

# Key events in Bo Xilai scandal

■ **Nov 15, 2011:** British businessman **Neil Heywood** found dead in hotel room in Chongqing. Authorities say he died of alcohol poisoning – body cremated without autopsy

■ **Feb 6, 2012:** Chongqing police chief **Wang Lijun** flees to U.S. consulate in Chengdu, reportedly to seek asylum

■ **Mar 15:** Top politician **Bo Xilai** – once tipped for high office – removed from post as party chief in Chongqing because of Wang Lijun incident

■ **Apr 10:** Bo suspended from Communist Party posts. China says his wife, **Gu Kailai**, is being investigated over Heywood's death

■ **Jul 26:** Gu charged with Heywood's murder

■ **Aug 20:** Gu given suspended death sentence after confessing to Heywood's murder

■ **Sep 18:** Wang Lijun sentenced to 15 years in prison for defection, abuse of power and corruption

Bo Xilai

Gu Kailai

