

URGENT ACTION: Call to Free Hada, Southern Mongolian Dissident

We urge the Chinese government to immediately release Mr. Hada, a prominent Southern Mongolian dissident and long-time political prisoner. He has disappeared since February 6, 2025 following his hospitalization by Chinese authorities for an alleged “urgent medical condition.” His current whereabouts and well-being remain unknown. This latest development is part of a 30-year long persecution by the Chinese government in response to his unwavering advocacy for the rights of the Southern Mongolian people.

30 Years of Imprisonment, Secret Detention and Disappearance

In 1995, Hada was arrested and later sentenced to 15 years in prison on charges of “separatism and espionage.” Upon completing his sentence in 2010, instead of being freed, he was subjected to an additional four years of extrajudicial detention and has been under secret detention ever since in a place tightly guarded by the Chinese Public Security authorities. His works, including *Way Out of Southern Mongolia* and the underground journal *Voice of Southern Mongolia*, lay out his ideas on Southern Mongolian rights.

Family Implication and Ongoing Persecution

Hada’s wife, Xinna, and son, Uiles, have also endured relentless persecution for over 30 years. Both have been repeatedly accused, harassed, and imprisoned on trumped-up charges due to their outspoken criticism of the Chinese government’s mistreatment of their family and its broader human rights abuses in Southern Mongolia.

International Recognition and Call for Urgent Action

In recognition of his lifelong struggle for justice, Hada was nominated for the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize by four Japanese parliament members, as well as U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley and Congressman Chris Smith. His disappearance underscores the urgent need for international intervention. We call on human rights organizations, governments, and the global community to:

1. Demand immediate and unconditional disclosure of Hada’s whereabouts and well-being.
2. Pressure China to release Hada unconditionally and restore his family’s fundamental freedoms.
3. Hold the Chinese government accountable for its persecution and maltreatment of Hada and his family members over the past 30 years.

Join the Effort – Sign Your Name

We urge human rights organizations and defenders of freedom worldwide to join this urgent call for action by adding their names to this statement. By signing, you stand in solidarity with Hada and his family and reinforce the demand for justice, human rights and human dignity. To endorse this urgent action, kindly please add your organization's name below:

Signed By:

Elbegdorj Tsakhyagiin, President of World Mongol Federation, Former President of Mongolia
Maya Wang, Associate China Director, Human Rights Watch
Erika Nguyen, Program Director, PEN America
Hanno Schedler, Advisor, Society for Threatened Peoples
Merce Monje Cano, Executive Director, Unrepresented Nations, and Peoples Organization
Zumretay Arkin, Vice President, World Uyghur Congress
Ivy Li, Spokesperson, Canadian Friends of Hong Kong
Zhou Fengsuo, Executive Director, Human Rights In China
Dr. Yang Jianli, President, Citizen Power Initiatives for China
Dr. Sanj Altan, President, Mongol American Cultural Association
Dr. Chuluu Ujyediin, President, Chinggis Khan Memorial Foundation
Mandie McKeown, Executive Director, International Tibet Network
Aurora Chang, East Asian Regional Coordinator, International Tibet Network
Hidetoshi Ishii, President, Indo-Pacific Human Rights Information Center
Enghebatu Togocho, Director, Southern Mongolian Human Rights Information Center

And the following rights groups:

“ Mini Nutag” (Political Yearbook)
Alberta Uyghur Association
ARTICLE 19
Ashavan Organization
Asia Freedom Institute
Australian Uyghur Tangritagh Women's Association
Buryaad Mongol United Association
Campaign For Uyghurs
Canadian Friends of hong Kong
Centre for Human Rights and Development
China Against the Death Penalty
Chinggis Khan Memorial Foundation
Christian Solidarity Worldwide
Citizen Congress Watch
Citizen Power Initiatives for China
Congress of Buryat-Mongol People
Doublethink Lab
Free Mongols
Free Tibet
Free Tibet Fukuoka
Free Tibet Italia
Global Alliance for Tibet & Persecuted Minorities
Grupo de Apoio ao Tibete-Portugal
Hazara Community of Washington
Hazara Organization for Peace and Equality (HOPE)
Human Rights Foundation
Human Rights in China

Human Rights Watch
Indo-Pacific Human Rights Information Center
Inner Mongolian People's Party (Headquarter)
Inner Mongolian People's Party Branch Europe
Inner Mongolian People's Party Branch Japan
Inner Mongolian People's Party Branch Mongolia
Inner Mongolian People's Party Branch USA
InterMongol Network
International Defenders Council
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR BUDDHIST & KALMYK STUDIES
International Society for Human Rights
International Society for Human Rights - Sweden
International Tibet Network
IPK Media (Shining Light Media)
Japan Uyghur Association
Kalmyk Project
Law and Society Alliance (India)
MAEC
Mongol American Cultural Association
Mongol Heritage Foundation
No Business With Genocide
Nutug Chuulgan
Objectif Tibet
Particulier
PEN America
Regional Tibetan Women's Association
Regional Tibetan Youth Congress
Regional Tibetan Youtu Congress
Save the Mongolian Language Movement
Save Mongolian Language NGO
SISAT
Society for Threatened Peoples
Southern Mongolia Support Group
Southern Mongolia TV
Southern Mongolian Community Florida
Southern Mongolian Community Bay Area
Southern Mongolian Community Canada
Southern Mongolian Community Chicago
Southern Mongolian Community DC Area
Southern Mongolian Community France
Southern Mongolian Community Tri-State Area
Southern Mongolian Community U.K.
Southern Mongolian Herders' Rights Defense Group
Southern Mongolian Human Rights Defense League
Southern Mongolian Human Rights Information Center (SMHRIC)
Southern Mongolian Rescue Committee

Southern Mongolian Rights Defenders
Students for a Free Tibet U.K. Chapter
Students for a Free Tibet International
Students for a Free Tibet U.S. Chapter
Students for Falun Gong
Swedish Uyghur Union
Swiss Tibetan Friendship Association
Swiss Uyghur Association
Taiwanese Civil Aid to HKers, TAHK
The Artist Oliver James
The Congress of the Oirat-Kalmyk People
The Network of Chinese Human Rights Defenders
Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy
Tibetan Youth Congress
Tusgaar Buryad Mongolia
U.S. Tibet Committee
Unrepresented Peoples and Nations Organisation
Uyghur Center for Democracy and Human Rights
Uyghur Human Rights Project
Uyghur PEN Centre
Voice of Southern Mongolia
World Hazara Council
World Mongol Federation Chapter Europe
World Mongol Federation Chapter Japan
World Mongol Federation Chapter Mongolia
World Mongol Federation Chapter USA
World Mongol Federation Global NGO
World Uyghur Congress
World Uyghur Congress Foundation
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