

# PEN CANADA

for FREEDOM of EXPRESSION



Recent photo of Hada at the No.4 Prison, Chifeng City, Inner Mongolia.  
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**Hada** was one of the founders, in 1992, of the Southern Mongolian Democratic Alliance (SMDA) for the peaceful promotion of human rights and Mongolian culture. The Chinese authorities reportedly viewed the SMDA as a threat to "national unity". Hada and the SMDA published an underground journal, *The Voice of Southern Mongolia*, and he also finished a book, *The Way Out for the Southern Mongols*. In the book, Hada detailed what the Chinese government had done to the Mongols of Inner Mongolia, including mass killings, deprivation of social and political rights, and suppression of Mongol culture.

Hada received a degree in 1983 from the

department of Mongolian language and Literature at the Inner Mongolian Teacher's College for Nationalities. In October 1989, he opened the Mongolian Academic Bookstore in Hohhot. The bookstore was closed down immediately after his arrest in 1995, and all the books, research papers and other properties were confiscated as criminal utilities and evidence.

Hada suffers from a stomach ulcer, coronary heart disease and rheum arthritis. Hada is imprisoned in the 4th Prison of Inner Mongolia, in city of Chi Feng (Ulaan-Hada). An inmate recently released from the prison told the NGO Human Rights in China that Hada has been subjected to disciplinary punishments that range from being held in solitary confinement to being chained overnight to a metal board with handcuffs at each end because he is regarded as "resisting reform". Hada is also reportedly prohibited from talking to other inmates, allowed only limited contact with his family and denied proper medical care.

**PEN Canada deplores the persecution of individuals seeking to express their views peacefully. We believe 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.**

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