

# URGENT ACTION

## CHINESE HOUSING ACTIVISTS SENTENCED

**On 10 April, housing rights activist and former lawyer Ni Yulan was given a two year and eight-month sentence for “picking quarrels and making trouble” and “fraud”. Her husband, Dong Jiqin, was sentenced for two years for “picking quarrels and making trouble”. Amnesty International continues to call for their immediate release.**

Police detained **Ni Yulan** and **Dong Jiqin** on 7 April 2011 on suspicion of “picking quarrels and provoking trouble”. They were formally arrested on the same charge (Criminal Law article 293) on 17 May 2011. The charge of “fraud” was later added in the case of Ni Yulan. Amnesty International believes that the couple were targeted by the authorities because of Ni Yulan’s peaceful human rights and legal aid activities. The couple’s trial took place on 29 December 2011 at Beijing’s Xicheng District People’s Court and did not meet international fair trial standards.

Ni Yulan suffers from respiratory, heart and digestive problems, and cannot walk, due to previous police torture. Prior to her detention in April 2011, her health had been improving as she was receiving regular medical treatment and she was able to walk with crutches.

### Please write immediately in Chinese or your own language:

- Calling on the authorities to immediately and unconditionally release Ni Yulan and Dong Jiqin;
- Urge them to guarantee that the couple are not tortured or otherwise ill-treated while in detention;
- Call on them to ensure the couple have access to their families and any medical care that they may require;
- Urge the authorities to stop the harassment, intimidation, arbitrary detention, torture and other ill-treatment and imprisonment of human rights lawyers and legal activists peacefully carrying out their work.

### PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 3 JULY 2012 TO:

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Name: Ni Yulan and Dong Jiqin

Gender m/f: Ni Yulan (F) Dong Jiqin (M)

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