

## Protest and Request

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We demand

- 1) immediate release of Mr A. who was arrested in front of Shin-Okubo station in Shinjuku, Tokyo on June 16th, 2013 and is still under detention at Harajuku Metropolitan Police Station and
- 2) immediate drop of his case.

The arrest and the extended detention of a citizen who protested against racism are unjustifiable.

Mr. A was transferred to Harajuku Police Station on the following day of the arrest and was detained there for 10 days. Despite that the court disclosed on June 27th there were no grounds for his detention the Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office requested another extension of 8 days and Tokyo District Court Judge Emiko Naito immediately approved it. There are no grounds for such a long-term detention of Mr. A of all the others who were arrested at Shin-Okubo on the 16th and are already freed.

With the rise of demonstrations staged in Shin-Okubo by Organization Not Allowing Privileges of Korean Residents known as "Zaitokukai" in Japanese and other racist groups including hate speech and physical and psychological violences against foreigners and foreign residents in that area growing number of protesters gathered on the 16th to declare themselves against discrimination and express their solidarities with the residents. It is obvious that such demonstrations are totally unacceptable in light of international human rights standards including International Covenants on Human Rights, and protest against the demonstrators is legitimate, and should not be reproached, let alone be cracked down.

The nature of the June 16th case was not a conflict between two opposing extremists but a counter racism action against hate-crime committed in broad daylight and the police crackdown on 4 people each from the protesters and the racists to punish the both sides equally. Mr. A should not be subjected to further

detention nor to indictment. The international community is paying particular attention to how the Japanese authorities should handle this case.

We call for immediate implementation of the above two demands.

Campaign Against 6.16 Crackdown at Shin-Okubo

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