

LIU XIAOBO

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Liu Xiaobo was a Chinese activist, literary critic, writer and lecturer engaged for many years in the defense of human rights in his country. He was born in 1955 and he died in 2017. He married Liu Xia, another activist.

Liu Xiaobo was repeatedly arrested and sentenced by the Chinese authorities despite his actions having always been peaceful, including participating in the Tiananmen Square protest in 1989.

On December 8, 2008, Liu Xiaobo was deprived of his liberty due to his adhesion to "Charta 08", a manifest signed on the day of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and published online by 303 intellectuals and activists for the Chinese human rights, with the aim of promoting a series of political reforms aimed at the democratization of the People's Republic of China.

His trial took place on December 23, 2009 and two days later he was sentenced to 11 years in prison and a two-year ban from public office.



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China has made enormous economic progress, perhaps unique in the world, and many people have been lifted out of poverty. Article 35 of the Chinese Constitution states that citizens enjoy the freedoms of association, assembly, demonstration and speech, but these rights are not always respected. Liu Xiaobo received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2010 since he has constantly emphasized these rights violated by China, becoming the symbol of these rights.

