

Beijing Olympics

Mismatch with human rights

No lasting positive legacy for human rights

- ❑ Forced evictions
 - ❑ Games took place against backdrop of human rights violations
 - ❑ Restrictions on journalists
 - ❑ Activists prevented from peaceful expression of views
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Activists imprisoned

- Ye Guozhu
- Sentenced in 2004 for peacefully demonstrating against forced evictions.
- Due for release in July 2008, held until October 2008



Violations in context of Games

- ❑ Three 'Protest Parks'
 - ❑ Officially designated places for demonstrations
 - ❑ Unused and empty. People who applied for permission to demonstrate detained and put under surveillance.
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Beijing and IOC failed to deliver

- ❑ IOC also has responsibility for how Games are conducted
 - ❑ AI wants measurable human rights impact indicators at future Games; bid/host cities should have to show benefits to human rights
 - ❑ Fourth Pillar
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Amnesty Action on Games

- 1.5 million people took action
 - Sport, Olympics or China?
 - Engage with IOC and beyond
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Human Rights standards in Sport

- How do sports bodies promote and defend human rights values?
 - How do they enforce standards within sport?
 - What redress mechanisms do they have?
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