

Dear Director;

I am writing to express my grave concern on an independent writer Li Xuewen and Zhan Huidong, a former finance journalist have been detained due to their participation in the July 2017 seaside memorial for late Nobel Peace Prize laureate Liu Xiaobo.

Please immediately and unconditionally release Li Xuewen and Zhan Huidong unless there is credible evidence that they may have committed an internationally recognized offence and are granted a fair trial in line with international standards.

Please also ensure that they are protected from torture and other ill-treatment, and that they are allowed access to their family.

Sincerely yours,