

Key players in Bo Xilai corruption scandal

Ousted senior Chinese politician Bo Xilai is now on trial for bribery, abuse of power and corruption, the final chapter of a scandal that has rocked China's political establishment

Bo is accused of taking 21.8m yuan (\$3.6m) in bribes from heads of two companies between 2000 and 2012. Court indictment says he took bribes "either by himself or with the aid of his wife and his son"

Bo Xilai: Likely to face long prison term



▲ *Gu Kailai: Serving life sentence for murder*



KEY PLAYERS



Bo Xilai: Son of late vice-premier Bo Yibo. Rises up through ranks of Communist Party and becomes party boss of

Chongqing in 2007. **Mar 2012:** Sacked following accusations over wife's role in murder of businessman



Wang Lijun: Bo's police chief in Chongqing. **Feb 2012:** Exposes Heywood murder when he flees to U.S. consulate

after showing Gu evidence that implicates Gu. Later jailed for 15 years for trying to cover up murder



Patrick Henri Devillers: French architect now living in Cambodia. In Bo's inner circle while living in Dalian in 1990s

when Bo was mayor of city. **July 2012:** Returns to China to assist police with investigation into Gu



Gu Kailai: Bo's wife. Glamorous, high-flying lawyer before conviction for murder of British businessman Neil

Heywood. **Aug 2012:** Admits killing, but alleges he threatened her son. Given suspended death sentence



Bo Guagua: Bo's son. Educated at elite British school, then at Oxford and Harvard. Since graduation has kept low

profile, despite reports of playboy lifestyle. Now enrolled in first year at Columbia Law School in New York



Neil Heywood: Business consultant based in China. **Feb 2011:** Found dead in hotel room in Chongqing. Cause

initially attributed to alcohol poisoning and body cremated without autopsy. Gu later confesses to poisoning him