

Film title

Only the River Flows

Tagline

Short synopsis

Chief police investigates a series of murders in a riverside town in rural China in the 1990s. An arrest is made quickly, but clues push the policeman to dive deeper into the hidden behaviour of the locals.

Long synopsis

1990s, Banpo Town, rural China. A woman's body is found by the river. Ma Zhe, Chief of the Criminal Police, heads up the murder investigation that quickly leads to an arrest. As his superiors are keen to communicate their success, several clues push Ma Zhe to delve deeper into the hidden behaviour of his fellow citizens. With a singular and acerbic vision, Wei Shujun plays with the detective genre, adapting Yu Hua's short novel Mistakes By The River (author of To Live adapted by Zhang Yimou), for his third feature film after Striding Into The Wind (Cannes Label 2020) and Ripples Of Life (Directors' Fortnight 2021).

Technical information and credits

Original title: He bian de cuo wu
English title: Only the River Flows
Year: 2023
Country: China
Language: CN
Subtitles: CZ
Running time: 101 min
Dostupnost: 15+

DVD / Blu-ray: DCP, mp4
Genre: Drama, Crime, Mystery
Directed by: Shujun Wei
Written by: Chunlei Kang, Shujun Wei
Edited by: Matthieu Laclau
Cinematography: Chengma Zhiyuan
Sound by: Duu-Chih Tu, Tse Kang Tu



Awards

Cannes IFF - Un Certain Regard - 2023
Asian Film Awards - Nominee | Best Cinematography,
Best Editing, Best Production Design - 2024

Actors

Yilong Zhu, Chloe Maayan, Tianlai Hou, Tong Lin Kai

