

Right to Fair Trial



Zhao Lianhai (趙連海), a man who tried to seek justice for families affected by a tainted milk powder scandal in 2008, was sentenced on 10 November 2010 to 2½ years of imprisonment for “disturbing social order”.



Police arrested university student Keith Fong for possession of laser pointers, which are considered “weapons” according to the authorities.

Freedom from Fear



According to the Chinese bar association, between 1997 and 2001, at least 143 lawyers were arrested, detained or beaten in China for working on criminal cases.



Amnesty International documented multiple instances of arbitrary and unlawful arrests during the protest, as well as numerous cases where police denied or delayed access to lawyers and medical care to detainees. Timely access to lawyers, family members and medical professionals for detained individuals is supposedly a legal right in Hong Kong and an important safeguard against torture and other ill-treatment.