

URGENT ACTION

Labour activist released after serving his sentence

Labour activist Wang Jianbing was released on 18 March, after completing a three-and-a-half-year sentence for “inciting subversion of state power”. Activists following the case report that he is now in good spirits, and his first priority is taking care of his physical and mental health. He continues to be subject to “deprivation of political rights” for another three years. Sophia Huang Xueqin remains in prison.

NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUESTED FOR WANG JIANBING; ACTIONS CAN CONTINUE FOR SOPHIAHUANG XUEQIN. MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO SENT APPEALS ALREADY.

Labour activist Wang Jianbing was released on 18 March, after completing a three-and-a-half-year sentence for “inciting subversion of state power”. He was not allowed to stay in his place of normal residence, Guangzhou, but was escorted by national security police, via train, to his family’s home almost 2000km away in the remote Gansu province in western China. Wang is very thankful to everyone’s support, which is very important to him, and will focus on rebuilding his mental and physical health.

Prior to his detention, Wang provided legal support and training for people with disabilities and workers with occupational diseases. He is also a prominent supporter of the #MeToo movement in China. His friend, the journalist and #MeToo advocate Sophia Huang Xueqin, was arrested alongside him.

Huang is still serving her five-year prison sentence on the same charge.

The pair were arrested in Guangzhou, in southern China, on 19 September 2021, and detained incommunicado for more than five months. In the weeks following their arrest, dozens of their friends were summoned by the police and had their homes searched and electronic devices confiscated.

The Guangzhou Intermediate Court sentenced Wang to three years and six months in prison on 14 June 2024. The so-called evidence used to convict him included his role in co-organizing weekly gatherings with fellow activists, as well as his participation in an online course on non-violence and online posts on issues deemed “sensitive” by the Chinese government. In addition to the prison sentence, Wang will be subject to “deprivation of political rights” for an additional three years.

Wang was reportedly subjected to ill-treatment in detention, leading to serious deterioration of his health. Amnesty International understands that Wang’s health issues, which developed during his early solitary confinement and were exacerbated by fatigue from interrogations, worsened prior his release. However, the detention centre took no action to help treat his condition and denied Wang access to medicine that his family and friends have sent to him. In addition, Wang’s weight dropped substantially during his time in prison.

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Amnesty International issued a [press release](#) to respond to their sentences in 2024, and published a [joint statement](#) with other organizations in September 2023 on the second anniversary of Wang and Huang's detention. The UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention [determined in](#) 2022 that Wang was being arbitrarily detained and has repeatedly called on China to repeal the crime of "inciting subversion" or bring it into line with international standards.

Amnesty International will continue to monitor Wang's situation and continue to call for the immediate and unconditional release of Huang.

NAME AND PREFERRED PRONOUN: Wang Jianbing (he, him)

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