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Personal Details

CECC Record Number	2004-05247	Ethnic Group	Han?
Detention Status	REL	Sex	M
Issue Category	rel	Age At Detention	47
Main Name	An Shuxin	Religion	Catholic (unreg. church)
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	安树新 or 安树欣	Occupation	bishop, assistant
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)		Affiliation	
Additional Name(s)	Francis An Shuxin	Residence Province	Hebei Province
Pinyin Name		Residence Prefecture	Baoding Shi (pref.)
		Residence County	Xushui Cty.

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	1996/03/dd
Current Prison	Hebei (general location)
Sentence Length (Years)	10
Sentence Length (Months)	5
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Hebei Province
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	(na)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	(na)

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg/tri?/sent?/rel	Formal Arrest Date	
Trial Court		Trial Date	
Sentence Court		Sentence Date	
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court		Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	2006/08/24
Charge (Statute)			

Short Summary

According to the Cardinal Kung Foundation, officials detained An Shuxin, the unregistered auxiliary bishop of Baoding in Hebei province, in March 1996 while he led a procession of Catholics to a Marian shrine near the village of Donglu in Hebei. Officials released An on August 24, 2006, at which time he was believed to be the longest-serving Catholic prisoner of conscience. During his ten-year detention, An's whereabouts were unknown and the Chinese government provided no information about his case, though it was reported that around 1998 he was permitted a one-hour visit with his invalid mother. An's case was closely connected to that of Su Zhimin, unregistered bishop of Baoding. Two significant events bracket An's initial detention: in May 1995, tens of thousands of Catholics claimed to have seen a miraculous vision at the Donglu shrine; and in May 1996, the Chinese government militarily sealed off the village and destroyed the shrine.