

URGENT ACTION

CHEN GUANGCHENG'S NEPHEW STILL DETAINED

Chen Kegui, nephew of human rights activist Chen Guangcheng, has been detained since 30 April. Yesterday, Amnesty International was informed that police have submitted Chen Kegui's case to the prosecuting officials. As such, he could face trial soon. He still has no access to his lawyers or family. He is at risk of torture or ill-treatment in custody.

After 7 October, following the national holiday period in the People's Republic of China where all government departments are closed, the family of **Chen Kegui** went to the authorities to push for information on his case. The officials told them that his case had been moved by police from the investigation stage to the procuratorate (the prosecuting officials in China). They were also informed that the original charge of suspicion of "intentional homicide" – which they were originally told was the reason for his detention – had been dropped. Police are now proposing to charge him with "inflicting intentional injury", which can result in a sentence of less than three years imprisonment, or between three to 10 years in serious cases.

According to his family, Chen Kegui has not been allowed to meet the lawyers chosen by his family since he was detained on 30 April. He has also had no access to family since he has been in detention. Amnesty International believes Chen Kegui is at risk of torture while he is in detention.

Please write immediately in Chinese or your own language:

- Demanding the authorities give Chen Kegui the right to choose his own legal representation, and ensure that lawyers are able to mount a defence free from harassment or intimidation;
- Calling on the authorities to either release Chen Kegui or formally charge him and try him in proceedings respecting international fair trial standards;
- Calling on the authorities to ensure that Chen Kegui is not subjected to torture or other ill-treatment and to immediately cease all harassment of Chen Kegui's family.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 27 NOVEMBER 2012 TO:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Chen Kegui was detained on 30 April, after days of fleeing for his safety following a violent raid on his family's home on 26 April.

This raid – which happened just days after Chen Kegui's uncle, human rights activist **Chen Guangcheng**, escaped from years of 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 was arrested on suspicion of "intentional homicide".

After the raid, Chen Kegui's father was taken into custody where he was allegedly tortured by police who chained his legs, beat him in the ribs and whipped him with belts. Upon revealing details of his torture to the media after his release on 29 April, Chen Kegui's father was told by officials that his son Chen Kegui would receive an even harsher punishment.

Chen Kegui has been detained incommunicado for more than five months.

Name: Chen Kegui, Chen Guangcheng
Gender m/f: m

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