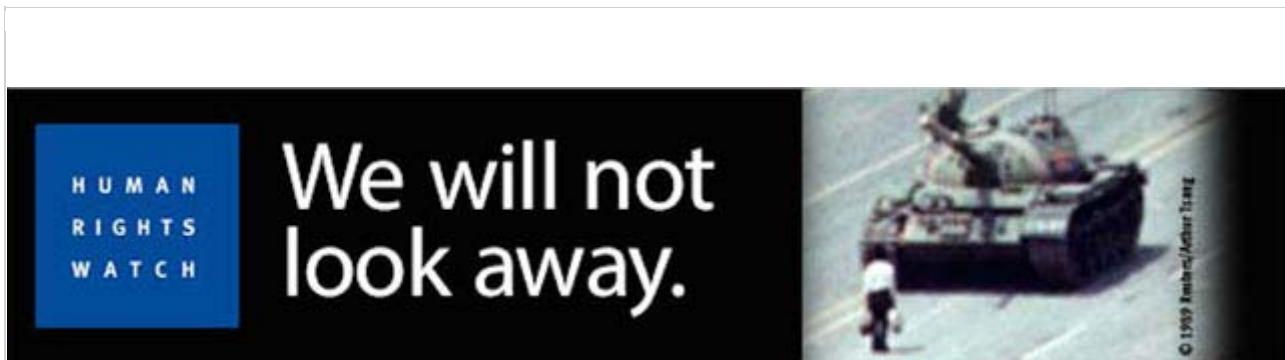


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Dear Friend,

One man stands down a row of armored tanks, using his body to shield his people from his own government. In June of 1989, this iconic image captured the world's imagination. What happened next inspired its outrage.

Twenty-five years ago, the Chinese government shot down its own citizens, driving tanks into crowds of thousands. It violently repressed a peaceful protest, brutally killing hundreds of its people.

Twenty-five years ago, the world watched Tiananmen Square.

Human Rights Watch was there in 1989, and we are still investigating abuses in China today. When others looked away – when the world's attention turned elsewhere – we continue to shine a light into the darkness of China's poor human rights record.

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China's one-party government continues to defend its strict curbs on fundamental freedoms in the name of national stability. And it continues to detain and torture human rights activists.

Our research and advocacy in China has helped lead to the closing of secret jails. It has helped to defend and promote the work of stalwart human rights activists who stand bravely in the face of government repression.

To forget the 1989 massacre at Tiananmen Square is to forget the long history of human rights abuse that led to it. It is to forget the same shocking human rights violations that continue in China today.

Twenty-five years ago, one man stood down an entire row of armored tanks.

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Thank you,



A handwritten signature of Kenneth Roth in black ink.

Kenneth Roth
Executive Director

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