

Blind Forced Abortion Activist Chen Guangcheng Transferred to Private Prison

Blind forced abortion opponent Chen Guangcheng and his wife, Yuan Weijing, will be transferred to a small prison built specifically for them, reports Radio Free Asia.

Activist He Peirong says the couple will be forcibly removed from their home and transferred to a building “which basically amounts to a jail” so that authorities can “keep tighter controls on them.” As part of the move, the persecuted Christians will be separated from their 5-year-old daughter. Their young son, living with relatives, was reportedly strip-searched leaving the family home.

Reggie Littlejohn, president of Women’s Rights Without Frontiers, decried this action.

“The Chinese Communist Party has already beaten and tortured Chen and his wife, denied them medical treatment, stolen their television, phone, computer and books, and appears to be slowly starving them to death,” Littlejohn says. “The couple is constantly surrounded by 66 guards and multiple surveillance cameras tracking their every move inside and outside their home.

“Why is the CCP so threatened by a blind, sick, penniless man that they have to build a personal prison for him? They seek to make an example of Chen, to demonstrate how they will punish anyone who challenges their forced abortion policies. But they are really making an example of their own, shameful brutality.”

Guangcheng was arrested in 2006 for exposing evidence that 130,000 forced abortions and involuntary sterilizations were

performed on women in Linyi County, Shandong Province in a single year. *Time Magazine* named him one of "2006's Top 100 People Who Shape Our World." Chen spent four years in prison. Since his release, he continues to be under house arrest. He and his wife have been beaten repeatedly and denied medical treatment.

"The treatment of Chen Guangcheng and the torture and disappearance of human rights lawyer Gao Zhisheng, are unconscionable," says Bob Fu, president of China Aid. "These are not the acts of a government that respects the rule of law. Since the beginning of this year, the CCP has launched an offensive against human rights lawyers and activists, religious leaders, house church Christians and even dissident artists. We urge the release of those unjustly imprisoned, tortured and disappeared."