

Youth Urgent Action



WHERE:

China

WHO:

Liu Xia

WHAT:

Denied access to medical treatment

Case Overview



Liu Xia is the wife of jailed Nobel Peace Prize laureate Liu Xiaobo. She has been under illegal house arrest in Beijing. In January she had a heart attack and was admitted to hospital. The doctors said she should remain in hospital for two weeks for tests and treatment but she was returned home. There are increasing fears for her physical and mental health.

Background

Liu Xia, 53, has been under house arrest since 8 October 2010, following the announcement that her husband, Liu Xiaobo, who is serving an 11-year prison sentence, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. After her first visit to hospital, Liu Xia tried to return to hospital on 8 February but was refused admission despite being diagnosed with a heart condition which the doctors said required further treatment. She was returned home, where she continues to suffer from a high fever. Liu Xia's physical and mental health is worrying after a long period of isolation, and she is in need of proper medical treatment. In addition to her heart condition, it is believed she is suffering from severe depression.

TAKE ACTION: Creative Appeal

Over the page you'll find a heart and pulse template to symbolise Liu Xia's urgent need for medical treatment for her heart. You could either:

- Get people to sign the template.
- Give each person a heart each or get lots of people to sign one. Feel free to enlarge the template to give you more space.
- Make a collage of lots of signed hearts.
- Feel free to make your own heart template – you can make it as big as you like. If it is too big to send in the post, take a photo and send that to us instead.

Send your 'hearts templates or photos to Anne Montague at the address below. We will send them on to the Chinese authorities.

HAVE A HEART



**GIVE LIU XIA THE
MEDICAL TREATMENT
SHE NEEDS**