

Freedom of Speech



At least a dozen mainlanders have been held or threatened by Chinese authorities after having participated in the Hong Kong demonstrations.

Ai Weiwei (艾未未), a Chinese contemporary artist and activist who has been openly critical of the Chinese Government's stance on democracy and human rights, was held for 81 days without charge; officials alluded to allegations of "economic crimes".



The Chinese government has forced Cathay Pacific Airways to bar staffers who support or participate in the protests from doing any work involving flights to mainland China.

Right to Life



Li Wangyang (李旺陽), a Chinese labor rights activist, was found hanged in a hospital room. Shaoyang city authorities initially claimed suicide was the cause of death with no suspicions. Fellow pro-democracy activists called for a death investigation. They noted that Li, despite his poor health, seemed to be in good spirits. How could a person who had served 22 years in jail take his own life?

In 2019, September, an 18-year-old university student Li Xincao (李心草) was found dead in Panlong River, Yunnan. The city authorities said the cause of death is suicide while intoxicated; it was concluded to be unsuspicious. Her mother later found a CCTV footage from a bar showing that Li was groped and beaten by someone before her death.



The body of a 15-year-old female ardent protestor