

*(Translated from Chinese)*

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of communication No. UA CHN 14/2019 of 19 July 2019 from the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention; Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances; Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression; and Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, of the United Nations Human Rights Council. The Chinese Government would like to respond as follows:

Yang Zhengjun is a 34-year-old male from [REDACTED], Ke Chengbing is a 30-year-old male from [REDACTED] and Wei Zhili is a 31-year-old male from [REDACTED]

Beginning in July 2018, Mr. Yang, Mr. Ke and Mr. Wei fabricated and spread false information on the Internet on numerous occasions and called people together in public places to create disturbances, seriously undermining public order. On 8 January 2019 the Guangdong public security bureau, acting in accordance with the law, remanded Mr. Yang in custody on suspicion of the offence of undermining public order. On 6 February the measure was converted to house arrest. On 20 March, the Guangdong public security bureau remanded Mr. Ke and Mr. Wei in custody, in accordance with the law, on suspicion of the offence of undermining public order, and on 19 April the measures were converted to house arrest. On 5 August, the Shenzhen Municipal People's Procuratorate in Guangdong Province approved the arrests of Mr. Yang, Mr. Ke and Mr. Wei on suspicion of undermining public order. The case is currently pending.

During the proceedings, the public security authorities have rigorously complied with the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Law and have guaranteed the right to a defence and other rights of the accused, in accordance with the law.

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