

# URGENT ACTION

## HEALTH FEARS FOR DETAINED ACTIVIST IN CHINA

**Prisoner of conscience Liu Ping is being denied access to the medical treatment she needs in detention, and there are serious concerns for her health. She is also at risk of torture and other ill-treatment.**

Liu Ping's daughter was able to visit her at Jiangxi Nanchang Women's Prison, in the southeast of the country, on 18 August. She was not allowed to ask Liu Ping about her health during the visit, and said she looked pale and thin. During a previous visit, Liu Ping said that she was suffering from chronic diarrhoea and stomach upset but was not given a medical examination or treatment.

Activist Liu Ping was sentenced to six and a half years imprisonment on 19 June 2014, after she organized a demonstration demanding that high-ranking officials disclose their wealth as a way of tackling corruption in April 2013. She was convicted of "picking quarrels and provoking troubles", "gathering a crowd to disturb order in a public place", and "using an evil cult to undermine law enforcement". She is one of many activists in China who have been persecuted and detained for their links with the New Citizen's Movement, a loose network of activists which aims to promote government transparency and expose corruption.

During her hearing in December 2013, Liu Ping stated that she was tortured while in pre-trial detention, and she remains at risk of torture and other ill-treatment.

### Please write immediately in Chinese, English or your own language:

- Calling on the authorities to immediately and unconditionally release Liu Ping;
- Demanding that Liu Ping is given immediate access to an independent medical examination and any treatment she needs;
- Urging them to ensure she is protected from torture and other ill-treatment.

### PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 15 OCTOBER 2014 TO:

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

On 21 April 2013, Liu Ping organized a demonstration along with two other activists demanding that high-ranking officials disclose their wealth as a way to promote greater transparency of the government. Shortly afterwards, on 27 April, Liu Ping was taken away by security officials in her hometown of Xinyu in Jiangxi Province.

Liu Ping and the two other activists were held in pre-trial detention for more than six months, despite the fact that China's Criminal Procedure Law only allows for a maximum of three months. The judges said that the maximum period of pre-trial detention was recalculated as the prosecutor added new charges to the original indictment.

Liu Ping's trial was held in Yushui District Court in Xinyu City, Jiangxi Province in December 2013. Liu Ping stated in court that she was tortured and ill-treated while in detention in June 2013. A female police officer gripped her hair, lifted her head, and banged her head against metal bars during an interrogation. Another officer forcibly bent her wrist to take a blood sample from her.

Name: Liu Ping

Gender m/f: Female

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