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Censorship and freedom of information during the 18th Congress of the Chinese Communist Party

8 November 2012

News feed: Comments and information on censorship and freedom of information in China, between 8 and 14 November 2012, during the 18th Congress of the Chinese Communist Party.

[See 8 November 2012 press release](#)

Thursday, November 8th:

10:47 AM : Message from **Hu Jia**. The Beijing police have threatened to summon me in order to prevent me from giving a telephone interview with the United States. This interview was about my comment on the human rights situation in China, the US president's reelection and a comparison of democratic procedure in the United States with the procedure for changing China's authoritarian rulers. My friends in the country tell me that my case is the latest example of the Chinese government taking measures to force dissidents to leave Beijing. The government's security measures have already surpassed those taken for the Olympic Games in 2008 and are as drastic as those of 4 June 1989.



11:36 AM: Posted on RFA on 07/11/2012: [Disappearance of Inner Mongolian activist Hada's wife and son](#). The disappearance of his wife, Xinna, and son, Uiles, could be the result of the government's desire to prevent the news media from receiving information about the conditions in which Hada is being held.

04:24 PM: After the words "18th Congress" (十八大) were censored in search engines, Chinese Internet users quickly found a solution by using similar sounding words. "Shi Ba Da"

(18th Congress) became "Si Ba Da". But the authorities quickly detected the ploy and blocked the alternative too.



Friday, November 9th:

11:02 AM: The police summoned the netizen Wang Wusi this morning. He was "invited to have some tea," as dissidents often say to circumvent censorship, and was reportedly forbidden to go to Beijing.
