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(Washington, DC—October 1, 2009) Radio Free Asia broadcast the following stories, and more, in September:

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RFA Reports on China implementing tighter controls for anniversary

Sept. 29 – RFA Mandarin and Cantonese aired story [text in [English/Mandarin/Cantonese](#)] on Chinese authorities stepping up controls over the movement of people, goods, and information ahead of the sensitive 60th anniversary of Communist Party rule.

RFA Reports on N. Korean refugees in China being detained

Sept. 28 – RFA Korean aired story [text in [English/Korean](#)] on North Koreans seeking refuge in northeastern China being detained and possibly expelled by authorities. Sources say the crackdown, marked by a heavier police presence and more detentions, began in July.

RFA Reports on curbs for Tibetans ahead of anniversary

Sept. 28 – RFA Tibetan aired story [text in [English/Tibetan](#)] on the growing security presence in China's west, limiting the religious practices and travel of Tibetans as authorities prepare for sensitive anniversary celebrations across the country.

RFA Reports on new detentions connected with death of Uyghur man in custody

Sept. 23 – RFA Uyghur aired story [text in [English/Uyghur](#)] on authorities in China's Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region detaining two ethnic minority Uyghur men and searching for a third for allegedly leaking information related to a death in police custody. The individuals were taken into custody after speaking with non-Chinese news outlets, including RFA, about the suspicious death of a Uyghur man being held by police in connection with recent ethnic riots in the region.

RFA Reports on Guangdong protest over flooding accusations

Sept. 23 – RFA Cantonese and Mandarin aired story [text in [English/Cantonese/Mandarin](#)] on police guarding local government offices in China’s southern Guangdong province after dozens of villagers tried to storm the buildings. The protest was sparked by villagers’ accusations that their land was deliberately flooded in the wake of a major typhoon to prevent a river dam from being breached.

RFA Reports on Chinese activist’s detention provokes appeals

Sept. 21 – RFA Mandarin aired story [text in [English/Mandarin](#)] on lawyers and Chinese civil rights activists planning to lodge formal complaints with the United Nations and the Hong Kong government over the detention of former 1989 student democracy activist Zhou Yongjun. He is being held on charges of “economic fraud” after trying to visit his ailing father in 2008.

RFA Reports on Chinese Christians watched after attack

Sept. 18 – RFA Cantonese and Mandarin aired story [text in [English/Cantonese/Mandarin](#)] on members of an unofficial Christian organization in northern China’s Shanxi province being placed under virtual house arrest after their church was stormed, members attacked, and buildings on the grounds demolished.

RFA Reports on Burmese army recruiting children

Sept. 17 – RFA Burmese aired story [text in [English/Burmese](#)] on a former Burmese military officer describing the ways in which children are lured into military service.

RFA Reports on lead poisonings reaching Fujian

Sept. 16 – RFA Mandarin aired story [text in [English/Mandarin](#)] on authorities in the southwestern Chinese province of Fujian saying they would test local children’s blood for lead following protests by angry parents outside government offices. Recent lead poisoning cases highlight serious public health concerns in China as authorities struggle to protect citizens and enforce environmental rules.

RFA Reports on Burmese monks’ movement ‘still growing’

Sept. 11 – RFA Burmese aired story [text in [English/Burmese](#)] on claims made by an exiled leader of the monks’ movement that their ranks continue to grow, two years after Burma’s Saffron Revolution.

RFA Reports on journalists facing charges in Cambodia

Sept. 9 – RFA Khmer aired story [text in [English/Khmer](#)] on two journalists based in Phnom Penh being charged with defamation in connection with their coverage on an opposition politician’s ongoing trial.

RFA Reports on China forging stronger ties with Laos

Sept. 8 – RFA Lao aired story [text in [English/Lao](#)] on China strengthening ties with impoverished neighbor Laos through a new mining venture and a key diplomatic visit.

RFA Reports on Vietnamese dissident still defiant after release

Sept. 8 – RFA Vietnamese aired story [text in [English/Vietnamese](#)] on a prominent Vietnamese activist still defiant after serving three years in jail for crimes against the state. Insisting he committed no crime, Nguyen Ngoc Quang vows to keep fighting for reform in Vietnam after his release from prison.

RFA Reports on tough penalties promised for syringe stabbings in Urumqi

Sept. 6 – RFA Mandarin aired story [text in [English/Mandarin](#)] on Chinese authorities promising tough penalties, including a possible death sentence, for those convicted in connection with a series of syringe stabbings in the northwestern city of Urumqi. The attacks were alleged to have sparked the latest rounds of public protests in the Xinjiang province that began with the July 5th ethnic riots.

RFA Reports on Dalai Lama's Taiwan visit drawing mild rebuke

Sept. 2 – RFA Tibetan aired story [text in [English/Tibetan](#)] on the Dalai Lama's visit to Taiwan drawing unusually mild criticism from the Chinese government.

RFA Reports on Karen refugees facing tough conditions

Sept. 2 – RFA Burmese aired story [text in [English/Burmese](#)] on ethnic Karen refugees fleeing armed clashes in Burma's border regions and facing grim conditions in Burma's and Thailand's border regions.

RFA Reports on Cambodian defamation case being dropped

Sept. 1 – RFA Khmer aired story [text in [English/Khmer](#)] on Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen ordering a halt in legal proceedings against Chea Mony, brother of slain union leader Chea Vichea. Chea Mony was originally charged by authorities for defamation and disinformation after accusing the Cambodian government of playing a role in his brother's 2004 murder.

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