

UN Protest of China's Breach of Trust Before, During and After Olympics

Wednesday, 24 September 2008

What: Protest China's Prime Minister Wen Jiabao's Visit to the United Nations General Assembly

When: September 25, 2008, from 10:30-12:30pm

Where: Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (across from the UN), 1st Avenue and 47th Street, New York, NY

Who: Jonathan Cao, President, Coalition for Citizen's Rights

Tang Biaoqiao, Chairman of China Peace and Democracy Federation

Ann Noonan, President, Free Church for China

Jeremy Taylor, Step It Up

Tala Dowlatshahi - Reporters Without Borders

- more speakers to be announced.

The Visual Artists Guild banner to release the China POC 8 and exhibits from human rights exhibits will be displayed at this event.

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China's Prime Minister Wen Jiabao is scheduled to give a speech at the UN Conference on Millennium Development this week in New York:

* Premier Wen, you promised to get to the bottom of the school safety,- why were the parents dragged away when they demanded a transparent hearing?

* Premier Wen, the Olympic 21 points directive ordered the Chinese media not to report on mineral water safety and other food safety problems - is that why even though the entire Board of Sanlu knew about the melamine problem, it is not reported because of the Olympics?

* Premier Wen, now you promised to overhaul the food safety. How empty is that promise?

* Premier Wen, would your government announced the recall if the New Zealand government did not insist on it?

* Premier Wen, how much do you care for the lives of the Chinese babies?

* Premier Wen, your government cares more about saving face than saving your children?

Background: We call attention to the following:

- Beijing broke its promise to the international community to improve its human rights practices in order to host the Summer 2008 Olympics, and that it would permit journalists unrestricted access to China, unrestricted access to the internet, and unhindered views off China's citizens during the Olympics.
- Beijing continues to commit human rights atrocities against activists, bloggers, journalists, and democracy seekers.
- Beijing continues to persecute Underground Roman Catholics, Evangelical House Church members, Falun Gong practitioners, Tibetans and Uygher Muslims.
- Beijing continues to implement its inhumane and brutal one-child policy.
- Beijing continues violent repression in Tibet, particularly as it seeks to protect an image of stability and unity in a build up to the Olympics; its refusal to account for the lives of more than 1,000 Tibetans who peacefully demonstrated in Lhasa this past spring, and the most recent crackdown on Tibet by sealing off virtually the entire Tibetan plateau to "hide its repression".
- Beijing continues support of Burma's military junta's policy of imprisonment of Nobel Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi and other human rights violations.
- Beijing continues support of the Darfur genocide.
- Beijing continues repression against those petitioners who seek justice for their grievances:

those parents of children who died in the Sichuan earthquake who seek answers to the "tofu" schools;

those farmers who lost their land, those migrants who seek jobs but forcibly removed;

those urban dwellers whose homes were seized by the government;

those human rights defense lawyers who have been imprisoned or harassed;

and those human rights activists such as the China POC 8 - Chen Guangcheng, Hu Jia, Huang Qi, Qi Chonghuai, Shi

Tao, Sun Lin, Yang Chunlin and Yang Zili.
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