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## NIE SHUBIN'S STORY

Nie Shubin, a young farmer from Shijiazhuang city, Hebei province, was executed in 1995 for the rape and murder of a local woman. He had reportedly been tortured in police custody. In early 2005, a suspect detained in connection with another case reportedly confessed to the same crime, apparently describing the crime scene in detail. Judicial authorities later admitted their mistake prompting Nie Shubin's family to seek compensation from the authorities.

Nie Shubin's family were given no information about his situation following his trial and to date have still not been given a copy of the verdict in his case. His family say they were denied access to him after his arrest and that his father only discovered that he had been executed when he went to take him some food in prison. His father has reportedly attempted suicide out of grief at the loss of his son. His mother adds: "I just have one son, all my hopes rested on him. They've destroyed my future ... Without my son, my family and I can't go on."

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Dear Minister,

I support Nie Shubin's family in their continuing fight for compensation for his wrongful execution. In line with official commitments that human rights would improve in the run-up to the Beijing Olympics and with a view to promoting a positive human rights legacy for the Games, I urge you to bring about greater transparency in administration of the death penalty, both by ensuring that families and lawyers of those sentenced to death are given access to them as well as administrative and procedural information about their cases. Only abolition of the death penalty will prevent such injustices in the future.

Sincerely,

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