

Zhu Yufu (m)

Adoption Status: Adopted by Representative Randy Hultgren (R-IL)

Country: China

Occupation: Democracy advocate and founder of the unrecognized Democracy Party of China (DPC).

Detained Since: March 7, 2011

Charges: "Separatism"

Sentence: Life imprisonment in addition to all of his assets being frozen.



Additional: In 1998, Zhu was one of the founders of the unrecognized Democracy Party of China (DPC). He also founded the "Opposition Party" magazine that carried articles about the DPC. He was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment (and three-year deprivation of political rights) for publishing a poem that directed people to participate in the 2011 Chinese pro-democracy protests. Formerly a property worker at the Hangzhou City Shangcheng District Urban Housing Bureau, Zhu was convicted of inciting subversion of state power in 1999 and served five and a half years in prison for founding the "Opposition Party" magazine.

After his release in 2006, he spoke out against the torture he had suffered in prison and continued to promote democratization. In 2007 he was detained again after a confrontation with a police officer who was questioning his son, and sentenced to two years in prison for "beating police and hindering public duty." Zhu was taken away by police on 7 March 2011. Officers also searched his home, confiscated two computers and other items. Zhu was criminally detained on suspicion of inciting subversion of state power and formally arrested on the same charge on 11 April 2011.

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