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Media Advisory

Guantanamo Bay Army Chaplain James Yee joins supporter's Press Conference

Where: Chinese for Affirmative Action

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(Directly across from the Holiday Inn Chinatown)

When: 2:00 p.m. Thursday,
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"Chaplain James Yee is going to call in from Georgia"

Speakers :

Ben Allen - Blue Triangle Network, SF

Cecilia L. Chang – Justice for New Americans

Samina Faheem - American Muslim Voice

Marti Hiken - National Lawyers Guild

Father Louie Vitale – St. Boniface Church

L. Ling-chi Wang – UC Berkeley, Ethnic Studies

Ted Wang – Chinese for Affirmative Action

(SAN FRANCISCO, CA 12/04) Justice for New Americans (J4NA) along with many civil right organizations across the country claimed victory in their effort to free Chaplain James Yee pending trial, but called the additional new charges a desperate move to save face. J4NA president Cecilia Chang said today "we will fight until all charges are dropped."

Captain James Yee, the former Muslim chaplain at Camp Delta in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, was secretly arrested on September 10. Initially, accusations of espionage and treason were broadcast nationwide in the news media who had already taken to calling him an "alleged spy". Later, he was charged **with violations of a general order on classified information**, but on November 25 he was accused of adultery and having pornography on a government computer.

"From the very beginning, I questioned the government's case against him and the political intention behind the leaked charges of espionage and treason. "By releasing him, the government has effectively admitted that it never had a case against Capt. Yee." said Prof. Ling-chi Wang, UC Berkeley's Ethnic Studies department

Yee's defense lawyer Eugene Fidel told NYT (11/25) " the infraction Yee was initially charged with - involving taking classified information home without proper covers - was not serious and that the military was persecuting him to cover up its mistake. "

"They have destroyed this man's reputation for what turns out to be no good reason and now it appears they are pursuing matters in a completely vindictive manner,"

Justice for New Americans (J4NA), formally known as WenHoLee.org, is a California public benefit corporation formed to eliminate biases in the United States arising from the erroneous perception that it is acceptable to deny the rights of foreign-born American citizens and their American-born children based on their country of origin, ethnicity and/or religious beliefs. The rights of all United States citizens are protected equally under the U.S Constitution and Bill of Rights. Since January 2003, J4NA has joined a coalition of civil rights organizations, including Amnesty International, the ACLU, and Blue Triangle Network, protesting the mass arrests and deportations of individuals who are of South Asian/Muslim and Middle Eastern backgrounds.
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