

China's Liu Xiaobo granted medical parole

Chinese civil rights campaigner and Nobel peace prize winner
Liu Xiaobo has been released from prison on medical parole
after being diagnosed with terminal liver cancer

■ **1955:** Born December 28, in city of Changchun, Jilin province, China

■ **1977-84:** Studies literature at Jilin and then Beijing Normal University, where he later becomes professor

■ **1987:** Publishes first of several books on philosophy – becomes best-seller

■ **1988:** Visiting scholar at universities in Oslo, Hawaii and New York

■ **1989:** Jailed for 20 months for his role in pro-democracy protests in Beijing's Tiananmen Square that were crushed by armed troops

■ **1996:** Sentenced to three years in labour camp after criticising China's one-party political system. Marries **Liu Xia**

■ **2009:** Jailed for 11 years for "inciting subversion of state power" for his role in **Charter 08** movement – manifesto calling for new constitution, independent judiciary and freedom of expression

■ **2010:** Awarded Nobel Peace Prize, infuriating Beijing

■ **Jun 26, 2017:** Released from prison on compassionate grounds

