

## QUICK INFO SHEET: Ni Yulan (倪玉兰)

Female, 50, Beijing city, Beijing municipality.

Ni, a lawyer and rights defender, was released from prison on April 14, 2010 to find herself homeless after her home had been demolished. After several stints in prison, where she has suffered severe beatings and torture, she is now left crippled living on the streets of Beijing.

Ni's work, starting in 2001, to provide legal assistance to those persecuted by the government has left her an enemy in the eyes of the police. Ni has provided legal assistance to Falun Gong members, petitioners and in particular to those facing forced eviction and demolition of their homes. Her lawyers' license has been revoked.

For detailed information on Ni Yulan see <http://China-Action.org>, the case file or (if available) Urgent Appeal to the United Nations, all of which can be found on our website.

### PARTICULARS

- **Detained:** April 15, 2008
- **Arrested:** April 29, 2008
- **Reason:** She asked demolition workers to show legal authorization to demolish people's houses around Xinjiekou, Xicheng district, Beijing. She also tried to take photos of the proceedings.
- **Charge:** "interference with public administration" (妨害公务罪)
- **Current status:** Released on April 14, 2010. Now homeless and have lost all her possessions. Alternating between living on the street and in parks, and being forced into hotels by Police.
- **Place of imprisonment:** Xicheng district detention center (to May 4, 3009), Beijing Women's Prison (after May 4, 2009)
- **Date, court and content of verdict:** Two years of imprisonment on December 18, 2008