



## **Annual Report of Persecution by the Government on Christian House Churches within Mainland China**

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## **Part 1: Summary**

2007 was an important year in China due to the upcoming Beijing Olympics of 2008, which has attracted the attention of the world ahead of time. In the past year, in addition to political, economic, environmental and other aspects of life, the worsening human rights condition in China has attracted all the more attention from the international community.

As a Christian rights defense organization, China Aid Association (CAA) is fighting, as always, for the persecuted Christians in China. Under the leadership of Mr. Bob Fu (pastor), the organization not only closely watches and accurately discloses the situation of persecution of Christians by the Chinese government in 2007, it also actively appeals for and tries its best to rescue and help these persecuted Christians. Through a large amount of accurate facts and data plus texts and diagrams, this report gives a detailed account of the persecution in 2007 and compares the intensity of escalating persecution in the year with that of 2006.

### **1. A Brief Introduction to the General Situation**

As in the past, the persecution of Christians within mainland China in 2007 occurred mainly in the form of crackdown by the government on house churches. However, a few TSPM (Three-Self Patriotic Movement) churches and their leaders were also threatened and persecuted and were interfered with by administrative measures of the government for insisting on their freedom of belief (There are also known cases in this category in 2006). Therefore, this report focuses on the persecution suffered by house churches there. In the meantime, due to the blockade of information by the Chinese government, especially the effective blockade and monitoring of the Internet last year, it has become more difficult for people to pass the news of persecution to people outside of China. Others fail to report cases of persecution for fear of retaliation by the government. Another reason is people in remote regions have no idea that they can seek help from sources outside of China. Therefore, the information received by CAA is only a part of all the persecution cases and may even represent a very small fraction. However, the information represented in this report covers a majority of provinces and municipalities in China and involves many types of persecution all of which are sufficient to reflect the overall situation and the degree of persecution on house churches in the past year.

In 2007, the known religious cases in which house churches were persecuted by the government covered 18 provinces and one municipality directly under the jurisdiction of the Central Government and there were 60 cases of persecution, up 30.4% from that of 2006. The total number of people persecuted was 788, up 18.5% from that of the year before. The total number of people arrested and detained is 693, up 6.6% from that of the year before. 16 people were sentenced to imprisonment, down 5.9% from that of the year

before. Besides these figures, two types of cases need special attention: There are 17 cases of physical abuse in the persecution (beating, torture and psychological abuse), up 325% from that of 2006 and the number of people abused was 35, up 400%. The other type is that many foreign Christians also suffered persecution mainly in the form of arrest, interrogation and expulsion from the country. The total number of people in this category is over 100 (84 of them are confirmed), up 833% from the year before. Based on the above seven indexes of the total number of persecution cases, the total number of people suffering persecution, the number of people arrested, the number of people sentenced, the total number of abuse cases, the total number of people abused and the total number of foreign Christians suffering persecution, the comprehensive calculation of these figures shows that compared with the year 2006, the overall intensity of persecution in 2007 rose by about 68.6%. [This is not an accurate mathematical expression and is only for reference. Please refer to Part 3 of this report

In the above seven indexes, only the number of people sentenced was down in 2007, one less than that of 2006. However, if we take into consideration Mr. Zhou Heng, a church leader in Xinjiang who was arrested and has been detained for over five months (from August 3, 2007 till now). The investigation on his case was complete back on October 16, 2007 and the case was sent to the procuratorate which returned the case back to the PSB on the ground of insufficient evidence. However, he is now neither sentenced nor released. (Please read the news on CAA's Chinese website for October 18, 2007 and December 18, 2007; the second part of this report: 4. Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region). Therefore, this has actually caused Mr. Zhou to be serving the sentence. If we take this case into consideration, the number of people sentenced in 2007 would remain the same as that of 2006.

## 2. Four Characteristics of Persecution

**(1) Against the house church leaders:** This is also the characteristic in 2006 which is different from the large-scale persecution of ordinary believers in 2005. A total of 415 church leaders were arrested in 2007. This accounts for 59.9% of all people arrested and for 52.6% of all people suffering persecution. (Please refer to Part 3 of this report. 4. Diagram)

**(2) Against house churches in urban areas:** Among the 60 cases of persecution, 35 of them occurred in urban areas (not including small towns) which accounts for 58.3%. Among these, the number of people persecuted in urban areas is 599 which accounts for 76% of a total number of 788 people. (Please see Part 2)

**(3) Against Christian publications:** There are seven persecution cases related to the operation, printing, transportation and distribution of Christian publications. They account for 11.7% of all the 60 persecution cases. Though the percentage of this type is not very high, two religious cases aroused concerns from the international community: one is the case in which Zhou Heng was persecuted for receiving a shipment of Bibles and operating legal Christian publications; another is that Mr. Shi Weihai in Beijing, who was persecuted for legal operation of Christian publications.

**(4) Against foreign Christians and missionaries:** Because of "Operation Typhoon No. 5," a total of over 100 (84 already confirmed) foreign Christians were arrested,

interrogated and expelled from the country. Most of these were Christians from the West and a few of them were Christians from South Korea and other countries. About 70 foreign Christians were persecuted in Xinjiang. Some of these foreign Christians were not missionaries, but had their own secular professions in China. However, as they preached the Christian belief or were associated with local Christians and churches, they were persecuted by the government. This is the largest persecution operation of expelling foreign Christians since the early 1950s when the CPC drove out all of the foreign missionaries.

Besides the above four characteristics, another characteristic is the persecution of Christians of ethnic minorities, occurring mainly in Xinjiang. However, due to the limited information, it cannot represent the overall situation of persecution there. Therefore, it is not included in this report.

Judging from the above data and characteristics, we can see that the new CPC regime headed by Hu Jintao adopts one of the policies from Mao Zedong's era: Preventing Christian ideology from influencing China.

### **3. Explanation on Methods and Characteristics in this Report**

This report is divided in four parts: Part 1: Summary; Part 2: Explanation of the List of Cases; Part 3: Explanation of the data diagrams; Part 4: Epilogue. In the first three parts, there are some minor ramifications.

Part 1 is devoted to the summary of the situation of persecution of house churches and briefly compares the 2007 situation with that of 2006. In addition,, it also discusses the structure and characteristics of this report.

Part 2 explains in detail the time, location, brief content, number of people persecuted, number of people arrested (and the number of people in the previous year), the number of people sentenced (and the number of people in the previous year), number of persecution cases, number of abuse cases and number of abused people as well as hyperlinks to some of the news on CAA's website. Part 2 is presented in a list divided in seven administrative regions and three municipalities directly under the Central Government. The reason why we divided it into the government's administrative regions is mainly because different administrative regions have their unique regional regulations and cultural, economic and ethnic characteristics so that our readers can have a deeper understanding of the persecution situation in this particular region.

Part 3 reflects the overall situation of the persecution and its characteristics through diagrams of data and is the visual explanation of the content in Part 2, including the diagram on the persecution situation in provinces and municipalities directly under the Central Government (please see Section Three, 5; 6)

Part 4 is the epilogue and is mainly an analysis of the political reasons why religious and human rights conditions have worsened in China since October 2004. It also contains

speculative analysis on the future religious and human rights situation in the next two years and we propose new suggestions in this part.

This report is entirely based upon the reports and investigations made by CAA (China Aid Association). To be more accurate and objective, this report uses a conservative method of data collection: i.e. we slightly reduce the critical data and the severity of the incidents. If you find any errors, please contact this association immediately. Thank you.

**Part 2: List of Collection of Known Cases of Persecution by the Government on Christian House Churches within Mainland China in 2007**

<b>Incidents of Persecution:</b>	<i>60 cases</i>
<b>Total number of people persecuted:</b>	<i>788 people</i>
<b>Total number of people arrested:</b>	<i>693 people (415 church leaders)</i>
<b>Number of people sentenced:</b>	<i>16 people</i>
<b>Abuse cases:</b>	<i>17 cases</i>
<b>Number of people abused:</b>	<i>35 people</i>
<b>Number of foreign Christians suffering persecution:</b>	<i>A total of over 100 people (84 confirmed)</i>

**1. Municipalities Directly under the Jurisdiction of the Central Government.**

**Beijing** • Total number of people persecuted: > 104; Number of people arrested: 98. Number of people arrested last year in municipalities directly under the Central Government: 5; Number of people sentenced: 2. Number of people arrested last year in municipalities directly under the Central Government: 1.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Incidents (8)</b>	<b>Penalty in the name of law</b>	<b>Abuse (5 cases; 9 people)</b>	<b>Number of people</b>
<b>Beijing</b>				
11/28	Mr. Shi Weihang, a Christian publisher, was arrested	37 days of criminal detention	At first, he was not allowed to take medications for his diseases and his family members were not allowed to see him	1
	Shi Weihang's wife was arrested	Summoned		1
	Shi Weihang's brother, sister-in-law, two workers and others were arrested	37 days of criminal detention		20

For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=4218">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=4218</a>						
10/16— —12/05	Pastor Zhang Mingxuan, his wife and their two sons were persecuted. They deliberately made things difficult for Beijing Seminary and an orphanage through inspections			Power outage	>5	
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=3989">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=3989</a> <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=3825">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=3825</a>						
08/27	Missionary Li Zhenjun was arrested while preaching the Gospel			Locked in a mental hospital	1	
08/01	Xu Yonghai, a member of a house church, was harassed by the police		House arrest		1	
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2793">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2793</a>						
07/01	Three Christians from Indiana, USA were arrested and interrogated		3-7 days of administrative detention		3	
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2589">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2589</a>						
04/25	Pastor Feng Bingcheng was examined while in a gathering to train Christians in Beijing. He and others were arrested		Administrative detention. Expulsion from the country		>70	
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2067">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2067</a>						
01/26	Hua Huiqi, a Christian rights defender, was arrested		Sentenced to six months in prison	Hua was beaten and had cold water poured all over his body	1	
02/09	Shuang Shuying (76 years old), Hua Huiqi's mother, was arrested		Sentenced to two years in prison	Was beaten and was not allowed to see his family	1	
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=1514">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=1514</a>						
Incidents of persecution: 8	Number of people arrested: 98	Abuse cases: 5	Number of people sentenced: 2	Expulsion from the country: 4 people	Total number of people persecuted:	>104

2、Northeast China • Heilongjiang—Liaoning (Total number of persecuted people: 3; Number of people arrested: 3; The first half of the year in this region: 42; Number of people sentenced: 1 person The first half of the year in this region: 0 people)

Date	Incidents (3)	Penalty in the name of law	Abuse (0)	Number of
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					people
<b>Heilongjiang</b>					
12/23	Gu Hongyan, a Christian from Yichun, was arrested while preaching the Gospel.	Administrative detention. The church was abolished.			1
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=4097">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=4097</a>					
09/09	Zhang Bing, a Christian in Daqing, was arrested on the charge that the “illegal gathering at his residence exceeded 10 people”	Administrative detention. The church was abolished.			1
Number of persecution cases in this province: 2	Number of people arrested: 2	Abuse cases: 0	Number of people sentenced: 0	Total number of people persecuted:	2
<b>Liaoning</b>					
03/14	Ms. Gu Changrong from Qidaohe Village, Wandianzi Township, Qingyuan Manchurian Autonomous County of Fushun City, was arrested for preaching the Gospel to the village Party secretary.	One year of education through labor			1
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=1798">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=1798</a>					
Number of cases of persecution in the province: 1	Number of people arrested: 1	Abuse cases: 0	Number of people sentenced: 1	Total number of people persecuted:	1

3. Northern China • Inner Mongolia—Hebei—Shanxi • (Total number of people persecuted: > 65; Number of people arrested: 64; Number of people in this region in the previous year: 15; Number of people sentenced: 0; Number of people in this region in the previous year: 1 person)

Date	Incidents (6)	Penalty in the name of law	Abuse (1 case; 6 people)	Number of people
<b>Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region</b>				
08/21	Seven Christians were arrested in Kouhe Township, Kulun Banner			7
07/14	Four house church leaders in Wuhai were arrested			4
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2673">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2673</a>				
Number of cases of persecution in the province: 2	Number of people arrested: 11	Abuse cases: 0	Number of people sentenced: 0	Total number of people persecuted: 11
<b>Hebei</b>				

07/24	A house church in Weichang County in Chengde Region was searched				>1
01/01	Members of a Bible training class in School of Baoding Municipal Party Committee were arrested and interrogated (including the attorney Dr. Li Boguang				40
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=1336">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=1336</a>					
Number of persecution cases in this province: 2	Number of people arrested: 40	Abuse cases: 0	Number of people sentenced: 0	Total number of people persecuted:	>41
<b>Shanxi</b>					
06/29	Ms. Gao Qiuxiang, leader of a church in Jiaocheng County (54 years old) was arrested when she tried to get a detention certificate for a believer who had been detained.		10 days of administrative detention		1
06/09	Ren Peipei, a house church leader in Jiaocheng County, was arrested along with other people when they distributed Gospel flyers.		1-6 days of administrative detention; Two among them were placed under criminal detention	Beating	12
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2634">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2634</a>					
Number of cases of persecution in the province: 2	Number of people arrested: 13	Abuse cases: 1	Number of people sentenced: 0	Total number of people persecuted:	13

**4. Northwest China • Xinjiang—Gansu • (Total number of people persecuted: >115 ; Number of People Arrested: 35; Number of people in this region arrested in the previous year: 58; Number of people sentenced: 2; Number of people in this region in the previous year: 0)**

Date	Incidents (9)	Penalty in the name of law	Abuse (4 cases; 7 people)	Number of people
<b>Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region</b>				
11/27	Wusimanyiming, a Uyghur Christian from Hetian, was sentenced for working in a US company	2 years of education through labor		1
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=3884">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=3884</a>				
09月	Four companies of Christians were closed, including two companies founded by US capital. The business license of Alimujiang Yimiti, a Christian businessman of Uyghur ethnicity was revoked	The Americans were expelled out of the country and the locals were given administrative		>2

		penalty			
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=3364">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=3364</a>					
09/02	Three Christians from Lucaogou, Huocheng County of Yili (one of them was recovering from a broken leg) were arrested during a household gathering	Search. Administrative detention		3	
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=3255">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=3255</a>					
08/03	Mr. Zhou Heng, a house church leader and a businessman, was arrested for receiving two tons of Bibles delivered from outside the city. Christians related in this incident were summoned. Among them, Mr. Tan Wen was placed under arrest for several days two months later	Search and long-term criminal detention till today	Handcuffed from behind, beating and not providing bed.	>4	
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=3389">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=3389</a>					
07/14	A Bible prayer meeting of youngsters under the care of Ms. Kong Lingrong from Company 4, Regiment 31, Agricultural Division 2 of the Corp was searched.	Search and written self-inspection	Cut power and water supplies	>2	
06/01	A house meeting of Gao Hongzhi from Regiment 49, Agricultural Division 3 of the Corp was searched	Search. Administrative detention, confiscation of objects and writing statements of guarantee	A young person was verbally and physically abused. Gao Hongzhi's son was penalized	6	
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2827">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2827</a>					
04/20	A house church in the city of Akesu was searched. Christians, including four Americans, were arrested	Administrative detention. 21 people were placed under criminal detention. Five of them were fined.	Two people were beaten	26	
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2059">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2059</a>					
Whole year of 2007	Special program in fighting foreign missionaries, Christian teachers, foreign students and businessmen	Expulsion from the country (including 12 families that have 36 adults and at least 24 children) . 10 adults' renewal of visa was rejected		>70	
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2589">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2589</a>					
Number of cases of persecution in this province: 8	Number of People Arrested: 34	Abuse cases: 4	Number of people sentenced : 1	Expulsion from the country: >70	Total number of people persecuted: >114
<b>Gansu</b>					

10/25	Pastor Liu Huiwen of Dongxiang nationality was arrested for distributing Gospel flyer in a Muslim funeral (04/28)	Sentenced to one year and a half in prison		1
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=3807">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=3807</a>				
Number of cases of persecution in the province: 1	Number of people arrested: 1	Abuse cases: 0	Number of people sentenced: 1	Total number of people persecuted: 1

5. Eastern China • Shandong—Anhui—Zhejiang—Jiangsu—Jiangxi • (Total number of people persecuted: > 365; Number of People Arrested: >365, Number of people in this region in the previous year: 241; Number of people sentenced: 2 people; Number of people in this region in the previous year: 9)

Date	Incidents (16)	Penalty in the name of law	Abuse (3 cases; 4 people)	Number of people
<b>Shandong</b>				
12/07	A co-worker training class in Hedong District of Linyi were arrested by over 40 policemen	Administrative detention. Paying an interrogation fee		270
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=3941">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=3941</a>				
08/10	A youth Bible training summer camp at Dacheng Village, Qinghe Township of Yutai County was searched and the leader was arrested	The gathering is abolished. Administrative detention, fine and confiscation of Bibles		6
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=4044">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=4044</a>				
06/29	Two house church leaders from Henan were sentenced by Heze Municipal Government	One year of education through labor		2
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2634">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2634</a>				
06/15	A house gathering at Changba Village, Wulou Township of Cao County was searched and the leader was arrested	Criminal detention and a fine of 10,000 yuan		6
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2495">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2495</a>				

05/31	The house church of Pastor Gao Wendong located at Daguanzhuang Village, Zhengwang Township, Hedong District of Linyi was searched and over 50 local Christians were arrested. One Israeli and one American church were present at the scene	Administrative detention, confiscation of the Bible, properties and case. The foreigners were expelled from the country.		>50	
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2789">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2789</a> <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2589">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2589</a>					
Number of cases of persecution in this province: 5	Number of people arrested: >334	Abuse cases: 0	Number of people sentenced : 2	Expulsion from the country: 2 people	Total number of people persecuted: >334
<b>Anhui</b>					
07/10	Mr. Lu Jingxiang, a missionary from a house church in Qiaotou Township of Mingguang County, was arrested.	Administrative detention		1	
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2673">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2673</a>					
01/24	A house church in Zhangchong Township of Jinzhai County was searched and its leader was arrested	Administrative detention		3	
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=1423">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=1423</a>					
01/04	Chen, Jiayi, leader of a house church in Jiulianshangchen Village in Wuhu County was arrested on the charge of illegal business operation for distributing Bibles	Criminal detention		1	
02/23	Pastor Chen Lianmin, leader of a house church in Maanshan, was arrested for leading many students in studying the Bibles.	Administrative detention and confiscation of computer and books		1	
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=1798">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=1798</a>					
Number of cases of persecution in the province: 4	Number of people arrested: 6	Abuse cases: 0	Number of people sentenced: 0	Total number of people persecuted: 6	
<b>Zhejiang</b>					
10/31	Ye Min, Peng Shaohua and Zhang Ping of Luqiao in Wenling, Zhejiang Province, were arrested. Peng Shaohua is the owner of a printing shop	Administrative detention and confiscation of books		3	
Number of cases of persecution in	Number of people arrested:	Abuse cases: 0	Number of people	Total number of people persecuted: 3	

the province: 1	3		sentenced: 0		
<b>Jiangsu</b>					
Decem-ber	The Christmas celebration of Pugeqiao Church in Changzhou was searched and the leader was arrested	Administrative detention	1 person was beaten	4	
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=4043">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=4043</a>					
08/19	The gathering at the residence of Mr. Hu Defu at Xuezhuang, Zhongzhuang Township of Jianhu County was raided and Hu Defu was arrested	Administrative detention	1 person was beaten	1	
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2981">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2981</a>					
07/11	The children's Sunday school summer camp at Zhongzhuang Township of Jianhu County was raided and the leader was arrested	Administrative detention, confiscation of computers, camcorders and others	2 people were beaten	10	
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2673">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2673</a>					
04/29	A church under the direction of Cui Chengnan of Xinyang Garden, Kunshan City was raided and the leader was arrested	Administrative detention, confiscation of objects and donations		2	
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2085">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2085</a>					
02/07	The gathering at Pastor Tan Jianwei's house located at 15, Ganxi Village, Shanghuang Township, Liyang, Jiangsu Province, was raided and the leader was arrested	Administrative detention. Confiscation of Christian books		3	
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=1503">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=1503</a>					
Number of cases of persecution in the province: 5	Number of people arrested: 20	Abuse cases: 3	Number of people sentenced: 0	Total number of people persecuted:	20
<b>Jiangxi</b>					
02/23	The house church led by Mr. Xu Changshan and Chen Xiaobing in Ji-an City was raided when they preached the Gospel at a municipal park by playing hymns. The leader was arrested.	Administrative detention. Confiscation of audio equipment		2	
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Number of cases	Number of	Abuse cases: 0	Number of	Total number of	2

of persecution in the province: 1	people arrested: 2		people sentenced: 0	people persecuted	
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**6. Southern China • Guangdong—Guangxi • (Total number of people persecuted: 4; Number of people arrested: 0; Number of people in this region in the previous year: 2; Number of people sentenced: 0 people; Number of people in this region in the previous year: 0 people)**

Date	Incidents (2)	Penalty in the name of law	Abuse (2 cases; 4 people)	Number of people
<b>Guangdong</b>				
08/21	Bureau of Industrial and Commercial Administration of Fanyu District gathered over 100 people and sealed the company of Chinese Australian Daniel Ng and Elisa Ng.	Confiscation of over 50 computers and other properties	Made gangster-style threats and harassment	2
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=3720">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=3720</a>				
Number of cases of persecution in the province: 1	Number of people arrested: 0	Abuse cases: 1	Number of people sentenced: 0	Total number of people persecuted: 2
<b>Guangxi</b>				
04/17	10 officials from Office of Baise Municipal Family Planning Committee broke into the house of Pastor Liang Yage and took his wife Wei Linrong to a hospital for a forced abortion		Kidnap and abortion by force	2
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=1957">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=1957</a>				
Number of cases of persecution in the province: 1	Number of people arrested: 0	Abuse cases: 1	Number of people sentenced: 0	Total number of people persecuted: 2

**7. Central China • Henan—Hubei • (Total number of people persecuted: >120; Number of People Arrested: 119; Number of people in this region in the previous year: 205; Number of people sentenced: 9; Number of people in the region in the previous year: 2 people)**

Date	Incidents (12)	Penalty in the name of law	Abuse (2 cases; 5 people)	Number of people
<b>Henan</b>				
12/20	A Christmas celebration attended by over 70 people at a church in Daliuzhuang Village, Loudian Township, Suiyang District of Shangqiu City was raided and three people were arrested	Administrative detention		3
For details, please visit the website at this link:				

<a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=4097">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=4097</a>				
12/16	A gathering at the house church in Sunbazhai, Erqi District of Zhengzhou City was raided and Brother Liang Qizhen, vice president of House Church Federation of China, was arrested	Administrative detention	Confession through torture	1
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=4030">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=4030</a>				
12/04	The gathering at a house church in Wangpiliu Township of Luyi County	Administrative detention		5
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=4043">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=4043</a>				
11/18	Christians were arrested during a gathering of Sunday service at Peichang Village, Fanhu Township, Xiangcheng County	Administrative detention, confiscation of properties		40
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=3807">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=3807</a>				
08/17	Three church leaders from Anhui, Shanxi and the local area in Zaolin Village, Guanjin Township of Xincai County were arrested for going to the church to get some books for children's Sunday school	Administrative detention		3
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2981">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2981</a>				
03/19	The 50-year-old Ms. Li Huage, wife of Pastor Dong Quanyu, was arrested when she went to Wancheng District Police Station of Nanyang City to demand the return of the illegally confiscated cell phone, computer and Bibles from the policemen.	Administrative detention		1
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=1737">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=1737</a>				
03/06	Some house church leaders from House Church Federation of China from a house church in Lianhe Street, Wancheng District of Nanyang City, including Pastor Dong Quanyu and three South Korean pastors, were arrested at a Bible study gathering	Administrative detention		36
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=1661">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=1661</a>				
01/06	A church at Chen Village, Huaifeng Township of Xiuwu County, was raided and members of the church were arrested	Administrative detention		11
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=1357">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=1357</a>				
01/04	About a dozen Christians from Xizhuang Team, Anlou Village, Erlangmiao Township of Fangcheng County were raided during a gathering	Administrative detention		3
For details, please visit the website at this link:				

<a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=1336">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=1336</a>					
Number of cases of persecution in the province: 9	Number of people arrested: 103	Abuse cases: 1	Number of people sentenced: 0	Total number of people persecuted:	103
<b>Hubei</b>					
10/31	The house church at 45, Weijiasang Garden, Sanqi Street, Jiang-an District of Wuhan was raided.		The church was abolished and the donation was confiscated		>1
09/21	A house church as Liutong Township of Yun County was raided and five people were arrested		Administrative detention and fine		5
07/15	14 Christians were raided when they gathered at Qin Daomin's residence located at 067, Lao Street, Guandiankou Township, Jianshi County, Enshi Autonomous Region of Hubei Province. The leader was arrested.		11 people were placed under administrative detention. Nine of them were sentenced to education through labor	Three people were beaten and a 2-year-old child was detained	11
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=3321">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=3321</a>					
Number of cases of persecution in the province: 3	Number of people arrested: 16	Abuse cases: 1	Number of people sentenced: 9	Total number of people persecuted:	>17

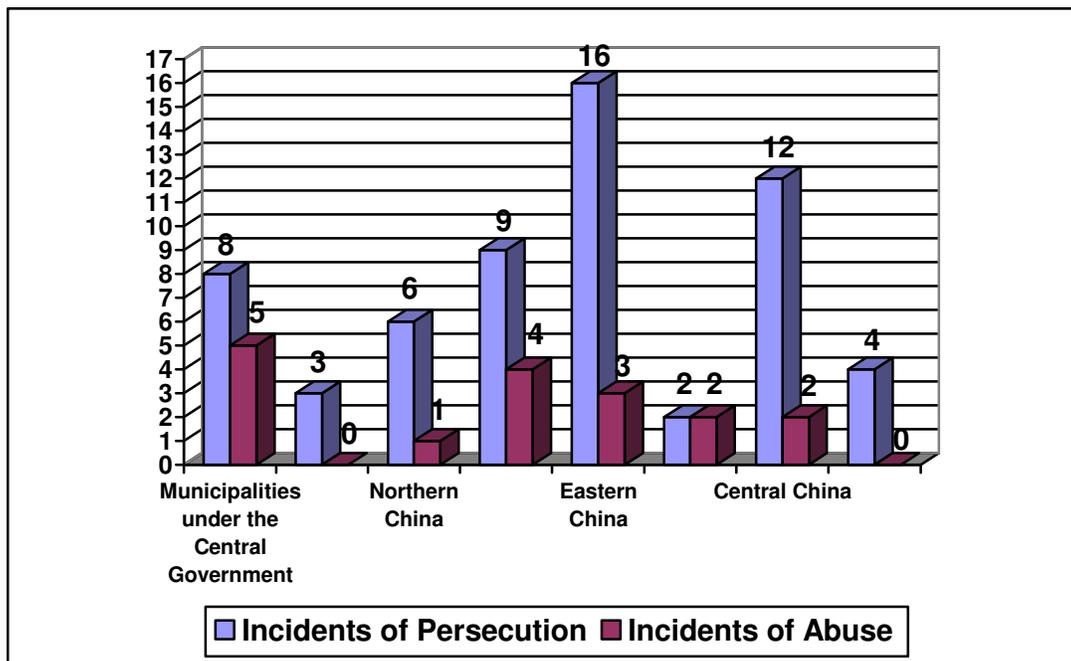
**8、Southwest China • Yunnan—Tibet • (Total number of people persecuted: >12; Number of people arrested: 9; Number of people in this region in the previous year: 103; Number of people sentenced: 0 people; Number of people in this region in the previous year: 4 people)**

Date	Incidents (4)	Penalty in the name of law	Abuse (0)	Number of people
<b>Yunnan</b>				
12/05	A gathering at Room 301, Unit 4, Building 27, Maxi Complex, Xishan District of Kunming was raided	Confiscation and burning of Bibles and other books		>1
11/29	A house gathering at Changpo, Xishan District of Kunming was again raided. The leader was arrested	Two people were placed under administrative detention. Bibles, other books and donation were confiscated.		2
11/03	A house gathering at Changpo, Xishan District of Kunming was raided	Seven people were placed under administrative detention. Bibles, other books and funds		7

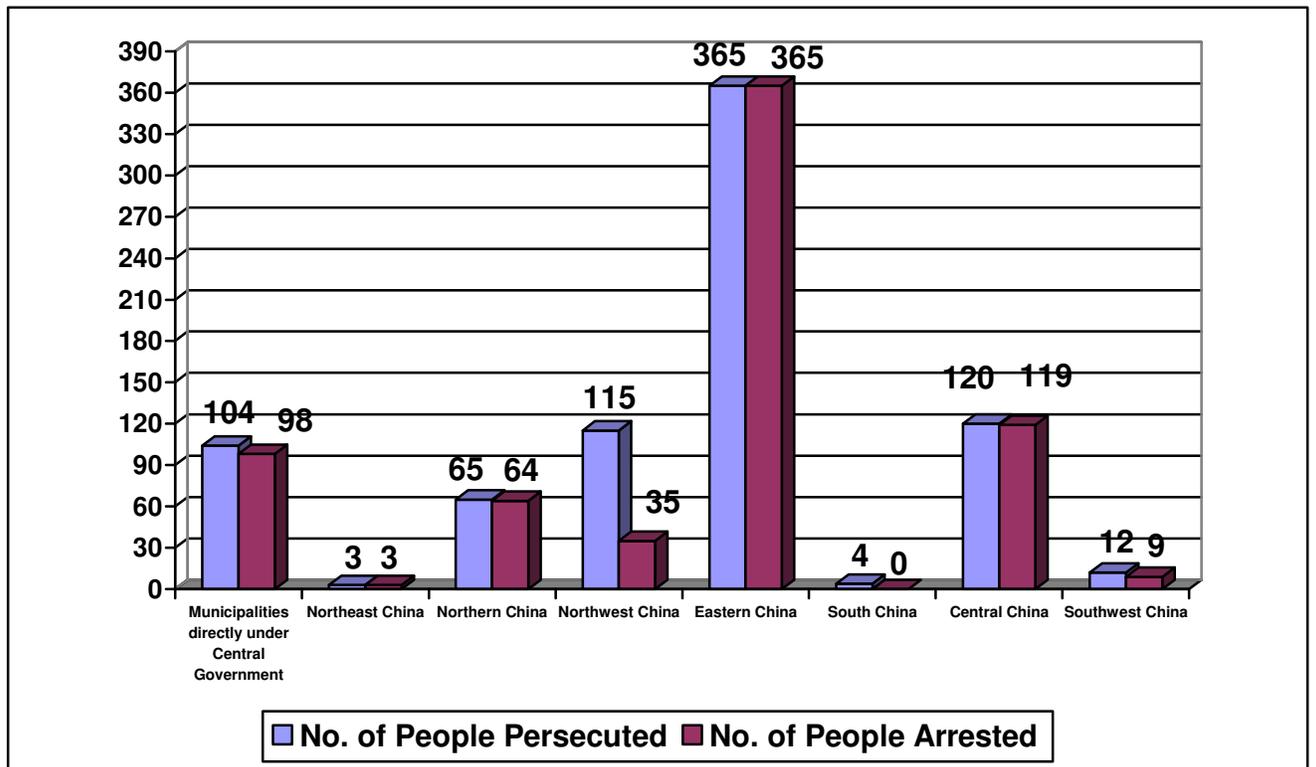
				were confiscated.		
Number of cases of persecution in this province: 3	Number of people arrested: 9	Abuse cases: 0	Number of people sentenced: 0	Total number of people persecuted:	>10	
<b>Tibet Autonomous Region</b>						
The 1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2007	Two American Christian teachers were expelled from the country		Expulsion from the country			2
For details, please visit the website at this link: <a href="http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2589">http://chinaaid.org/chinese_site/press_release_detail.php?id=2589</a>						
Number of cases of persecution in this province: 1	Number of People Arrested: 0	Abuse cases: 0	Number of people sentenced: 0	Expulsion from the country: 2 people	Total number of people persecuted:	2

### Part 3: Diagram of persecution of Christian house churches by the government in 2007 within mainland China

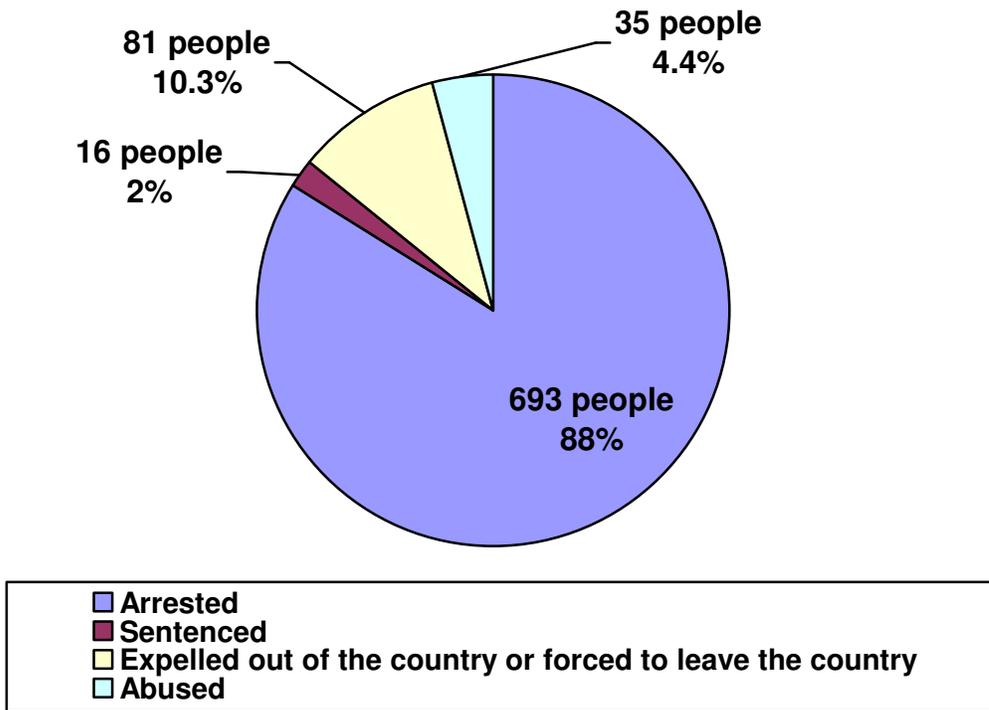
#### 1. Diagram of Persecution Incidents Abuse Cases in the Region:



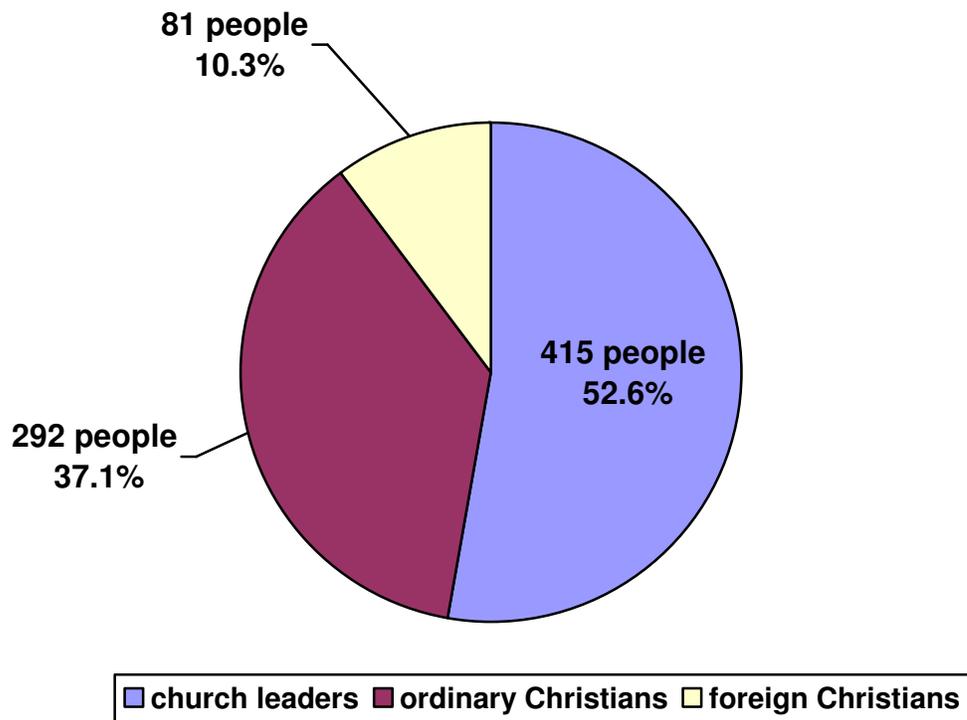
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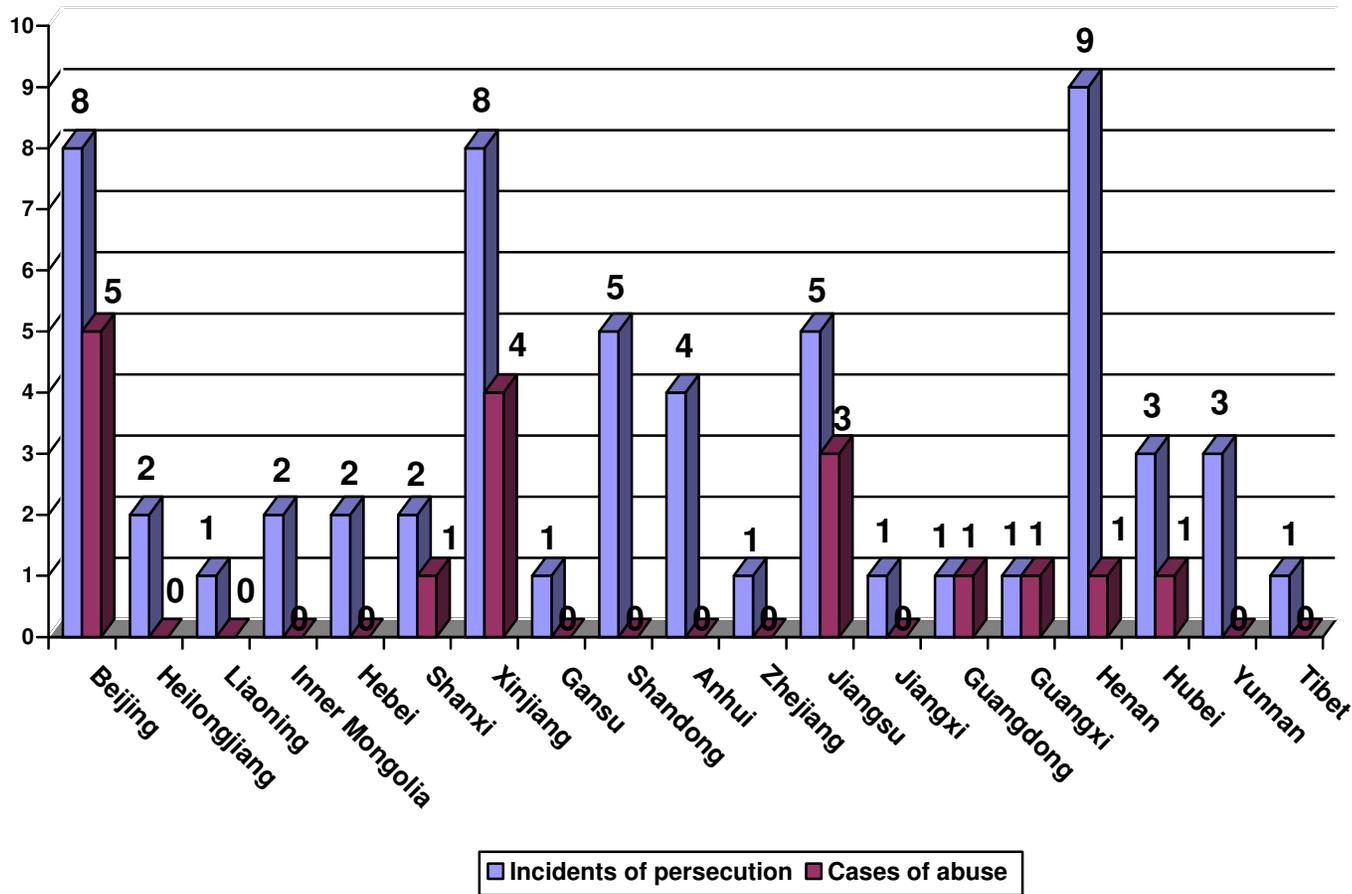
**3、Diagram of Ratio of Types of Persecution Across the Nation (Note: Number of each type compare to the total number of the persecuted: 788)**



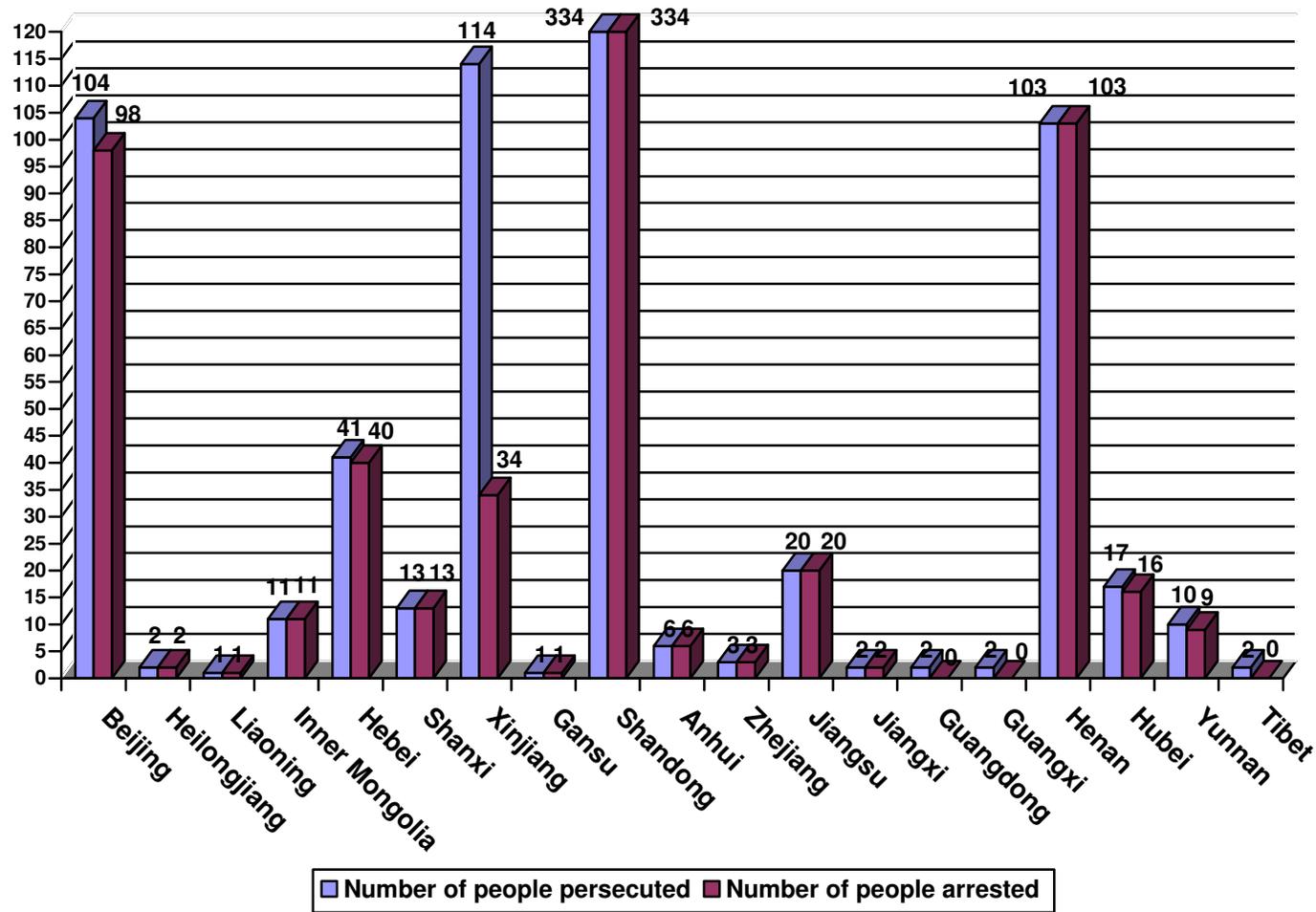
#### 4. Diagram of Percentage of Church Leaders, Ordinary Christians and Foreign Christians Suffering Persecution



**5. Diagram of Persecution Incidents and Abuse Cases in Various Provinces and Municipalities Directly under the Central Government**



**6. Diagram of Number of People Persecuted and Arrested in the Various Provinces and Municipalities Directly under the Central Government**

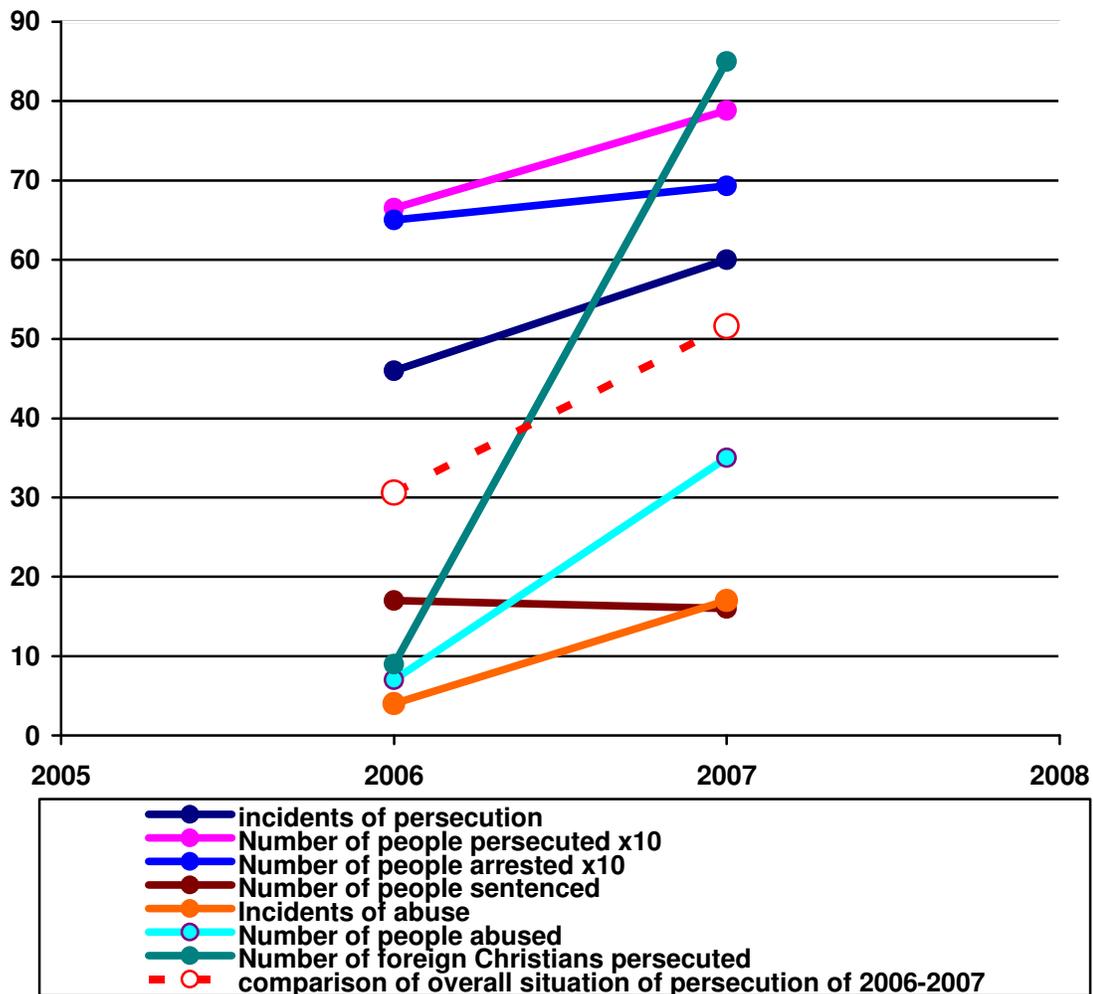


## 7. Comparison of Persecution in the Country in 2006 and 2007

### (1) TABLE OF COMPARISON

	2006	2007	Rate of increase/decrease
<b>Incidents of persecution:</b>	46 cases	60 cases	up 30.4%
<b>Total number of people persecuted:</b>	665 people	788 people	up 18.5%
<b>Total number of people arrested:</b>	650 people	693 people (415 church leaders)	up 6.6%
<b>Number of people sentenced:</b>	17 people	16 people	down 5.9%
<b>Abuse cases:</b>	4 cases	17 cases	up 325%
<b>Number of people abused:</b>	7 people	35 people	up 400%
<b>Number of foreign Christians persecuted:</b>	9 people	Over 100 people (84 people confirmed)	up 833%
<b>Overall level of increase of persecution:</b>	According to the express of the diagram below, the reference data is about 68.6%		

### (2) Comparison of Diagrammatic Sketches



### Part Four: Epilogue

We can see from the above report that compared with that of 2006, the severity of persecution of Christian house churches within mainland China by the Chinese government rose by a considerable margin. If we express it with comprehensive reference data, the level of persecution rose by about 68.6%.

International thought by academia, think-tanks, NGO's , and various advocacy organizations believe that the escalation of persecution of house churches in 2007 and the worsening of human rights conditions is possibly an effort of “clearance” before the Beijing Olympics. CAA agrees with this analysis. However, this is not the only reason. The deterioration of human rights conditions in 2007 mainly demonstrated itself in strict prohibition of political association, restriction in freedom of press, blockade of Internet information, restriction of freedom of religion, crackdown on the so-called illegal publications, restrictions on foreigners, demolition of property and physical removal through violence, etc. If we analyze these aspects with some important speeches and instructions from the Chinese government, the conclusion points to the new central government composed of officials from Youth League faction that is engaging in a movement of ideological conflict. That is, as President Hu Jintao mentioned in one of his internal reports (reported in the Chinese media but delivered within the CPC in May 2005) about the “Color Revolution” in Central Asia, Hu’s implication was that such ideological conflict was “engaging in a war without gun smoke.”

After President Hu Jintao stabilized his power in October 2004, for the next three years, the autocratic rule became more centralized, military forces were expanded and relations with the West had setbacks. A more hard-line diplomatic image and an aggressive international trade, focused on African resources, have been widely reported and viewed with concern in the international community. Nationalism also rose in China and atheism was still synonymous with Communism. The Han ideology of “Communist politics and Confucian ethics” was embraced and encouraged.

According to investigations and reports by CAA in January, we see the Chinese reducing the level of persecution ostensibly on Christians, especially house churches and also improving human rights conditions in other areas. The general consensus in the international community is that this is in preparation for the eyes of the world to see China favorably, as China hosts the prestigious Olympic events. Concern is that in 2009, after the Beijing Olympics, that the persecution on churches and Christians will escalate and the human rights condition will seriously worsen. Only time will tell if these

concerns are valid and much attention has been given to recent overtures from President Hu Jintao's outreach to China's religious believers in December 18, 2007 in a first ever meeting on religion convened by the top Party leaders in Beijing. For the first time, President Hu indicated the CPC is ready to "rally all the religious believers, as many as possible, for the grand goal of building a moderately prosperous society". If President Hu's intentions proved to be sincere instead of a diplomatic posture, this would give CAA, and international critics at large, a paradigm shift in their views of how successfully China will be in solving religious freedom concerns internally and peacefully.

CAA suggests that in the future, informers enhance their awareness of accuracy in their news. While they should accurately and timely tell CAA the time, location, people involved, reason, process and follow-up events of a religious case, they should also include the name, position, gender, and other accurate information of the persecutor, especially the abuser. Beginning this year, CAA will also collect the information of persecutors as well as that of people being persecuted.

Thank you. May God bless China and all the people who are working with us toward a China that is peaceful, prosperous, and moving towards more authentic freedom of religion and human rights.