A Joint Statement on Death Threats Against Chinese Dissidents

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As a diverse group of advocates and allies, we the undersigned are shocked and outraged at the harassment and death threats made by Guo Wengui towards Chinese dissidents including Dr. Bob Fu, Founder and President of China Aid Association. We urge the appropriate government agencies to intervene in holding Mr. Kwok accountable and providing protection for all those named and their families.

Guo Wengui, also known as <u>Miles Kwok</u>, is a Chinese billionaire businessman who fled from China to the United States in 2014 accused of bribery, fraud, and money laundering. He has been using his large social media following on YouTube, Twitter, and his personal website to incite and encourage violence against leading critics against the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). These include human rights activists and prominent members of the Chinese diaspora.

In multiple videos posted online, Guo refers to a <u>global "kill cheaters" campaign</u> where he encourages his followers to "take action now" and "see results". One particularly chilling <u>video</u> shows the physical and verbal abuse used by his followers against Guo's targets. He invigorates them by saying, "If you didn't participate in the global "kill cheaters" campaign, there's something wrong with you." Bob Fu, who he calls a <u>"fake pastor"</u>, was <u>named</u> in the horrific campaign alongside others from around the globe.

On Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020, multiple of his followers instructed by Guo showed up outside Fu's home in Texas while he was out of town. His family however was inside and are now fortunately under protection by local law enforcement. In response, Guo issued another <u>video</u> where he threatened, **"We will send another 100 to 200 comrades to your house tomorrow. We will see how much power you have in the U.S.... We will not start another campaign until we are done with you."**

Recent harassment and intimidation by Guo includes other leaders like Tiananmen student leader and prisoner of conscience Wu Jianmin. His house in Los Angeles has been surrounded by Guo's followers for five days. His wife and two children are too frightened to leave. Also targeted is Pastor Zhang Boli, a Tiananmen leader still on the CCP's "Most Wanted" list.

Bob Fu and all the others mentioned in his video are under direct threat by the actions of Guo Wengui. He has mobilized his followers and encouraged violence against those he loosely and deceitfully deems a "CCP spy".

We stand in support of Bob Fu and decry the accusations and calls for violence made against him by Guo Wengui. And we call upon all appropriate agencies of our state and federal governments to take immediate steps, including prosecutorial steps, to ensure the safety of Bob Fu, his family and the other Chinese freedom fighters in the United States.

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