



Gao Zhisheng
China

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GAO ZHISHENG'S STORY

Gao Zhisheng is one of China's most respected human rights lawyers. In December 2006, he was sentenced to three years' imprisonment, suspended for five years, for "inciting subversion". He was allowed to return home, but was kept under illegal house arrest together with his wife and their children. He was tortured and humiliated, and in 2009 his family fled China because of constant harassment.

Gao Zhisheng disappeared on 4 February 2009, when police took him from his family home. He reappeared more than a year later, in late March 2010, and gave an interview describing his ordeal, which

included further torture. He said he was beaten so badly on one occasion that "for 48 hours, my life hung by a thread".

In April 2010, just days after giving the interview, he disappeared again. Twenty months later, in December 2011, state media announced that he had been sent to prison for violating the conditions of his suspended sentence. This shocked his family and friends, who had not known whether he was dead or alive.

Gao Zhisheng is currently being held in Shaya county prison in northwest China.

Show solidarity with Gao Zhisheng

You can send a letter or a card to Gao Zhisheng in his prison cell. Write to:

Gao Zhisheng
PO Box 15, Sub-box 16
Shaya County 842208
Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region
China

Write to the Premier of China

■ Urge him to immediately release Gao Zhisheng. While he remains in prison, he must be protected from torture or other ill-treatment.

When you write, please use Chinese characters to spell Gao Zhisheng's name:
高智晟

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Start your letter: Your Excellency



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