

URGENT ACTION

SIX ACTIVISTS COMMEMORATING LIU XIAOBO RELEASED

Six activists who were criminally detained in July 2017, after taking part in a seaside memorial for Liu Xiaobo in Jiangmen, Guangdong province, have all been released on bail. While still subjected to some restrictions, they have all been returned to their respective hometowns.

All six activists were released on bail in August 2017; **Li Shujia** on 15 August; **Qin Mingxin** on 16 August; **Liu Guangxiao** on 17 August; **Wang Meiju** (aka Xi Yan) on 18 August and **He Lin** and **Wei Xiaobing** on 19 August. They have each been taken back to their hometowns, however the police have yet to return their mobiles, books and other personal belongings. In addition, the six are all subjected to certain bail restrictions, including not being allowed to travel abroad for the next 12 months.

Broadcasted live by Hong Kong Cable TV, the activists brought a chair, some flowers and chanted slogans, including “Liu Xiaobo, Rest in Peace” and “Free Liu Xia”, to pay tribute to Liu Xiaobo and support his wife Liu Xia during the memorial. They later uploaded the video and photos of the action on social media.

Aside from the six activists three other people who were also detained in relation to the seaside memorials for Liu Xiaobo have since been released. It is believed that actions from around the world have helped contribute to the release of these six activists.

While we continue to monitor the situation, no further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.

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