

# China's pro-democracy activist Liu Xiaobo dies

■ **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

■ **Jun 26, 2017:** Released from prison on medical parole after being diagnosed with terminal liver cancer

■ **Jul 13:** Liu Xiaobo dies in hospital in north-eastern China at age 61

