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UYGHUR SONGWRITER SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS FOR HIS RAP LYRICS AND BOOKS IN HIS POSSESSION

Yashar, also known as Yaxia'er Xiaohelaiti（亚夏尔·肖合拉提）is a 27-year-old Uyghur songwriter and rap artist who goes by the stage name "Uigga." He was residing in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, when he was detained on August 11, 2023. Authorities charged him with "promoting extremism" and "illegally possessing extremist materials," reportedly for his music published on the Internet and his possession of Uyghur-language books. It appears he is being punished solely for exercising his right to explore his own culture and freely express his views.

CALL ON CHINA'S PARTY SECRETARY OF XINJIANG, MA XINGRUI, TO IMMEDIATELY RELEASE YAXIA'ER XIAOHELAITI, ALSO KNOWN AS YASHAR.

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