

URGENT ACTION

LIU XIA FREED, ON HER WAY TO BERLIN

Liu Xia was finally allowed to leave China for Germany on 10 July 2018, after almost eight years of illegal house arrest. Her release came three days before the first anniversary of the death of her husband, Nobel laureate Liu Xiaobo. Liu Xia's brother Liu Hui remains in China.

Liu Xia left Beijing and flew to Berlin, Germany on 10 July 2018. She had been held under illegal house arrest ever since Liu Xiaobo was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2010. During that time, she was closely monitored by state security agents and could only be reached by her closest friends by phone in limited circumstances.

Liu Xia's brother Liu Hui remains in China. In June 2013, he was sentenced to 11 years' imprisonment on fraud charges. Though later released on bail, his prosecution was seen by some as further persecution of Liu Xiaobo's family and also a possible way to silence Liu Xia.

Many thanks to all who sent appeals. No further action is requested from the UA network.

This is the second update of UA 270/17. Further information: <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/asa17/8361/2018/en/>

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