

Party Secretary of the Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region
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Dear Secretary,

I am contacting you on the matter of Guligeina Tashimaimaiti who has not been heard from since 26 December 2017, when she returned from Malaysia to her hometown in Yili, Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region. The uigur PhD student at the University of Technology, Malaysia was last seen by her friend at Malaysia's Senai International Airport on 26 December 2017.

Given the ongoing and unprecedented crackdown in the XUAR against Uighurs and other ethnic minorities, both Sammy and Guligeina Tashimaimaiti's older sister fear that she might have been detained in a re-education camp. Numerous detention facilities have been set up where people are arbitrarily detained.

Hereby I ask you to release Guligeina Tashimaimaiti and drop any charges against her unless there is sufficient credible and admissible evidence that she has committed an internationally recognized offence and is granted a fair trial in line with international standards. I also point out to ensure that everybody in the XUAR is able to communicate with family members and others, including with family members living in other countries, without interference unless justified in line with international human rights law.

Yours sincerely,