

URGENT ACTION

CHEN GUANGCHENG'S NEPHEW SENTENCED

Chen Kegui, nephew of Chinese human rights activist Chen Guangcheng, was sentenced to three years and three months imprisonment in November 2012. His family was able to visit him on 31 January for the first time since he was detained.

Chen Kegui was detained on 30 April 2012, after fleeing for his safety following a violent raid by local authorities on his family's home on 26 April. The raid – which happened just days after Chen Kegui's uncle, human rights activist Chen Guangcheng, escaped from illegal house arrest – was conducted by around 20 plain-clothed individuals who failed to show any identification or search warrant.

According to those present, Chen Kegui picked up a knife in self-defence and injured several of the intruders, before fleeing the house. On 9 May, Chen Kegui's family was notified that he had been arrested on suspicion of "intentional homicide". However, in October when the police submitted the case to the prosecuting official, the charge was changed to "inflicting intentional injury". Chen Kegui was sentenced by the Yinan County Court in Linyi, Shandong province, in November. He was denied the right to a lawyer of his choice and his family were not called as witnesses or allowed to attend the trial.

On 31 January, Chen Kegui's father, mother and wife were able to visit him for the first time since he was detained. His father, Chen Guangfu, said that the visit at Linyi prison took place behind a glass screen, lasted only 30 minutes and was monitored by two prison staff. He reported that Chen Kegui looked in good health, but was agitated and "feeling a sense of injustice".

After being released from prison in September 2010, human rights lawyer Chen Guangcheng and his immediate family were kept under illegal house arrest until his escape in April 2012. Chen Guangcheng is currently studying in the USA with his wife Yuan Weijing and the couple's children.

Amnesty International will continue to monitor the situation of Chen Kegui and will take further action as appropriate.

Many thanks to all those who sent appeals. No further action is required from the UA Network.

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