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PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA: Li Guiren  
Ma Shaohua

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According to the official Chinese news agency *Xinhua*, prisoner of conscience Li Guiren was released from prison on 25 June 1994, after completing his five year sentence.

Li Guiren was arrested in 1989 for his involvement in the pro-democracy movement and was released on parole for medical treatment in February 1993, 16 months before his sentence was due to expire. In February 1994 he was rearrested for apparently breaking the conditions of his parole and taken back to Weinan Prison, in Xi'an province, to serve out the remaining four months of his sentence.

Amnesty International had been concerned about Li Guiren's deteriorating health since his detention in 1989. The prison authorities reportedly denied him proper medical care and at the time of his release on medical parole in 1993 he was said by his family to be on the brink of death, suffering from a serious heart condition. Having been fired from his job as editor of the Hua Yue Publishing House, Li was unable to afford effective treatment and remained in poor health when he was rearrested in February this year. According to the recent *Xinhua* report, however, Li was in "normal health" when he left the prison last week and apparently thanked the prison for the "good care" it had given him.

There is no further news of prisoner of conscience Ma Shaohua, who was arrested in November 1993 and was reported in March 1994 to be still in detention in Xi'an province.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters in Mandarin, English or your own language:**

- welcoming the release of Li Guiren and urging that no restrictions are placed on his freedom of movement or association;
- urging that Ma Shaohua be released immediately and unconditionally.

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