



# China: Stop harassing Ni Yulan



**To: Director of Beijing Municipal Public Security Bureau**

Women human rights defender Ni Yulan has braved years of violent harassment for championing the right to housing & advocating on behalf of people forcibly evicted from their homes. She was once beaten so badly that she now uses a wheelchair. **We call on you to stop harassing Ni Yulan.**

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***Everyone has the right to an adequate standard of living, including...housing... – Article 25, Universal Declaration of Human Rights***

**Women human rights defender Ni Yulan has braved years of violent harassment for standing up for people evicted from their homes. She was once beaten so badly that she now uses a wheelchair. That hasn't stopped her activism.**

The former lawyer has supported scores of people forced from their homes by profitable construction projects. Ni Yulan has experienced the same herself. In one example, she was among thousands whose homes were demolished in the lead-up to the 2008 Beijing Olympics. In an attempt to stop her work, the authorities have, for nearly 20 years, harassed, monitored, arrested and repeatedly evicted her. Ni Yulan's family members have also been affected. They have endured harassment, threats, surveillance and even eviction from several of their homes.

Nothing has stopped Ni Yulan from championing the right to housing.

While filming the demolition of a Beijing home in 2002, officers took Ni Yulan to a police station. The torture she experienced over several days broke her feet and kneecaps, confining her to a wheelchair. In March 2016, the authorities refused to issue a passport for Ni Yulan to travel to an event in the USA at which she was to accept an international prize celebrating her courage. In April 2017, men descended on her rented apartment, grabbed Ni Yulan, her husband and daughter, and threw them out of their home. After being forced to sleep on the streets, the couple now live in temporary housing within constant sight of the police.

Women human rights defenders like Ni Yulan are often at particular risk of persecution in China, where taking a stand in the public sphere is not considered appropriate behavior for a woman.

**Ni Yulan has no plans to stop helping people stand up for their rights. It's our turn to stand up for her.**

**Tell China to stop harassing Ni Yulan.**

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