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Personal Details

	CECC Record Number	2009-00315	Ethnic Group	Uyghur
	Detention Status	DET/life	Sex	M
	Issue Category	eth/spch	Age At Detention	44
	Main Name	Ilham Tohti	Religion	Muslim
	Chinese Characters (Main Name)	伊力哈木吐赫提	Occupation	professor (unspec.)
	Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)	Ilham Toxti	Affiliation	Minzu University of China
	Additional Name(s)		Residence Province	Beijing Shi (prov.)
	Pinyin Name	Yilihamu Tuheti	Residence Prefecture	Beijing Shi Muni. Urb. Area (pref.)
		Residence County	(na)	

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2014/01/15
Current Prison	Xinjiang No. 1 Prison
Sentence Length (Years)	
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)	Wulumuqi [Urumqi] Shi Muni. Urb. Area (cty.)

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg/tri/sent-app	Formal Arrest Date	2014/02/20
Trial Court	Urumqi Intermediate People's Court	Trial Date	2014/09/17
Sentence Court	Urumqi Intermediate People's Court	Sentence Date	2014/09/23
Appeal Court	Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region High People's Court	Appeal Date	2014/10/01
Appeal Ruling Court	Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region High People's Court	Appeal Ruling Date	2014/11/21
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)	CL79-art103		

Short Summary

According to Reuters ([16 January 14](#)), on January 15, 2014, security officials detained Uyghur scholar Ilham Tohti at his home in Beijing municipality. On February 20, authorities formally arrested Tohti on the charge of "separatism" ([CL](#), art. 103), detaining him at the Urumqi PSB Detention Center in Urumqi city, capital of the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (CHRD, [25 February 14](#)). During a June 26 meeting with his lawyers, Tohti stated officials had subjected him to abuse while in detention, including by shackling him and depriving him of food and water (RFA, [26 June 14](#)). According to the Global Times ([31 July 14](#)) and People's Daily ([30 July 14](#)), authorities indicted Tohti on July 30 on the charge of separatism. On September 23, 2014, an Urumqi court sentenced Tohti to life in prison on the charge of "separatism" (Xinhua, [23 September 14](#)) and transferred him to the Xinjiang No.1 Prison in Urumqi. Tohti is an economics professor in Beijing and founder of the Web site Uyghur Online. Prior to his detention, authorities restricted his movement and subjected him to harassment in connection to comments he made on ethnic minority policy in China.