

CASE STUDY

LIU PING

JAILED FOR SOLELY EXERCISING HER RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION & ASSOCIATION

Liu Ping is a grassroots activist from China who has been sentenced to 6.5 years in prison.

Liu Ping was jailed on 19th June 2014 for promoting government transparency and exposing corruption. In particular, she was charged with “picking quarrels and provoking troubles”, “gathering a crowd to disturb order in a public place” and “using an evil cult to undermine law enforcement.”

In breach of China’s Criminal Procedure Law, she was detained for longer than six months prior to her trial despite the fact that the legal maximum is three months detention. Other miscarriages of justice include; her lawyers being informed of the date of her sentencing just only two days in advance when the legal requirement is three days advance notice. Also, we believe that she is being denied access to medical treatment that she desperately and urgently requires.

Furthermore, Liu Ping’s family have consistently been intimidated and harassed,



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they have been prevented from attending her sentencing hearing and some of them have faced severe restrictions such as travel bans preventing them from leaving China.

PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE

Amnesty International considers Liu Ping to be a prisoner of conscience. A prisoner of conscience is someone who has neither used nor advocated violence and who has been jailed solely because of their beliefs, origins or status.

SOLIDARITY ACTION

Send a postcard or letter to Liu Ping in prison letting her know that you support her and that you have written to the Chinese authorities about her case.

Language Preferred: Chinese

Suggested message:

Dear Liu Ping

亲爱的刘萍

We stand with you even when they all think you are defeated! Courage!

縱然他們認為你已經被打倒，我們在遠方支持你，加油！

Although you are in prison, you have inspired many others to defend Human Rights!

縱然身陷囹圄，你已經啟發了很多人走上維護人權的道路

We are thinking about you. 我們想念你！



GET CREATIVE

You could also write your message on coloured paper and make an origami butterfly or flower. These are symbols of freedom and support for Liu Ping.



APPEAL ACTION

Write a letter urging the President, Premier and Ministry of Justice in China to release Liu Ping immediately and unconditionally as she was jailed solely for exercising her rights to freedom of expression and association. Start your letter or card with 'Your Excellency.'

SEND YOUR ACTION LETTERS AND CARDS TO US AND WE WILL FORWARD THEM ON:

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Don't forget to include your name and the name of your school with your cards and letters (but not on the cards themselves).

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