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## Personal Details



<b>CECC Record Number</b>	2009-00448	<b>Ethnic Group</b>	Uyghur
<b>Detention Status</b>	DET	<b>Sex</b>	M
<b>Issue Category</b>	eth/spch	<b>Age At Detention</b>	50
<b>Main Name</b>	Gheyret Niyaz	<b>Religion</b>	
<b>Chinese Characters (Main Name)</b>	海来特*尼亚孜	<b>Occupation</b>	journalist, Internet
<b>Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)</b>		<b>Affiliation</b>	
<b>Additional Name(s)</b>	Hailait Niyazi, Hairat Niyaz	<b>Residence Province</b>	Xinjiang Uyghur Auto. Region
<b>Pinyin Name</b>		<b>Residence Prefecture</b>	Wulumuqi [Urumqi] Shi (pref.)
		<b>Residence County</b>	(na)

## Imprisonment or Detention Details

<b>Date of Detention</b>	2009/10/01
<b>Current Prison</b>	Xinjiang No. 3 Prison
<b>Sentence Length (Years)</b>	15
<b>Sentence Length (Months)</b>	
<b>Sentence Length (Weeks)</b>	
<b>Sentence Length (Days)</b>	
<b>Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)</b>	Xinjiang Uyghur Auto. Region
<b>Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)</b>	Wulumuqi [Urumqi] Shi (pref.)
<b>County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)</b>	Wulumuqi [Urumqi] Shi Muni. Urb. Area (cty.)

## Legal Process

<b>Legal Process</b>	chg/tri/sent	<b>Formal Arrest Date</b>	2009/11/dd
<b>Trial Court</b>	Urumqi Intermediate People's Court	<b>Trial Date</b>	2010/07/23
<b>Sentence Court</b>	Urumqi Intermediate People's Court	<b>Sentence Date</b>	2010/07/23
<b>Appeal Court</b>		<b>Appeal Date</b>	
<b>Appeal Ruling Court</b>		<b>Appeal Ruling Date</b>	
<b>Sent. Ends Per PRC</b>		<b>Actual Date Released</b>	
<b>Charge (Statute)</b>	CL97-art111		

## Short Summary

According to AP (via Guardian, [1 November 09](#), via Boston Herald, [23 July 10](#)), RFA ([22 July 10](#)), and DH ([Summer 2010](#)), Gheyret Niyaz (Hailaiti Niyazi), a Uyghur journalist in Urumqi, Xinjiang, was taken from his home on October 1, 2009. His family was told on October 4 that he was under suspicion for endangering state security. He was formally arrested in November 2009. On July 23, 2010, the Urumqi Intermediate People's Court sentenced him to 15 years' imprisonment for endangering state security (ESS). A letter in his support (via CHR and AI, [31 July 10](#)) listed the ESS crime as leaking state secrets ([Criminal Law](#) Art. 111). Sources close to Gheyret Niyaz connected his case to interviews he gave to overseas media surrounding [protests and riots](#) in Urumqi in July 2009. In court, officials cited online essays that were critical of government policy in Xinjiang. Until June 2009, Gheyret Niyaz worked as an editor and manager for the Web site Uyghur Online, which officials later accused of contributing to incitement of rioting in July 2009. He also had worked for two Xinjiang newspapers. A Dui Hua report ([24 August 12](#)), confirmed Niyaz to be imprisoned in the Xinjiang No. 3 Prison.