

A BRIEF EULOGY TO THE VICTIMS OF TIANANMEN SQUARE

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Dear friends of the Tiananmen democrats,

The brave people in Tiananmen Square for seven weeks were there peacefully for democracy, the rule of law, and a better life for all citizens of China.

Let me quote a recent statement by 124 surviving mothers of the victims (1):

“Our children and loved ones were killed in the June Fourth massacre. For 31 years, every family of the victims have lived in the midst of this suffering...We, as citizens of this country...have every reason to question the Chinese ruling party and the Chinese government.”

“...The government has remained silent on the June Fourth massacre, without demonstrating the slightest trace of remorse...We continue to adhere to our three demands: truth, compensation, and accountability...The dignity of every single life may not be stripped away and trampled on arbitrarily by power. They are our loved ones and your compatriots,”

We owe the fallen and their families our solemn remembrance and continued support of their ideals.

Thank you.

- (1) https://www.hrichina.org/en/press-work/press-release/tell-truth-refuse-forget-lies-written-ink-cannot-conceal-facts-written?fbclid=IwAR3Cpv6HH8XvFgljwrokp-bH_4V6XrQhy0_Ck4U_RIKgH13HXC0oPFpsEIM