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## Personal Details

<b>CECC Record Number</b>	2007-00088	<b>Ethnic Group</b>	
<b>Detention Status</b>	REL?	<b>Sex</b>	M
<b>Issue Category</b>	spch/prop	<b>Age At Detention</b>	54
<b>Main Name</b>	Yang Chunlin	<b>Religion</b>	
<b>Chinese Characters (Main Name)</b>	杨春林	<b>Occupation</b>	
<b>Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)</b>		<b>Affiliation</b>	
<b>Additional Name(s)</b>		<b>Residence Province</b>	Heilongjiang Province
<b>Pinyin Name</b>		<b>Residence Prefecture</b>	Jiamusi Shi (pref.)
		<b>Residence County</b>	(na)

## Imprisonment or Detention Details

<b>Date of Detention</b>	2007/07/06
<b>Current Prison</b>	Heilongjiang (general location)
<b>Sentence Length (Years)</b>	5
<b>Sentence Length (Months)</b>	
<b>Sentence Length (Weeks)</b>	
<b>Sentence Length (Days)</b>	
<b>Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)</b>	Heilongjiang Province
<b>Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)</b>	(na)
<b>County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)</b>	(na)

## Legal Process

<b>Legal Process</b>	chg/tri/sent/rel?	<b>Formal Arrest Date</b>	2007/08/03
<b>Trial Court</b>	Jiamusi Intermediate People's Court	<b>Trial Date</b>	2008/02/19
<b>Sentence Court</b>	Jiamusi Intermediate People's Court	<b>Sentence Date</b>	2008/03/24
<b>Appeal Court</b>		<b>Appeal Date</b>	
<b>Appeal Ruling Court</b>	Jiamusi Intermediate People's Court	<b>Appeal Ruling Date</b>	2008/09/19
<b>Sent. Ends Per PRC</b>		<b>Actual Date Released</b>	
<b>Charge (Statute)</b>	CL79-art105		

## Short Summary

According to Chinese Human Rights Defenders, Epoch Times, and Amnesty International, public security officials in Jiamusi city, Heilongjiang province, detained land rights activist Yang Chunlin on July 6, 2007. On August 13, 2007, they formally arrested him on charges of "inciting subversion of state power." The Jiamusi City Intermediate People's Court held his trial on February 19, sentenced him to five years in prison for "inciting subversion" on March 24, and denied his appeal on September 19. Officials alleged that a petition Yang helped organize harmed China's image, and also accused him of writing essays critical of the Communist Party and accepting 10,000 yuan from a "hostile" foreign group. The petition, titled "We Want Human Rights, Not the Olympics," was made on behalf of farmers seeking to reclaim land seized by the government. Fellow petition organizers, Yu Changwu and Wang Guilin, were also punished. Yang served his sentence at the Xianglan Prison in Heilongjiang.