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Prisoner List:

1989 Prisoners 8 Years On

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SUMMARY

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Eight years on, hundreds remain imprisoned in China for their activities during the 1989 pro-democracy protests. This document details 303 people who are believed to be currently detained. All are serving long prison sentences, ranging from eight years to life imprisonment. Many are prisoners of conscience. These are only a fraction of Amnesty International's record of imprisonments linked to the protests, and every year previously unknown cases come to international attention.

The list includes several prisoners who will be due for release on or around 4 June 1997. It also includes **Chen Ziming**, **Li Junqing**, **Sun Jiyou**, **Wang Xinlong** and **Zhang Peili**, who are at present on medical parole, but remain legally under the control of prison authorities. Several prisoners on the list were sentenced to death with a two year reprieve. Amnesty International's information suggests that most of these suspended death sentences were commuted to life imprisonment, but no further details have been available on the fate of **Li Weidong** and **Wu Hepeng**.

In view of the close control exercised by the authorities over all information and statistics concerning prisoners in China, it is difficult to verify all information received about prisoners. One example of the official secrecy about prisoners in China is the case of **Li Hai**, a human rights activist sentenced in 1996 to 9 years' imprisonment on charges of "prying into state secrets" for attempting to gather information on those imprisoned after 4 June 1989. The details about prisoners in the list is based on information from multiple sources believed to be reliable.

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