

Human rights defender's profile: Wang Dan

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Until today, the Chinese Communist Party has actively sought to silence any attempt to speak about or commemorate the memory of the June Fourth events. From private ceremonies to the smallest act of remembrance, the Chinese authorities are ramping up efforts to erase this marking event from official history.



Photo: private collection of Wang Dan

Wang Dan was one of the most visible student leaders of the 1989 democracy movement. As a result, he immediately figured on top of the 21 'most wanted' by Beijing police. He was sentenced to four years imprisonment in 1991, and to another eleven years in 1995, before being released and seeking asylum in the US.

Yet, he has relentlessly continued to promote human rights and democratic reforms outside of mainland China.

Wang Dan's video profile

Today, Wang Dan is the founder and director of Dialogue China, a Washington-based think tank that conducts research and activities to promote democracy in China. ISHR had the pleasure to meet him and hear his story.

The video is also available with Chinese subtitles. See below:

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#WeRemember64

#TiananmenSquare

#TiananmenMassacre

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