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Secret police filmed the prayer service on 11/15. Shanghai PSB interrogated and detained members to prevent this week's meeting.

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SHANGHAI, CHINA (ANS) -- Three Chinese house church pastors were recently summoned by police for interrogation for allegedly "engaging in illegal organization and activities."

ChinaAid ([www.chinaaid.org](http://www.chinaaid.org)) reports that at 6:00 AM, Sunday, November 22 (Beijing time), house church pastors Cui Longguo, Liu Quanqin, and Huang Yun were summoned to the police station in Minhang District, Shanghai.

In a media release, ChinaAid says: "The three pastors were detained throughout the morning and into the afternoon to prevent them from leading the worship services at Wanbang Missionary Church, which has been forced to meet outdoors since the eviction from their church home two weeks ago."

According to ChinaAid, the local PSB had summoned two church deacons, Piao Longyi and Shi Weidong, and interrogated them from 10:00 PM on Saturday, Nov. 21 through 12 noon on Sunday, holding them overnight in the police station.

ChinaAid says: "Senior Pastor Cui Quan and the three other pastors were detained for over 8 hours to prevent their attendance. They were released at 2:30 PM on Sunday, Nov. 22. Pastor Liu Quanqin is still in discussion with the PSB station about the injury to his fingers and damage to his personal property, inflicted by the officers."

The ChinaAid report states that local authorities reportedly tried to intimidate members and prevent them from attending with threats, but were unsuccessful.

Despite the detention of their leaders, over 500 dedicated church members assembled outdoors to hold the two scheduled morning worship services. (ChinaAid photo).

"Church members refused to stop singing and worshipping. This Sunday's thwarted attempt to prevent worship was preceded by last week's video-taped surveillance of the church's meeting in the park," ChinaAid said.

It adds: "The Shanghai PSB's attempt to thwart church meetings has so far been unsuccessful. Last Sunday, November 15, Pastor Cui Quan led the nearly 700 church members in an outdoor prayer service, from 10:00 AM to 12 noon.

"Secret, plain-clothes police filmed the entire service, indicating Shanghai public security's nerves about the church gathering. Before the service, 10 police officers attempted to deter Pastor Cui from attending church, with one inviting him to 'talk,' another four blocking his exit to his home, and finally more officers threatening the taxi driver who took him and his wife to the church gathering. Other members received text messages saying the service had been cancelled, defaming the church, and generally threatening church members."

This past Thursday, ChinaAid received written documentation of Wanbang Missionary Church's formal request for Administrative review on the church ban. In their request to human rights attorney Li Baiguang, they request review, and if rejected, will file a formal suit against the Minhang District, Shanghai PSB.

The media release goes on to say: "As Shanghai authorities grows more anxious and the church refuses to cease gathering, members continue to be detained and interrogated. ChinaAid has responded to Wanbang Church's call for prayer, and urges the international community to continue protesting the illegal and unjust actions of the Shanghai Public Security office.

"We pray for the Shanghai People's Government to countermand the ban on the church, and alleviate Wanbang Church's unjust persecution."

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**Re: 500 Chinese House Church members Meet Despite Leaders Detentions - posted by enid, on: 2009/11/30 9:31**

"...we ought to obey God rather than men."

Whilst all this is taking place, we should remember that there is a price to pay for obeying the word of God.

Are we willing to pay that price?

Time will tell.

**Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2009/11/30 10:23**

"...we ought to obey God rather than men."

Amen brother!

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Christians should obey man's laws except when they are in direct opposition to the commands of God. The enemy is working through ungodly men to make laws in this land for the purpose of removing God from our society. If Christians are being the light and salt that God has called us to be, then we will suffer persecution. The Lord has said this about being persecuted for righteousness sake:

"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you, when men revile you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." (Matthew 5: 10-12)

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**Re: - posted by enid, on: 2009/11/30 10:55**

Just one slight correction.

I'm not a brother, but sister.

God bless.