



### Zhang Zhan, locked away for reporting on COVID-19 in China.

When Wuhan – then the center of the Covid-19 outbreak in China – went into lockdown, Zhang Zhan was one of the few citizen journalists to report on the unfolding crisis. Determined to get the truth out, the former lawyer travelled to Wuhan in February 2020. She took to social media, reporting how government officials had detained independent reporters and harassed families of Covid-19 patients.

Zhang Zhan was taken by police to a Shanghai prison. In June 2020, she began a series of hunger strikes to protest her detention. Her body is now so weak she had to attend court hearings in a wheelchair. The judge sentenced her to four years in prison for “picking quarrels and provoking trouble”.

The authorities continue to refuse her family visits. Her family has applied for a medical bail on her behalf, but the application is being ignored. “We should seek the truth and seek it at all costs,” Zhang Zhan has said. “Truth has always been

the most expensive thing in the world. It is our life”.

### Tell China to release Zhang immediately.

#### WRITE TO CHINA'S AUTHORITIES

Tell them to release Zhang Zhan immediately and unconditionally.

TO: President of the People's Republic of China

ADDRESS: Zhongnanhai, Xichang'anjie

Xichengqu, Beijing Shi 100017

People's Republic of China

EMAIL: english@mail.gov.cn

SALUTATION: Dear President

#### SHOW ZHANG SHE IS NOT ALONE

Send her a message of hope, such as:

Zhang Zhan, your dedication to reporting the truth will continue to inspire others.

We will continue to support you and look forward to the day you regain freedom. Keep your spirits up!

#### SIMPLIFIED CHINESE:

张展 · 您张张真相的张持将会张张激励他人。

我张会张张支持和关注您。

我张期待您重张自由的一天。

加油！

ADDRESS: Zhang Zhan

No 1601, Zhangjing Road, Sijing Zhen Songjiang Qu, Shanghai 201601 People's Republic of China

*\*To increase the chances of Zhang Zhan actually receiving your message, please do not mention Amnesty International anywhere in it.*