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Your Excellency;

Please forgive me for approaching you on behalf of the 32-year-old Chinese Christian, Mr. Ma Yan, from the north Chinese town of Yinchuan (Autonomous Region of Ningxia.)

He is a Christian preacher, who was arrested on the 9th. of August 2024 during a Bible study that he conducted.

Initially, he was charged with "disturbing public order." Later the authorities also accused him of organizing a prohibited assembly. On this basis, a formal arrest warrant was issued for the preacher, and he remains in custody.

On October 5, 1996, the People's Republic of China signed the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which includes the right to religious freedom in Article 18. The arrest of Christians constitutes a serious violation of religious freedom, even though this human right is guaranteed by Article 36 of your country's constitution. With this in mind, I humbly beseech you, dear Mr. President, to advocate the immediate unconditional release of this Christian.

Most respectfully,