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The recent systematic arrest of a number of human rights lawyers and human rights defenders by Chinese public security forces raises serious questions about China's commitment to strengthening the rule of law.

The Chinese authorities should abide by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, respect the rights of all citizens as recognised by the Chinese Constitution and release all those detained for seeking to protect these rights.

Following the death in prison of Tenzin Delek Rinpoche, a Tibetan lama who has been a prisoner since 2002, we express our deepest condolences to his family, friends and supporters. The EU had consistently called for his release or adequate medical treatment. We expect the Chinese authorities to investigate and make public the circumstances surrounding his death.

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