

Chen Guangchen profile



■ **1971:** Born in Shandong province, loses his sight after illness in infancy

■ **2001:** Returns to Shandong after studying at Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine – enrolls in law classes and begins giving free legal advice to villagers seeking assistance

■ **2005:** Rises to prominence after exposing programme of forced abortions and sterilisations as part of China's one-child policy

■ **2006:** Jailed for four years for disrupting traffic after trial where he did not have access to defence lawyers

■ **2010:** Released from jail but placed under house arrest

■ **April 2012:** Escapes house arrest and releases video addressed to Premier *Wen Jiabao* in which he demands investigation into mistreatment of his family