



Chen Wei

“Dictatorship will fail, democracy will prevail”
statement in court, December 2011

■ **Feb 21, 1969:** **Chen Wei** born in China's Sichuan province

■ **Education:** Studies mechanical engineering at Beijing Institute of Technology

■ **1989-91:** Jailed for his part in **Tiananmen Square** student protest

■ **1992:** Sentenced to five years in prison for organizing political party

■ **2008:** Chen signs **Charter 08** – manifesto for democratic reform co-written by Nobel Peace Prize winner **Liu Xiaobo**

■ **Feb 2011:** Chen arrested after publishing essays online calling for democracy and freedom of speech

■ **Dec 23:** Chen is sentenced to nine years in prison for **“inciting subversion of state power”**