

Robin Munro:

Twitter Tributes



Jim Mullinax @jiminjava · May 20

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Such sad news. I met Robin in HK - he was a dedicated scholar and activist, dedicated to doing good for the right reasons. Our conversations ranged from his work to music to food and were always lively. Condolences to his lovely wife, family and friends. RIP



Malin Oud @MalinOud · May 20

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This obituary by [@donaldcclarke](#) describes Robin so well. A passionate and committed human rights activist, but also a meticulous and gifted scholar. "His life was gentle, and the elements mixed so well in him that Nature might stand up and say to all the world, 'This was a man.'"



Philip P. Pan ✓ @panphil · May 19

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Very sorry to hear this. Robin was a remarkably astute researcher and analyst, and a committed activist. And he was always so generous with his time. As a young reporter, I learned a lot from our conversations, and from his writing.



李进进 @li_jinjin · 22h

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It shocked me, the sad news that my friend Robin gone. He met me after I was released from Qincheng Jail in Beijing in or about 1991. He helped me come to the United States in or about 1993. He wrote (with George Black) Black Hands of Beijing, a book about our stories in 1989.



Joshua Rosenzweig @siweiluozi · May 20

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Robin was a real hero of mine: a researcher's researcher, an activist and an all-around swell guy. I'm very sorry that I will no longer be able to share a beer and learn from him. My condolences to all his family, friends and colleagues.



Malin Oud @MalinOud · May 20

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Robin was a hero and a legend, and also a generous and kind teacher, mentor, and friend. I met him first when I was a student studying Chinese law and human rights at SOAS in 1999, and learnt from him over more than 20 years. Rest in power Robin.



elisabeth wickeri @ewickeri · May 20

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A big loss. Robin was one of the first to help me understand the limits—and possibilities—of human rights activism. Farewell, friend.



Renee Xia ✓ @ReneeXiaCHRD · May 19

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To pay tribute to Robin, I want to re-read this report he did 20 years ago, to remind myself how brilliant and what an incredible and tremendously talented researcher he was: [hrw.org/report/2002/08...](https://www.hrw.org/report/2002/08...) His big heart and sense of humor will continue to light our way in this world.



Helen Hockx-Yu @hhockx · May 19

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So sad to hear this. All the wonderful time we spent with Robin and 宝莲 in London is surfacing my memory. RIP.



Michel Hockx @mhockx · May 19

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Rest In Peace, Robin. Thank you for the many happy times and fierce discussions during our London days.



Caroline Quinn @Luo_Qing · May 19

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Incredibly sad news. I never met Robin Munro but he had a towering and well-deserved reputation in China human rights circles. His account of events in Beijing on the night of 4 June 1989 remains incredibly powerful and indispensable reading: tinyurl.com/nu3wv2jy. 安息吧 🙏



Nicola Macbean @NMacbean · May 19

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This is very sad news. Robin's work was inspirational. Truly important work on the deprivation of liberty in China.



China Law Translate @ChinaLawTransl8 · May 19

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This is a terrible loss. An outstanding researcher and person by all measures.



Benjamin Robertson @BMMRobertson · May 19

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My condolences to Robin's family and friends. His work on China human rights issues was hugely important. That included a seminal book on mental health hospitals and the abuses inside them. RIP



China Law & Policy @chinalawpolicy · May 19

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There are at least 2 people in the US who owe their lives to Robin Munro & his work on the terrible conditions in China's psychiatric hospitals. Robin's research provided the basis for my expert testimony to keep two Chinese people w/ mental health issues from being deported.



Patrick Poon 潘嘉偉 🧡 🏳️‍🌈 @patrickpoon · May 19

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Oh no! Robin was my former supervisor. Shocked and sad to learn about this 😞



Paul Mooney 慕亦仁 @pjmooney · May 19

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😞😞 So sorry to hear this. We were friends since 1990. He helped me a lot in my reporting.



N_Jayaram @N_Jayaram · May 19

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Deeply saddened to learn of Robin Munro's passing.



William Nee ✓ @williamnee · May 19

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The human rights movement lost a true legend.

Robin was a meticulous researcher: a stickler about facts & the truth. He also cared deeply about humans (& their messy, complicated situations). His charisma & passionate care about individual cases made his advocacy effective.

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William Nee ✓ @williamnee · May 19

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Replying to @williamnee

It was really one of the great honors of my life to start working at China Labour Bulletin in 2008, and have the chance to work closely with Robin for two years.

He was a great mentor, and most importantly, he was really a great friend to me and so many others 🙏



William Nee ✓ @williamnee · May 19

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I was around in 2009 (at 20th anniversary of Tiananmen Massacre) when Robin did many interviews, coming away really exhausted & drained

As a witness, he really poured his heart into relating what he saw for posterity's sake & the historical record.



Dr. Sara (Meg) Davis @saralmdavis · May 19

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You know when you start a new job & everyone keeps talking to you about the guy who did it before you & how great he was? That was my experience being China researcher @hrw 5 years after Robin Munro left. Immense impact as a researcher, activist & kind human being. 🙏



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#RIP #RobinMunro He worked for then Asia Watch before the regional groups became #HumanRightsWatch and reported on developments in #Tibet too

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Kenneth Roth ✓ @KenRoth · May 19

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Very sad to learn of the death of **Robin Munro**. He was @HRW's first researcher on China. He was the last known Westerner to leave Tiananmen Square. He did pathbreaking work on China's horrible orphanages and on labor rights. His reports were meticulous and nuanced. We'll miss him.

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Eric Goldstein ✓ @goldsteinricky · May 20

Robin was a pal and superstar from the early @HRW days when the MENA and Asia programs were young. You've left us too early, Robin, but your legacy is there forever.

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SoloTad @solomech · May 19

Rip great man. The world needs real humans like you.

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Kelley Currie @KelleyCurrie · May 20

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The China human rights community has lost one of our first, brightest & most steady lights. I only had the honor of meeting **Robin Munro** a few times over the years but he set the gold standard—as a scholar, advocate & human being—that we all aspire to.

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Ian Johnson @iandenisjohnson · May 20

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One of China's most respected and meticulous human rights documentarians, **Robin Munro**, has recently passed away. h/t @donaldcclarke for the excellent obituary. thechinacollection.org/robin-munro-19...

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Paul Mooney 慕亦仁 @pjmooney · May 20

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A tribute to **Robin Munro** (China Labour Bulletin) clb.org.hk/content/tribut...
Sorry to hear this sad news about Robin's passing. He was a good friend and a fighter for human rights in China.



Dr. Leta Hong Fincher 洪理达 @LetaHong · May 20

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Very sad news. RIP **Robin Munro**.



Malin Oud
@MalinOud

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"Robin helped many Chinese dissidents, who might otherwise have died in prison, to gain their freedom. I was one of them." @handongfang tribute to Robin Munro (China Labour Bulletin) @chinalabour



Jonathan Stivers @jonstivers · May 20

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A beautiful tribute to **Robin Munro** by Han Dongfang clb.org.hk/content/tribut...

His life's work for human rights in China will forever be an inspiration. I am just so sad he is gone so soon



Dinah Lee Kung @DinahLeeKung · May 19

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This makes me very sad. A big loss. **Robin Munro** was my source for a mystery novel re China's illegal organ sales, as well as an expose I did for BusinessWeek on Chinese prison labor in 1991. We timed our releases for HRW and BW together. A great expert. A real gentleman.



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CLB @chinalabour · May 20

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