

## QUICK INFO SHEET: Zhou Li (周莉)

Female, 41, Beijing city, Beijing Municipality.

Zhou, a Beijing-based human rights defender and organizer of petitioners, and founder of a legal aid center for petitioners, is now serving time in prison after being convicted of 'Picking Quarrels and Provoking Troubles' for apparently organizing a campaign against a Beijing professor who said 99% of all petitioners are mentally ill. Zhou has faced persecution over several years, and was working to block a redevelopment scheme in Beijing's Chongwen district, as well as drawing attention to a number of recent, high-profile, cases of government malpractice.

For detailed information on Zhou, 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:** August 12, 2009
- **Reason:** Organizing a protest against a Beijing professor (she pleaded not guilty)
- **Charge:** 'Picking Quarrels and Provoking Troubles'
- **Current status:** Serving prison sentence
- **Legal counsel:** Mo Shaoping, Ma Gangquan assisting
  
- **Case sent to procuratorate:** Unknown, case was returned to Police for further investigation by the procuratorate twice before being handed to court.
- **Place and date of trial hearing:** April 6, 2010, adjourned and then resumed on April 12, at Chongwen district court, Beijing (崇文法院)
- **Date, court and content of verdict:** One year of imprisonment, May 4, Chongwen district court, Beijing (崇文法院)

### OTHER

Zhou Li was kept incommunicado until March 2010, and was up until just before the trial denied access to legal counsel.