

Suspect detained over Ctrip nursery scandal

The person in charge of a Shanghai day care center where staff were caught on camera allegedly abusing toddlers has been detained, police said Wednesday.

The suspect, surnamed Zheng, was detained on Monday, after three staff from the third-party center management were detained last week, according to Shanghai police.

Leading travel agency Ctrip established the center, run by a third-party organization, in 2016, to help employees solve babysitting problems for children under three years old, the minimum age for public kindergartens.

Video footage showing staff abusing children at the center went viral last week, leading to intense public outcry.

One clip showed a female staff member throwing a little girl's schoolbag on the floor and pushing her violently, causing her to fall and hit her head on the corner of a table.

In another video, a child cried after being forced to eat something that his parents later claimed to be wasabi.

On Wednesday, authorities with the Shanghai Municipal Working Committee on Children and Women announced the result of a preliminary investigation into the case, saying it is a "severe case of child abuse" that had a "terrible impact" on society.

Meanwhile, the Women's Federation of Shanghai apologized to the public for a "lack of supervision and management" of Modern Family, a magazine that is affiliated to the federation.

In early 2016, the magazine's reader service department signed a contract with Ctrip to run the day care center. It later subcontracted the center to the third-party organization. But it controlled financial affairs of the center.

Ctrip is seeking new management for the center and will allow employees to see surveillance video of classrooms on their mobile phones in the future.

Love and peace: 'Last words' before

emergency landing

What would be your last words when you think you are dying? A young passenger onboard a plane that had developed problems prayed for world peace first, and then conveyed his love to his parents and girlfriend, the Modern Express reported Wednesday.

The China Southern Airlines aircraft was forced to make an emergency landing on Monday night after a fire alarm went off.

The passenger, who only gave his surname Wang, wrote some "last words" when he heard about the emergency.

The flight CZ6406 was flying to Guilin in South China's Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region from Nanjing, East China's Jiangsu province.

At 21:35, the crew heard a fire alarm light beeping in the cargo hold. They immediately informed passengers and told them that the plane would be making an emergency landing at the nearest airport in Changsha, Central China's Hunan province.

Initially, all the passengers stayed calm. Then, a baby started crying and that caused fluster among passengers.

"I was panicking at that moment. I can only remember that the crew members spared no effort to allay passengers' fear and repeatedly informed us in detail the evacuation plan," said Wang, who was born in 1997.

Though Wang was confident about a safe landing, he still prepared for the worst. In the last 30 minutes before landing, he left some last words on his tablet for his parents and girlfriend

Wang wrote "World Peace. Dad and Mom I love you. I love you, ***. Don't quarrel." on the tablet. He also wrote his name and the city, Nanjing, from where the plane had departed.

"At that time, my mind was blank and I only remember writing those things," said Wang. Though short and brief, the "last words" show Wang's deep love for parents and girlfriend.

The plane safely landed at Changsha Huanghua Airport at 21: 56 and all the passengers were evacuated. Recalling the experience, Wang said it was frightening but unforgettable. "I realize the preciousness of life after this life-threatening emergency. I appreciate that I am still alive," said Wang.

Man detained for disorderly conduct on flight

Airport police in Central China's Changsha detained a man for disorderly conduct on a flight Tuesday night.

The man, surnamed Zhang, reportedly lost control of his temper on flight 3U8952, exclaiming "there's someone trying to hijack the airplane".

The airplane, operated by Sichuan Airlines, was heading for the southwestern city of Chongqing from Xiamen, Fujian province via Changsha, Hunan province, according to a post published by the account of Hunan police on the social media platform Sina Weibo.

The man was later subdued by the flight crew and other passengers. After the flight landed at 21:16 at the Huanghua Airport in Changsha, the airport police detained Zhang.

Zhang reportedly has had mental problems due to relationship and work issues. Zhang has been taken to the hospital for a checkup.

Don't neglect public interest, courts told

Chinese courts have been ordered to increase their efforts to handle public-interest lawsuits brought by prosecuting authorities, after a successful pilot program was rolled out nationwide.

The two-year pilot program, which started in July 2015 after approval by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, the top legislature, gave prosecutors the power to sue poorly performing government departments and business agencies. The idea was to improve compliance with the law by administrators and factories.

"In the test period, more civil and administrative cases were brought by prosecuting authorities, which has contributed a lot to pushing government departments to do their jobs and effectively protect the public interest," Jiang Bixin, vice-president of the Supreme People's Court, said on Tuesday.

The latest data show that Chinese courts filed 831 public-interest lawsuits brought by prosecutors between July 2015 and September this year, with 455 of those concluded.

Now, the program has been extended across the country after it was written into the Chinese Administrative Procedure Law and Civil Procedure Law in June.

The move encourages prosecutors to play a stronger oversight role to ensure that local authorities and companies fully carry out their duties in environmental protection, food and drug safety, preservation of State assets and the transfer of land rights.

It also “raised the bar for judges on handling such lawsuits”, Jiang said, adding that there are lessons to be learned from measures taken by some of the courts in the pilot.

To improve the quality of public interest case hearings, some provinces, such as Guizhou and Shandong, set up tribunals to study and hear disputes. They also crafted guidelines to clarify the steps required in the process.

Zhang Dechang, a judge from the Guizhou High People’s Court, said that in addition to tribunals, environmental experts are invited to help investigate and evaluate losses caused by polluters.

“What we want with our judgments is to urge government departments or business agencies to implement laws in a timely manner and uphold justice. The experts’ efforts can save time in acquiring environmental knowledge and so speed up our hearings,” he said.

Applauding the achievements of the pilot program, Jiang, the SPC vice-president, ordered Chinese courts to lay down precise procedures for making cases brought by prosecutors more transparent and making the public interest a priority.

“An online platform, such as WeChat, is also necessary to increase communications between courts,” he said. “We need to learn from each other as we handle these new types of lawsuits.”

[Malaysia-born panda cub flies back to China](#)

Nuan Nuan, the first Malaysian-born female giant panda cub, took a flight on Tuesday at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport to head back to southwest China’s Sichuan Province, wrapping up her more than two years’ stay in a foreign country.

Born on Aug. 18, 2015 to two loaned Chinese pandas, Nuan Nuan, meaning warmth, forged a close bond with the Malaysian people and the keepers, according to Mat Naim, director of the Giant Panda Conservation Center of the

national zoo.

Mat Naim said he felt both sad and happy for Nuan Nuan, which he had been taking care of for quite some time. "Nuan Nuan is a very good cub for us. She didn't show any problems in the last two years."

Another zoo keeper accompanied Mat Naim on the flight from Malaysia to China where he will stay for several more days to monitor the panda's status.

The A330-200 freighter, which also carries some bamboo food for the giant panda, will take about four hours and 20 minutes to land in Chengdu. During the flight, Nuan Nuan will stay in a special crate, for which it has undergone some training sessions.

Ahmad Luqman, CEO of MasKargo, the airline carrying out the transportation, said they had made sure that conditions and temperatures in the cargo were comfortable for the giant panda.

Nuan Nuan's parents, Xing Xing and Liang Liang, will continue their stay in Malaysia.