

QUICK INFO SHEET: Wang Wuqin (王武琴)

Female, 44, Ganzhai Village, Dazhao Township, Chang'an District, Xi'an, Shaanxi Province.

Wang, a shop-keeper and women's rights activist, is awaiting trial in Xian city after organizing and participating in a protest against a local brick- and construction company that has systemically failed to provide compensation for farmland rented and utilized. Wang has been working with the local village leader, Gao Qiang (高强) to organize the protest, and both are under arrest facing charges of 'Picking Quarrels and Provoking Troubles'.

It is believed that the current action against Wang is tied to that of Gao. Gao has been uncooperative towards the CCP party secretary in his governance, and we believe this is another step to have Gao ousted from his mandate as village head.

For detailed information on Wang Wuqin, 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.

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- **Detained:** March 3, 2010
- **Arrested:** April 3, 2010
- **Reason:** Organization and participation in protest against for failure to provide compensation for rented farmland.
- **Charge:** 'Picking Quarrels and Provoking Troubles'
- **Place of detetion:** Xian city Chang'an branch detention center, Shaanxi province
- **Case sent to procuratorate:** June 22, 2010
- **Case sent back to police for further investigation:** August 1, 2010
- **Case sent to court:** October 11, 2010
- **Place of trial:** Chang'an District Court (长安区法院), Xian city, Shaanxi province
- **Date of trial:** To begin on November 11, 2010 at the latest
- **Current status:** Case sent to court, trial set to begin soon.
- **Legal counsel:** Wang Quanzhang (王全章) (for Wang Wuqin), Yu Qiaoyan (于巧燕) (for Gao Qiang)

About the process: The procuratorate failed to deliver information to the legal counsel about send the case back to police for further investigation. Also failed to show the certificate allowing an extension on same investigation. The charge, which is of enourmous scope, is often used against politically unwanted elements, and the legal counsel believes the charge is politically motivated in this case.