



Personal Details



CECC Record Number	2015-00343	Ethnic Group	
Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
Issue Category	spch/eth	Age At Detention	44
Main Name	Zhang Haitao	Religion	
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	张海涛	Occupation	business staff, sales
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)		Affiliation	
Additional Name(s)		Residence Province	Xinjiang Uyghur Auto. Region
Pinyin Name		Residence Prefecture	Wulumuqi [Urumqi] Shi (pref.)
		Residence County	Wulumuqi [Urumqi] Shi Muni. Urb. Area (cty.)

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2015/06/26
Current Prison	Urumqi (general location)
Sentence Length (Years)	19
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Xinjiang Uyghur Auto. Region
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Wulumuqi [Urumqi] Shi (pref.)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	(na)

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg/tri/sent-app	Formal Arrest Date	2015/07/31
Trial Court	Urumqi Intermediate People's Court	Trial Date	2016/01/11
Sentence Court	Urumqi Intermediate People's Court	Sentence Date	2016/01/15
Appeal Court	Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region High People's Court	Appeal Date	2016/02/18
Appeal Ruling Court		Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)	CL97-art105(2)/CL97-art111		

Short Summary

According to RFA ([17 July 15](#); [3 August 15](#); [2 October 15](#)), on June 26, 2015, public security officials from Urumqi municipality, Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (XUAR), took rights defender Zhang Haitao into custody on suspicion of "inciting ethnic hatred and discrimination." On July 31, authorities reportedly arrested Zhang on a modified charge of "picking quarrels and provoking trouble." In June, Urumqi authorities reportedly launched a "clean-up of individuals active on the Internet" including Zhang, as part of a "stability maintenance" effort. On January 15, 2016, the Urumqi Intermediate People's Court sentenced him to 15 years in prison for "inciting subversion of state power" and 5 years for "stealing, spying, purchasing, and illegally providing state secrets and intelligence for overseas entities," ordering him to serve 19 years' imprisonment in total (RDN, [18 January 16](#); RFA, [18 January 16](#); [18 January 16](#)). On February 18, 2016, appeal proceedings began, but as of September 20, 2016, the Xinjiang High People's Court delayed twice in holding a trial (RDN, [20 September 16](#)). Zhang became interested in ethnic minority rights and rights defense in 2009 following an unexplained 2-month period of detention instigated by XUAR authorities on suspicion of fraud.