

Thompson Rivers University Students' Union

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Director Heng Xiaofan
Public Security Department of Inner Mongolia
Autonomous Region No. 15, Hailaerdong Lu, Xincheng Qu,
Huhhot, 010020, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region
People's Republic of China

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Peaceful Protesters Targeted In Inner Mongolia

Dear Director Heng,

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union, we call on you to immediately and unconditionally release all currently imprisoned peaceful protesters within the autonomous region of Inner Mongolia that were deprived of their rights on early September 2020.

We are deeply concerned by reports from Amnesty International about the recent persecution of 23 peaceful protesters, who were arrested for their involvement with demonstrations regarding the recent bilingual education policy.

We believe that you have an obligation to release the peaceful protesters unless there is credible and admissible evidence that they committed an internationally recognized offence. Furthermore, we urge you to conduct a fair trial in line with international standards for the protesters and to refrain from any further arrests and prosecutions of individuals who have simply exercised their right to peaceful assembly.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N Lane".

Nathan Lane
Executive Director
TRU Students' Union

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mackenzie Francoeur".

Mackenzie Francoeur
Vice President Equity
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cc. Ambassador Peiwu Cong