

QUICK INFO SHEET: Qi Chonghuai (齐崇淮)

Male, 47, Jinan city, Shandong province.

Qi, a journalist and writer, is currently serving a four year prison sentence for his work to expose government and party corruption in Tengzhou city, Shandong province. Qi has endured a variety of violations both before being detained, as well as during detention and imprisonment, including forced hard labor, severe and continues beatings, and two attempts on his life. His attempts to seek legal redress for the gross and life-threatening violations against him as been blocked by prison authorities. Qi was set for release on June 25 this year, but Police levied new charges of 'blackmail and extortion' against him to ensure he is not set free. Qi was convicted on the same charges, which is illegal according to Chinese law, and sentenced to 12 years of imprisonment on June 9.

For detailed information on Qi Chonghuai, 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

Prior charge on which Qi was convicted:

- **Detained:** 01.40, June 25, 2007
- **Arrested:** August 2, 2007
- **Reason:** Initially accused of 'deception' for allegedly misrepresenting himself as a journalist, before being formally charged with 'extortion and blackmail'. Detention followed an article alleging corruption in the Tengzhou Communist Party which was published in June 2007 on the Xinhuanet website.
- **Place of imprisonment:** Tengzhou prison, Tengzhou city, Shandong province (August 8, 2008 to June 2009), Zaozhuang Prison, Shandong province (June 2009 to now)

New charge on which Police is trying to keep Qi imprisoned with:

- **Charge:** 'Extortion and blackmail' and 'Fraud'
- **First interrogation:** April 27, 2011
- **Charge levied on:** May 4, 2011
- **Case sent to Procuratorate:** May 27, 2011 (forwarded to court the very same day)
- **Date and place of trial:** June 9, 2011 at Tengzhou city court
- **Verdict:** Convicted on all charges at 3pm, June 9, 2011 to 12 years of imprisonment.
- **Trial lawyers:** Li Xiongbing (黎雄兵), Wang Quanzhang (王全章)