

Chinese real estate empire loses \$5 billion in value after founder Wang Zhenhua detained

Billionaire Wang Zhenhua, who founded Future Land Development Holdings in 1996, was detained earlier this week on suspicion of having **molested** a minor in a Shanghai hotel, Chinese media reported.

molest 骚扰; 调戏

"At 9 p.m. on July 3, Shanghai police issued a **briefing** on its official Weibo account. From that, it has been confirmed by the police that Wang Zhenhua, the de facto controller of Seazen Holdings, is suspected of molesting a girl, " a Chinese news agency reported on Thursday.

briefing 概述; 简报

Future Land issued an open letter in Chinese Friday in which it apologized for its founder's reported behavior and the "great suffering" he had caused the alleged victim and her family.

The crash wiped about \$5.4 billion off the value of the three companies with links to Wang Zhenhua, which are Future Land, S-Enjoy Service Group Co. and Seazen Holdings Co., according to Refinitiv data.

Global credit ratings agencies warned on Friday that Wang's **detention** could damage the real estate group's standing with partners, investors, and potential customers.

detention 拘留; 延迟

The Seazen website has been updated to remove Wang from its management team **lineup**. His place as chairman has been taken by his son, Wang Xiaosong.

lineup 阵容

The fallout from Wang's detention has already resulted in a significant financial hit to his personal fortune, which has shrunk \$1.5 billion in the last two days, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.