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China Internet users strive to spare businesswoman from death

1. Thousands of Chinese Internet users have urged China's Supreme Court to spare a 31-year-old death row convict, once one of China's richest women, in a contentious fraud case that has sparked sympathy for the self-made daughter of a peasant.
2. Wu has appealed against her sentence to the Supreme People's Court. In a rare move prior to reaching a verdict, the highest court said a review of her case will be handled "with care", conducted "based on facts" and "according to the law." A court spokesman did not say when the final verdict will be delivered.
3. The case is particularly pointed as it touches on two key policy initiatives in Beijing -- one to curb speculation in real estate, the other to shut down the spread of unregulated lending in the shadow banking system.
4. Many microbloggers accused courts of double standards and showing leniency to corrupt government officials.

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2012/02/16/uk-china-deathrow-tycoon-idUKTRE81F0BT20120216>