Key players in Bo Xilai scandal

The alleged murder of a British businessman has brought down one of China's most powerful politicians and exposed an internal struggle that has rocked the Communist Party

Bo Yibo (1908-2007): Father of Bo Xilai. One of Party elders known as "eight immortals" who controlled Chinese politics from behind scenes in 1980s and early 1990s. **Shaped son's career and helped ascent of Jiang Zemin**

Jiang Zemin, 86: China's President (1993-2003). Mentor of Bo Xilai

1 **Bo Xilai, 62:** Former Communist Party chief of Chongqing and Politburo member. Once tipped for high office. Dismissed as party chief and removed from Politburo for **"serious breaches of discipline"** allegedly linked to death of British businessman *Neil Heywood*

3 **Wang Lijun, 52:** Chief-of-police and Bo's right-hand man in crackdown on organised crime in Chongqing. **In detention since failed bid to seek asylum at U.S. consulate in Chengdu.** Believed to have fallen out with Bo over his investigation into death of Heywood

2 **Gu Kailai, 53:** Wife of Bo Xilai, successful lawyer and businesswoman. **On trial, accused of murdering Heywood.** State media has said Gu fell out with Heywood over **"economic interests"** and that Gu was worried about **"Heywood's threat to her son's personal security"**

Neil Heywood, 41: British businessman with ties to Bo Xilai's family since 2000. **Found dead in hotel room in Chongqing in November 2011. Authorities said he died of alcohol poisoning – body cremated without autopsy**

Xu Ming, 41: Chairman of chemical firm *Dalian Shide Group,* named China's eighth richest person in 2005 by Forbes. **Reported to have paid for Bo Xilai's son to study at Harrow and Harvard**. Put under arrest in March for economic crimes

Bo Guagua, 24: Son of Bo Xilai and Gu Kailai, currently studying at Harvard. **Heywood allegedly helped boy gain admission into British private school, Harrow**

4 **Patrick Devillers, 52:** French architect said to have been close to Gu Kailai. Believed to have agreed to testify for prosecution against Gu