

## QUICK INFO SHEET: Sun Wenguang (孙文广)

Male, 76, Jinan city, Shandong province.

Sun, a retired professor of Shandong University in Jinan city, have been a staunch pro-reform advocate and defender of human rights since 1960. He has been imprisoned in th 1960s, 70s and 80s, and been publically denounced before and during the cultural revolution. Even after being politically rehabilitated in 1982, he has continued to face persecution. On April 5, 2009, while being wathced by about 20 police officers, thugs, presumably hired by police, attacked Sun while he was paying tribute to fallen General Secretary Zhao Ziyang in Jinan, and was severly beaten, requiring 12 days of medical care. He is now launching an administrative lawsuit against the police. He was, according to Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), likely nominated for the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize.

For detailed information on Sun Wenguang, 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

- **Incident:** Roughly 10 (am) on April 5, 2009
- **Date of filing administrative lawsuit:** March 28, 2010
- **Place of filing administrative lawsuit:** Shizhong Qu People's Court (济南市市中区法院) , Jinan city, Shandong province
- **Lawsuit target:** Jinan city Public Security Bureau, Shandong province
- **Reason:**
  - (a) The police have violated Professor Sun's rights, and broke their own governing law, when they tried to prevent him from visiting the Heroes' Mountain;
  - (b) The police have violated Professor Sun's rights, and broke their own governing law, when they followed him and put him under surveillance without him being suspected of a crime;
  - (c) The police violated its own governing law when they failed to register the attack on Sun and initiate an investigation; and,
  - (d) The police violated Professor Sun's right as a citizen, and broke its own governing law, when they failed to protect him, or try to protect him, when being assaulted.
- **Legal counsel:** Wang Quanzhang
- **Current status:** Considering appeal. Court seems to have denied the lawsuit, but did not respond within the legal time frame of 7 days, and did not provided the formal documentation about the denial, nor the reason, also in contravention of law.