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CHINA'S MEDIA FREEDOM RECORD CRITICIZED AHEAD OF BEIJING GAMES

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With the Beijing Games just two weeks away, media rights groups are calling attention to China's record of jailing journalists.

In its latest monthly listing of the world's most endangered journalists, the advocacy group One Free Press Coalition — a collective of more than 30 media outlets and rights groups — allots all 10 spots to journalists jailed in China or Hong Kong.

Topping the list are Jimmy Lai, the founder of Hong Kong's now shuttered pro-democracy paper Apple Daily, and Zhang Zhan, a lawyer turned reporter who has been imprisoned since May 2020 for covering the pandemic in Wuhan via YouTube.

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