

**TAKE ACTION: Please cut and paste this letter onto your personal or Institutional letterhead calling for the release of imprisoned writer Hada.**

23 February 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 call for the immediate and unconditional release of writer **Hada**.

After organizing a demonstration and strike among the teachers and students in the universities and colleges of Hohhot in December 1995, Hada and dozens of other Mongols were arrested by the authorities. After a year of detention without trial, Hada was tried for "conspiring to overthrow the government" and "espionage". In December 1996, he was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment. Hada is due for release in 2010.

According to our information, Hada suffers from a stomach ulcer, coronary heart disease and rheum arthritis. Hada is imprisoned in the 4<sup>th</sup> Prison of Inner Mongolia, in city of Chi Feng (Ulaan-Hada). Hada is not given adequate food in prison. He is not allowed to talk to other inmates or to exercise in the open air. There are also restrictions to his family visits that do not apply to other inmates held in prison, and he is not allowed to receive phone calls from his family.

It has also been reported that some of the injuries Hada sustained from previous torture and ill-treatment have still not healed properly. There are no exact details available about his current health situation but his family is reportedly afraid that he may not be able to make it to the end of his sentence.

**PEN Canada believes that Hada has been jailed in violation of his right to freedom of expression, as guaranteed by Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We call for his immediate and unconditional release, and urge the authorities to guarantee that he be given regular access to his family and any medical treatment he may require.**

Sincerely,

[Your name and address]

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