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People's Republic of China: ZHU Mei (also known as SHA Zhumei)

Amnesty International has received information that Zhu Mei, a 74-year-old woman who was imprisoned in Shanghai in 1987, was released on parole on 3 April 1992 on medical grounds. Her release came two months before her sentence was due to expire.

Zhu Mei was arrested at her home on 3 June 1987 and accused of "counter-revolutionary" offences. Whilst in prison she was reportedly beaten by prison guards on several occasions for not finishing the work required of her. After her release she was transferred to a hospital for treatment, and then returned home on 8 June 1992. Though her health improved in hospital it is thought that she still has some problems with her legs.

Zhu Mei is still subject to deprivation of her political rights until June 1995 and she is reportedly under surveillance by the public security bureau (police).

No further action is required from the Urgent Action network. Thank you to all those who sent appeals.