Schrijfactie China:

waar is Gao Zhisheng?



De Chinese advocaat Gao Zhisheng wordt al bijna 7 jaar in het geheim vastgehouden. Hij werd opgepakt nadat hij zijn memoires publiceerde. Daarin schreef hij over zijn ervaringen als gevangene en onder surveillance in China. Zijn exacte locatie en huidige toestand blijven onduidelijk. Zonder toegang tot een advocaat, en gezien zijn eerdere behandeling in de gevangenis, loopt hij groot risico op marteling.

Wat kun jij voorGao Zhishengdoen?

Schrijf **vóór 1 juni 2024** naar de minister van Openbare Veiligheid in China. Roep hem op om Gao Zhisheng onmiddellijk vrij te laten.

Eerder jarenlang vermist

Gao Zhisheng is een van de meest gerespecteerde mensenrechtenadvocaten in China. Hij verdedigde onder meer activisten en religieuze minderheden. De autoriteiten pakten hem in 2006 ook al op nadat hij een hongerstaking organiseerde om aandacht te vragen voor de vervolging van mensenrechtenactivisten in China. Gedurende het grootste deel van de volgende 10 jaar was Gao vermist, zat hij opgesloten of werd hij onder huisarrest geplaatst. Maar hij bleef zich uitspreken over mensenrechtenschendingen en zijn kritiek uiten op de Chinese Communistische Partij.

Schrijfactie:

Mexico, bescherm journalist Alberto Amaro



De 35-jarige Mexicaanse journalist Alberto Amaro doet zijn werk met gevaar voor eigen leven. Hij is al meerdere keren aangevallen. In januari nog probeerde iemand opzettelijk op hem in te rijden. Amaro ontsnapte ternauwernood. Hij heeft recht op goede bescherming van de Mexicaanse overheid.

Wat kun jij voor Alberto Amaro doen?

Schrijf **vóór 1 mei 2024** naar de minister van Binnenlandse Zaken van Mexico. Roep haar op ervoor te zorgen dat Alberto Amaro zijn werk in veiligheid kan doen.

Overheid wil bescherming opheffen

Mexico is een van de meest gevaarlijke land ter wereld voor journalisten. Amaro is in elkaar geslagen, beschoten, en geïntimideerd door de politie en leden van een drugskartel. Sinds 2019 zorgt de overheid ervoor dat bodyguards Amaro beschermen. Maar vorig jaar besloot de overheid dat hij niet langer gevaar loopt. Ze wilden zijn bescherming beëindigen. De recente aanval op zijn leven laat zien dat die bescherming nog hard nodig is.

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