

URGENT ACTION

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS KOREAN ACTIVIST'S SENTENCE
Kim Hye-young lost her second appeal, as the Supreme Court of South Korea upheld her two-year prison sentence. Authorities continue to refuse her outpatient treatment for mental health conditions, however her overall health situation has improved and she is due to be released in August 2017.

Kim Hye-young, a South Korean activist, was sentenced to a two-year prison term for violating the National Security Law after taking part in a peaceful demonstration in Seoul on 29 January 2016. Kim Hye-young launched two appeals against the sentencing, but the Supreme Court of Korea ruled to uphold its decision on 13 October 2016. With no avenue for further appeals, Kim Hye-young will serve her sentence, and is expected to be released in August 2017 once her two-year prison term comes to an end.

Kim Hye-young was suffering from thyroid cancer prior to her arrest and developed mental health problems while in detention. Although the Ministry of Justice continues to deny Kim Hye-young outpatient treatment recommended by medical specialists, Kim Hye-young's health situation is improving and she no longer expresses a strong need for the outpatient treatment.

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

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