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Self-immolations in Tibet

Since March 2011, sixteen Tibetans have resorted to self-immolating to protest against the Chinese government's oppressive regime in Tibet. To date 14 monks (and former monks) and two nuns have taken this desperate act, 12 of whom have died. The condition and whereabouts of the others is not known, though some have been hospitalised.

TAKE ACTION

China has to be called to account, to end the current crackdown in Tibet and to respect the fundamental rights and freedoms of the Tibetan people. The British government must publicly state its concern over the current situation and, along with other international governments, persuade China to ease the increasingly tense situation by withdrawing its troops from Kirti monastery and other Tibetan regions, reviewing its repressive policies in Tibet and granting universally recognised human rights to the Tibetan people.

1. Contact your MP and ask them to call on the British government:

- to make a public statement of concern on China's repressive policies in Tibet which has led to 14 monks (and former monks) and two nuns undertaking the desperate act of self-immolation since March.
 - to urge China to ease the situation by withdrawing its troops from Kirti monastery and other Tibetan regions and respecting the fundamental human rights of the Tibetan people including the right to freely practice their religion.
 - to press China to allow international independent observers and media to visit Tibet, particularly Kirti monastery.
- Also ask your MP to sign "Early Day Motion 2327", which condemns China's ongoing repression in Tibet and calls for a public statement of concern from the Prime Minister, and to sign the pledge to 'Stand up for Tibet' (see point 3).

To find your MP go to www.writetothem.com or findyourmp.parliament.uk.

2. Write to the Chinese Ambassador to the UK, calling on the Chinese government to:

- confirm the condition and location of Lobsang Kelsang, Lobsang Kunchok and Kelsang Wangchuk, all of whom self-immolated in Ngaba and were taken away by security forces.
- end the military lockdown at Kirti monastery and withdraw the military from Ngaba and other Tibetan regions.
- release all the monks and lay-people who have been detained and imprisoned since March 2011 and provide independent legal counsel for all those facing charges.
- respect the fundamental right of the Tibetans to freely practice their religion.
- review its existing policies in Tibet in order to fulfill the aspirations of Tibetans for a truly harmonious society.

Address: Ambassador Liu Xiaoming, Chinese Embassy, 49-51 Portland Place, London W1B 1JL.

Email: ambassador@chinese-embassy.org.uk. Note: The Embassy occasionally disables this email address (so your email is returned), in that case please try political@chinese-embassy.org.uk and/or press@chinese-embassy.org.uk.

3. Sign the Global Pledge to 'Stand up for Tibet'

Ask your friends, family and your MP to also sign the pledge at <http://bit.ly/TSpledge>. The pledge calls for the international community, both citizens and governments, to Stand Up for Tibet. This world-wide initiative has been created by the International Tibet Network. Tibet Society is a member organisation of ITN.

The actions are also online at <http://bit.ly/TS-SI>

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TIBET**

Self-immolations in Tibet since March 2011

The tragic acts of self-immolation reflect the desperation Tibetans inside Tibet currently feel. These Tibetans have been driven by the deteriorating situation inside Tibet, years of repression and a deep frustration at the lack of real progress towards a just and peaceful solution. Almost all are known to have shouted slogans during their protest and some have distributed leaflets. They have called for human rights to be respected, religious freedom, for the Dalai Lama to be allowed to return to Tibet and, in some instances, for independence for Tibet.

Lobsang Jamyang (22)

From: former monk of Andu monastery, Ngaba
Protest: 14 January in Ngaba, Sichuan
Status: died on 16 January

Called for Tibetan freedom and long life for the Dalai Lama. Police beat him whilst trying to put out the flames and shot at Tibetans at subsequent protest.



Norbu Damdrul (19)

From: former monk of Kirti monastery
Protest: 15 October 2011 in Ngaba
Status: died in hospital on 5 January

Shouted for freedom for Tibet and for the Dalai Lama to return to Tibet.



Sonam Wangyal (42) aka Sopa Rinpoche

From: Darlag county, Golog TAP, Qinghai
Protest: 8 January 2012 in Darlag
Status: died at scene

Distributed leaflets saying action was "for Tibet and the happiness of Tibetans".



Kelsang Wangchuk (17)

From: Kirti monastery, Ngaba, Sichuan
Protest: 3 October 2011 in Ngaba
Status: in hospital

Held a photo of the Dalai Lama and shouted slogans protesting against Chinese rule.



Tenyi (about 20)

Age: 20 (approx.)

From: Kirti monastery, Ngaba, Sichuan
Protest: 6 January 2012 in Ngaba
Status: died at scene



Tsultrim (about 20)

Age: 20 (approx.)

From: not known (believed to be former monk)
Protest: 6 January 2012 in Ngaba
Status: died on 7 January



Tenyi and Tsultrim set fire to themselves and then ran into the street whilst shouting slogans including, "His Holiness the Dalai Lama must return to Tibet".

Kayang (18)

From: former monk of Kirti monastery
Protest: 7 October 2011 in Ngaba
Status: died on 8 October

Choephel (19)

From: former monk of Kirti monastery
Protest: 7 October 2011 in Ngaba
Status: died on 11 October

Kayang and Choephel protested together, clasping hands and calling for Tibetans to unite and rise up and for the return of the Dalai Lama.



Tenzin Phuntsok (46)

From: Karma monastery, Chamdo, TAR
Protest: 1 December 2011 in Chamdo
Status: died on 6 December in hospital
Shouted slogans and scattered leaflets during his protest. Frustrated by crackdown at Karma monastery.



Lobsang Kunchok (18 or 19)

From: Kirti monastery, Ngaba, Sichuan
Protest: 26 September 2011 in Ngaba
Status: in hospital

Lobsang Kelsang (18 or 19)

From: Kirti monastery, Ngaba, Sichuan
Protest: 26 September 2011 in Ngaba
Status: in hospital

Lobsang Kunchok and Lobsang Kelsang held a joint protest, waving the Tibetan flag, calling for religious freedom and shouting slogans.



Palden Choesang (35)

From: Gaden Choeling nunnery, Tawu, Sichuan
Protest: 3 November 2011 in Tawu
Status: died at the scene
Shouted slogans including "Freedom in Tibet", and "Let the Dalai Lama return to Tibet".



Tsewang Norbu (29)

From: Nyitso monastery, Tawu, Sichuan
Protest: 15 August 2011 in Tawu
Status: died at the scene

Distributed leaflets and shouted "We Tibetan people want freedom" & "Let the Dalai Lama return to Tibet" before self-immolating.



Dawa Tsering (31)

From: Kardze monastery, Kardze, Sichuan
Protest: 25 October 2011 in Kardze
Status: in critical condition

Shouted for the return of the Dalai Lama and for equality and freedom for Tibetan people.



Phuntsok (21)

From: Kirti monastery, Ngaba, Sichuan
Protest: 16 March 2011 in Ngaba
Status: died on 17 March

Immolated himself to mark the third anniversary of the 2008 crackdown at Kirti monastery which resulted in 10 deaths. During his protest he chanted "Long live the Dalai Lama".



Tenzin Wangmo (20)

From: Dechen Choekorling nunnery, Ngaba, Sichuan
Protest: 17 October 2011 in Ngaba
Status: died at the scene

Shouted slogans for the Dalai Lama's return and for religious freedom in Tibet.

