouse and popular.

Anyway,here the topic is about human rights,people cant got a right concept situation in china,how can they give words to it?;i m not mean u,here is discussion,i m pleased that i could discuss with others. oh,as for lossing foreign friends for debating issues of China,i understand u,but i m right; P,because friends also need to choose,i choose people who got same ideas of serious issue in my heart,if not it's no meaning to talk more...

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## Re:Trump-up Charges against a Human Rights Defender

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Posted by Jacques - 2007/05/27 15:37

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I never rise the Taiwan issue with Chinese friends because I know they all are very sensitive to it. I din't rise it with you, you did.

You think that China is the motherland of Taiwanese people. But what the taiwanese feel ? It is not inevitably what you have been learned to think. You know, I look that question from an outside position. It's why I always talk of Taiwan problem with a neutral position. I just analyse the two side position and in Taiwan the three positions (reunification, independance, statu-quo)

A lot of Chinese fled China in 1949 because they were afraid of communism, not only to have better position elsewhere. But some scientists came back by patiotism to help the new China to rise. For instance the fathers of Chinese nuclear weapons came back from USA and France with all that they learned there.

At the beginning of Chineses students abroad, they at 90 % try to stay abroad. But now, they all but some fiew want to return to China because they think they can find a good job generaly in a foreign companie. They dont come back by patriotism. They come back because China is their cultural environment. So If they can got money in China, they prefer to be there.

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## Re:Trump-up Charges against a Human Rights Defender

Posted by Jacques - 2007/05/29 10:37

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Just to make Maro2007 out

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