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Dear Prime Minister,

We refer to the report and various comments below for your information.

You and the Labor Party are quite willing to attack other nation's judicial systems. We are amazed at why you have consistently and blatantly refused to acknowledge that our own judicial system is just as bad as those of other nations. Just look at the way we have mis-treated our own Chinese-Australian citizens like Ms. Lili Kang and Mr. Nicholas N Chin as revealed in our website: www.unitywa.org and <http://twitter.com/unitywa> and also at the blogspot of "nicholasnchin" which you can Google?

We await apprehensively your reply for the correction of our own fault of short-sightedness or our inability to see things at our own backyard but can see things far away. In fact our shortsightedness is causing us more harm than good. We must be able to set our own home aright before we try to correct others.

Yours respectfully,

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Rudd answers China's rebuke with continued pressure

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KEVIN RUDD yesterday responded to a rebuke from Beijing by saying that the way China's judicial system was evolving was under international scrutiny and calling for greater openness in its legal system.

The Chinese government has told Australia to stop making "irresponsible remarks" over the Stern Hu trial.

"I would say to our friends in Beijing ... the responsible course of action is to ensure that your judiciary process is transparent, that when people are brought before your court that those trials are dealt with publicly," the Prime Minister said yesterday.

The Foreign Affairs Minister, Stephen Smith, and Mr Rudd have used tough language over the conduct of the Hu trial this week, while saying it would not disrupt the bilateral relationship.

Mr Rudd yesterday maintained his criticism: "China's an emerging power but I think the world is watching the way in which China evolves its judicial system, including the importance of ensuring a fair trial."

Public comments:

Asianplumb of Melbourne Posted at 2:52 AM Today

Neither our government or the Chinese government got the Hu case wrong mate. The bloke by way of his wife's open admission to the Shanghai police that the hundreds of thousands of dollars snookered in their safe at home were "not part" of Hu's salary and by his own admission and confiscated records

as well as other's testimony in court resulted in his legitimate and logical jailing. The Chinese government have not absolved any of the bribe payers yet either but they are being investigated by a different division of Chinese judiciary and may very well face real jail time also? Rudd's government could not defend Hu's conduct nor ask for leniency on any grounds purely and simply because the bloke was as guilty as sin. Just being an Australian citizen does not make one innocent by any stretch of the imagination.

peto of Nambour Posted at 8:44 AM Today

The lesson of Stern Hu is that he broke the Law in another country and, like other Australian criminals abroad, was brought to justice and punishment in their system not ours. Millions of people manage to go abroad without making this mistake, so by you logic the government should be applauded for everyone of them who does not make it to gaol?

Mick of Winch Posted at 8:49 AM Today

Hey Greg, you are attacking the wrong mob here. The dispute is not between the Australian and Chinese governments. Rudd and and co. are simply bystanders. It's between China and Rio. What have Rio done to support Hu? Zilch. Perhaps Rio should show some backbone and do a Google.

Stuart of Canberra Posted at 9:18 AM Today

Greg Sheridan's China bashing is getting old. The point is, no really cares about Hu in Australia because he is from a non-Australian background. If China arrested an "white" Australian, Australia's public outcry will be much much different and as such the government will approach differently. Look at Schapelle Corby, she was found guilty in open court with overwhelming evidence on drug charges, and there was an Australian public uproar with most of the public don't know the fine details of the case. Look at the Vietnamese Australians arrested in Vietnam, most people don't even know their names.

Curmudgeon of High Dudgeon of Perth Posted at 9:33 AM Today

The lesson of the Stern Hu case is that he was guilty, or a few million in bribes is ok.

Dr Mat of Melbourne Posted at 9:33 AM Today

I suggest you read this newspaper's article entitled: "Stern Hu put bribes in the family safe, says wife" - to the tune of 1.3M yuan.