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### Arrest of China's Largest Megachurch Pastor 'Will Shake the Spirit' of Christian Leaders - posted by sermonindex (), on

China Aid, a Christian human rights organization based in the U.S., believes that Pastor Gu Yuese of Hangzhou's Chongyi Church, the largest government sanctioned church in China, has no chance to escape sentencing by the Communist Party for standing up against the crackdown on churches.

"I think the likely scenario to happen is that he will be indicted, and depending on his confession, and how cooperative he is, the length of sentence can be negotiated," Bob Fu, founder and president of China Aid, told The Christian Post in a phone interview on Thursday.

"All factors combined, I do not see any way that the Communist Party will let Pastor Gu leave the prison without a criminal sentence," Fu added.

Gu was taken into custody and placed under "residential surveillance at a designated location" on Jan. 28, but was only formally charged on Feb. 6 on charges of embezzling funds, Fu told CP.

While Chinese authorities, led by the Communist Party, have claimed that Gu is being investigated for corruption, China Aid and other persecution watchdog groups have pointed out that Gu is being punished more so because of his opposition to the crackdown on churches in China, which includes the forced cross removal from hundreds of churches in several provinces.

Although authorities have arrested several Christian pastors of underground churches and Christian activists for protesting against the forced cross removals, Gu is the highest ranking government-sanctioned church official to be arrested since the cultural revolution in the 1960s.

Fu said that the pastor's arrest is "politically charged," and pointed out the irony that Gu had previously been considered almost as a "poster boy" by the government for religious freedom.

The China Aid president noted that Gu has built a large international following, especially in Hong Kong and other overseas church communities, with petitions supporting him gathering over 1,500 signatures by influential church leaders.

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### Re: Arrest of China's Largest Megachurch Pastor 'Will Shake the Spirit' - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/2/13 7:12

It is interesting even the government sanctioned churches are becoming a threat to Chinese communist government. They are trying to control the gospel but it is abounding before their eyes.

### Re: - posted by dohzman (), on: 2016/2/13 9:49

The cross is a reproach as to symbols let alone the message of Christ. Unfortunately America will start to take a harder stand against China in the coming years and since nations like China tie Christianity into how they view the Christian Religion and our government that just means things there may really heat up against what they do toward Chinese Christians.

Heb 13:3

Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.

**Re: , on: 2016/2/13 14:03**

It seems the Chinese Communist Party is taking a harder stand toward Christians. The Chinese church has endured much persecution. And there will probably be more persecution in the days to come. May God strengthen these brothers and sisters. And may they be faithful witnesses of Jesus.

It still remains for the American church to wake up to the reality of persecution. In another thread I posted about the domination of the power elite who would like to see the eradication of Christians in America. Surprised at the response or lack thereof.

I'm afraid many still believe, perhaps even in this forum, that persecution of believers in America is a fantasy. I have a feeling there is a rude awakening coming soon.

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