

**TAKE ACTION: Please cut and paste this letter onto your personal or Institutional letterhead protesting the treatment of Guo Qizhen while in detention**

July 13, 2007  
His Excellency Hu Jintao  
President of the People's Republic of China  
State Council  
Beijing 100032  
P.R. China

Excellency,

I wish to add my name to this appeal from PEN Canada, the Canadian centre of the international writers' organization, International PEN. PEN Canada is writing to protest the treatment of **Guo Qizhen**.

According to PEN's information, cyber-dissident Guo Qizhen was arrested at his home on 12 May 2006 and charged with 'inciting subversion of state power' for his pro-democracy activities and anti-government articles published on overseas websites. He was sentenced to four years in prison on 16 October 2006. Guo was suffering from a broken leg at the time of his arrest, and his health has reportedly deteriorated in prison due to lack of adequate health care and ill-treatment.

On 17 April 2007, he was transferred to the No.4 Prison in Shijiazhuang, the capital city of Hebei Province, where he was denied family visits until 18 June 2007, when his wife was finally able to see him. At this visit his wife reported that he had sustained serious bruising, allegedly as a result of beatings by fellow in-mates orchestrated by prison guards.

**PEN Canada is alarmed by reports that Guo Qizhen has been ill treated in detention, and urges the authorities to respect his basic rights and to grant him access to his family and all necessary medical care. PEN Canada also calls for an investigation into the alleged beatings suffered by Guo Qizhen in prison, and for those responsible to be held accountable. PEN Canada protests the detention of Guo Qizhen, and calls for his immediate and unconditional release, in accordance with Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to which China became a signatory in 1998.**

Sincerely,

[Your name and address]

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Appeals to:

Procurator General Mr. Jia Chunwang  
Supreme People's Procuratorate  
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Beijing 100726  
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Ms. Wu Aiying  
Minister of Justice  
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Beijing 100020  
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Please note that there are no fax numbers for the Chinese authorities. It is recommended that you copy your appeal to the Chinese embassy in your country asking that they forward your appeal and welcoming any comments.

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