

To: Chief Procurator Chen Yong  
Shanghai People's Procuratorate  
75 Jian'guo West Rd, Shanghai, 200020  
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Dear Chief Procurator Chen,

I am writing to express my grave concern for Chen Pinlin's (陈品霖) well-being. He was arrested on 5 January 2024. In November 2023, Pinlin had released a documentary (乌鲁木齐中路) about the peaceful protests against the lockdowns under China's zero-COVID policy and the harsh environment of censorship and surveillance. On 3 April 2024, he was brought before the Shanghai Baoshan District Court, and charged with 'picking quarrels and provoking troubles'. He is currently being held in pre-trial detention at the Baoshan Detention Center in Shanghai. While detained, Chen is subjected to poor treatment, including extremely overcrowded sleeping conditions and only being allowed one hour of outdoor activity per month. The inhumane conditions violate both the Prison Regulations and the Implementing Measures of the Prison Regulations.

Chen Pinlin is being detained solely for the peaceful exercise of his right to freedom of expression. Therefore, I urge you to release him immediately and unconditionally. Pending his release, please ensure he is not subjected to torture and other ill-treatment.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Yours sincerely,