



Personal Details

	CECC Record Number	2005-00018	Ethnic Group	Uyghur
	Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
	Issue Category	eth/spch	Age At Detention	31
	Main Name	Nurmehmet Yasin	Religion	Muslim
	Chinese Characters (Main Name)	努尔买买提*亚森	Occupation	journalist, magazine
	Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)	Nurmehemmet Yasin/ Orkishi (pen)	Affiliation	
	Additional Name(s)	Nurmuhemmet Yasin	Residence Province	Xinjiang Uyghur Auto. Region
	Pinyin Name		Residence Prefecture	Kashi [Kashgar] Pref.
		Residence County	(na)	

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2004/11/29
Current Prison	Xinjiang No. 1 Prison
Sentence Length (Years)	10
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Xinjiang Uyghur Auto. Region
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Wulumuqi [Urumqi] Shi (pref.)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Wulumuqi [Urumqi] Shi Muni. Urb. Area (cty.)

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg/tri-close?/sent-close-app	Formal Arrest Date	
Trial Court	Bachu [Maralweshi] County People's Court	Trial Date	2005/01/dd
Sentence Court	Bachu [Maralweshi] County People's Court	Sentence Date	2005/02/02
Appeal Court	Kashi [Kashgar] Intermediate People's Court	Appeal Date	2005/03/17
Appeal Ruling Court		Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)	CL97-art103(2)/CL97-art249		

Short Summary

According to Radio Free Asia, Xinjiang authorities detained Nurmehmet Yasin on November 29, 2004, after the Kashgar Literature Journal published his story "Wild Pigeon" in late 2004. The story tells of a caged bird who commits suicide rather than live without freedom. According to Dui Hua, on February 2, 2005, the Bachu (Maralbeshi) County People's Court sentenced Nurmehmet Yasin to 10 years' imprisonment for "inciting racial hatred or discrimination," a crime under Article 249 of the Criminal Law. Some sources have reported that the sentence was for "inciting splittism," a crime under Article 103 of the Criminal Law. On July 14, 2005, the same court sentenced Korash Huseyin, editor of the Kashgar Literature Journal, to three years' imprisonment for "dereliction of duty" for publishing Nurmehmet Yasin's story. The Kashgar Intermediate People's Court upheld Nurmehmet Yasin's sentence on appeal on March 17, 2005. He is currently held at Xinjiang No. 1 Prison.