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Personal Details



CECC Record Number	2010-00370	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
Issue Category	eth/spch/rel	Age At Detention	35
Main Name	Kalsang Jinpa	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	格桑金巴(音)	Occupation	writer, essayist
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)	Garmi	Affiliation	
Additional Name(s)		Residence Province	Sichuan Province
Pinyin Name	Gesang Jinba	Residence Prefecture	Aba [Ngaba] Tibetan & Qiang Auto. Pref.
		Residence County	Aba [Ngaba] Cty.

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2010/07/19
Current Prison	Mianyang Prison
Sentence Length (Years)	3
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Sichuan Province
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Mianyang Shi (pref.)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Fucheng Dist.

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg/tri/sent	Formal Arrest Date	
Trial Court	Aba [Ngaba] Intermediate People's Court	Trial Date	2010/10/28
Sentence Court	Aba [Ngaba] Intermediate People's Court	Sentence Date	2010/12/30
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court		Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)			

Short Summary

Based on November 5, 2010, [ICT](#) and [RFA](#) reports, and on [Tibet Post](#) (1 September 10) and [RSF](#) (6 September 10) reports, public security officials in Aba (Ngaba) county, Aba Tibetan and Qiang AP, detained 3 Tibetan contributing editors for the Tibetan-language Eastern Conch Mountain (Shardung Ri) magazine. Officials reportedly accused Rongke (or Jangtse Donkho, poet and writer), detained June 21, Buddha (pen name, employed as a medical doctor), detained June 26, and Kalsang Jinpa (poet and writer), detained July 19, of "inciting splittism" by writing articles about Tibet and the Tibetan protests that began in March 2008. Authorities claimed the articles encouraged Tibetan scholars "to participate in 'splittist' activities." Officials also accused them of writing for the magazine, Drum of the Time (Durab Kyinga). On October 28, 2010, the Aba Intermediate People's Court, in Ma'erkang (Barkham), the prefectural capital, tried the men for "inciting splittism" ([Criminal Law](#), Art. 103). On December 30, the same court sentenced Jangtse Donkho and Buddha to 4 years in prison and Kalsang Jinpa to 3 years ([RFA](#), 30 December 10). Officials transferred them to Mianyang Prison ([RFA](#), 25 January 11).



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Personal Details



CECC Record Number	2010-00369	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
Issue Category	eth/spch/rel	Age At Detention	34
Main Name	Buddha	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist
Chinese Characters (Main Name)		Occupation	doctor
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)		Affiliation	Aba [Ngaba] County Hospital
Additional Name(s)	Bhudha	Residence Province	Sichuan Province
Pinyin Name		Residence Prefecture	Aba [Ngaba] Tibetan & Qiang Auto. Pref.
		Residence County	Aba [Ngaba] Cty.

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2010/06/26
Current Prison	Mianyang Prison
Sentence Length (Years)	4
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Sichuan Province
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Mianyang Shi (pref.)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Fucheng Dist.

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg/tri/sent	Formal Arrest Date	
Trial Court	Aba [Ngaba] Intermediate People's Court	Trial Date	2010/10/28
Sentence Court	Aba [Ngaba] Intermediate People's Court	Sentence Date	2010/12/30
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court		Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)			

Short Summary

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Personal Details



CECC Record Number	2010-00567	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
Issue Category	eth/spch/rel	Age At Detention	32
Main Name	Jangtse Donkho	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	强次顿考(音)	Occupation	writer, essayist
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)	Nyen	Affiliation	
Additional Name(s)	Rongke	Residence Province	Sichuan Province
Pinyin Name	Qiangci Dunkao	Residence Prefecture	Aba [Ngaba] Tibetan & Qiang Auto. Pref.
		Residence County	Aba [Ngaba] Cty.

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2010/06/21
Current Prison	Mianyang Prison
Sentence Length (Years)	4
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Sichuan Province
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Mianyang Shi (pref.)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Fucheng Dist.

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg/tri/sent	Formal Arrest Date	
Trial Court	Aba [Ngaba] Intermediate People's Court	Trial Date	2010/10/28
Sentence Court	Aba [Ngaba] Intermediate People's Court	Sentence Date	2010/12/30
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court		Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)			

Short Summary

Based on November 5, 2010, [ICT](#) and [RFA](#) reports, and on [Tibet Post](#) (1 September 10) and [RSF](#) (6 September 10) reports, public security officials in Aba (Ngaba) county, Aba Tibetan and Qiang AP, detained 3 Tibetan contributing editors for the Tibetan-language Eastern Conch Mountain (Shardung Ri) magazine. Officials reportedly accused Rongke (or Jangtse Donkho, poet and writer), detained June 21, Buddha (pen name, employed as a medical doctor), detained June 26, and Kalsang Jinpa (poet and writer), detained July 19, of "inciting splittism" by writing articles about Tibet and the Tibetan protests that began in March 2008. Authorities claimed the articles encouraged Tibetan scholars "to participate in 'splittist' activities." Officials also accused them of writing for the magazine, Drum of the Time (Durab Kyinga). On October 28, 2010, the Aba Intermediate People's Court, in Ma'erkang (Barkham), the prefectural capital, tried the men for "inciting splittism" ([Criminal Law](#), Art. 103). On December 30, the same court sentenced Jangtse Donkho and Buddha to 4 years in prison and Kalsang Jinpa to 3 years ([RFA](#), 30 December 10). Officials transferred them to Mianyang Prison ([RFA](#), 25 January 11).



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Personal Details



CECC Record Number	2009-00359	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
Issue Category	eth/spch	Age At Detention	
Main Name	Tashi Rabten	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	扎西绕登(音), 扎西热丹	Occupation	student, university
		Affiliation	Northwest University for Nationalities
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)	Te'urang, Tie'erang (铁俄让)	Residence Province	Sichuan Province
Additional Name(s)		Residence Prefecture	Aba [Ngaba] Tibetan & Qiang Auto. Pref.
Pinyin Name	Zhaxi Raodeng, Zhaxi Redan	Residence County	Ma'erkang [Barkham] Cty.

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2010/04/06
Current Prison	Sichuan (general location)
Sentence Length (Years)	4
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Sichuan Province
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	(na)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	(na)

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg/tri/sent	Formal Arrest Date	
Trial Court		Trial Date	
Sentence Court	Aba [Ngaba] Intermediate People's Court	Sentence Date	2011/06/02
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court		Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)	CL97-art103(2)		

Short Summary

Based on April 2010 Voice of Tibet and [Phayul](#) reports, on April 6, 2010, public security officials detained writer and student Tashi Rabten and another student, Druglo, from their rooms at Northwest Minorities' University in Lanzhou city, Gansu province. Police confiscated cell phones, computers, and books. Previously, [RFA](#) and [ICT](#) reported in August 2009 that around July 26, 2009, police detained Tashi Rabten when he visited his family home in Ruo'ergai (Dzoerge) county, Aba (Ngaba) T&QAP; he was released the following month. Tashi Rabten was the editor of a literary magazine, Shar Dungi (Eastern Snow Mountain), which authorities banned, and authored a book, Written in Blood, that focused on issues such as democracy and the wave of Tibetan protests that began in March 2008. He distributed about 400 of 1,000 copies of the book before it was banned. According to Phayul ([20 November 10](#); [4 June 11](#), citing RFA) police held Tashi Rabten in Ma'erkang (Barkham), the Aba prefectural capital, and on June 2, 2011, the Aba Intermediate People's Court sentenced him to 4 years in prison for inciting separatism ([Criminal Law](#), Art. 103). Information is unavailable on his place of imprisonment.



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Personal Details



CECC Record Number	2010-00198	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
Issue Category	eth/spch/enviro	Age At Detention	42
Main Name	Karma Samdrub	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	噶玛桑珠(音)	Occupation	art collector, environmentalist
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)		Affiliation	Qinghai Three River Environmental Protection Assoc.
Additional Name(s)	Karma Samdrub	Residence Province	Tibet [Xizang] Auto. Region
Pinyin Name	Gama Sangzhu	Residence Prefecture	Changdu [Chamdo] Pref.
		Residence County	Gongjue [Gonjo] Cty.

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2010/01/03
Current Prison	Yanqi PSB Det. Ctr?
Sentence Length (Years)	15
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Xinjiang Uyghur Auto. Region
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Bayinguoleng [Bayingolin] Mongol Auto. Pref.
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Yanqi Hui Auto. Cty.

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg/tri/sent	Formal Arrest Date	
Trial Court	Yanqi County People's Court	Trial Date	2010/06/22
Sentence Court	Yanqi County People's Court	Sentence Date	2010/06/24
Appeal Court	Bayinguoleng [Bayingolin] Intermediate People's Court	Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court	Bayinguoleng [Bayingolin] Intermediate People's Court	Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)	CL97-art328		

Short Summary

Based on June 2010 HRW ([1](#), [2](#)), RFA ([1](#), [2](#)), [Reuters](#), and AP (via Phayul, [1](#), [2](#)) reports, on January 3, 2010, security officials detained environmentalist, art collector, and businessman Karma Samdrub in Chengdu, the Sichuan province capital. Officials transferred him to Yanqi Hui Autonomous County, Bayinguoleng Mongol Auto. Prefecture, XUAR, to face trial on 1998 charges of "tomb robbing" and trafficking in cultural relics that were dropped the same year. Persons close to Karma Samdrub, founder of the Three River Environmental Protection Association, believe that police in Changdu prefecture, TAR, hoped to use the old charge to punish him for trying to gain release for his brothers [Rinchen Samdrub](#) and [Chime Namgyal](#), whom Chamdo police detained in August 2009 after they accused police of hunting protected wildlife. On June 22, 2010, the Yanqi People's Court tried Karma Dondrub on the old charges, and on June 24 sentenced him to 15 years in prison for "tomb robbing" ([Criminal Law](#), Article 328). The Bayinguoleng Intermediate People's Court rejected his appeal. Karma Dondrub accused police of torturing and abusing him prior to the trial.



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Personal Details



CECC Record Number	2010-00199	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
Issue Category	eth/spch/enviro/info	Age At Detention	44
Main Name	Rinchen Samdrub	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	仁钦桑珠(音)	Occupation	farmer, environmentalist
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)		Affiliation	Vol. Environ. Protection Assoc. of Kham Anchung Senggenamzong
Additional Name(s)	Rinchen Samdrup	Residence Province	Tibet [Xizang] Auto. Region
Pinyin Name	Renqin Sangzhu	Residence Prefecture	Changdu [Chamdo] Pref.
		Residence County	Gongjue [Gonjo] Cty.

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2009/08/dd
Current Prison	Chamdo Pref. PSB Det. Ctr.
Sentence Length (Years)	5
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Tibet [Xizang] Auto. Region
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Changdu [Chamdo] Pref.
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Changdu [Chamdo] Cty.

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg/tri/sent	Formal Arrest Date	
Trial Court		Trial Date	
Sentence Court	Changdu [Chamdo] Intermediate People's Court	Sentence Date	2010/07/03
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court		Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)	CL97-art103(2)		

Short Summary

Based on a May 2010 Middle Way [blog entry](#) and a June HRW [report](#), in August 2009 public security officials in Gongjue (Gonjo) county, Changdu (Chamdo) prefecture, TAR, detained brothers Rinchen Samdrub and [Chime Namgyal](#) after a local environmental protection group they founded accused local police of hunting protected wildlife species. Both men are brothers of [Karma Samdrub](#). On November 13 the Changdu Reeducation Through Labor Committee ordered Chime Namgyal to serve 1 year and 9 months' RTL for accusations including "harming national security" by illegally gathering information and video material on the local environment. After postponing Rinchen Samdrub's scheduled June 23 trial ([AP](#) via Yahoo, 21 June 10), the Changdu (Chamdo) Intermediate People's Court sentenced him on July 3 to five years in prison for "inciting splittism" ([Criminal Law](#), Article 103(2)), according to a Reuters [report](#) citing his lawyer, Xia Jun. According to a BBC [report](#) citing Xia, officials accused Rinchen Samdrub of "posting a pro-Dalai Lama article on his website," but he denied posting the article himself.



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Personal Details



CECC Record Number	2009-00206	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
Issue Category	eth/rel/spch	Age At Detention	
Main Name	Kunga Tseyang	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist (Gelug)
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	贡噶次央(音), 贡噶擦央(音)	Occupation	monk, writer
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)	Gangnyi	Affiliation	Labrang Tashikhyil Mon.
Additional Name(s)	Kunga Tsayang	Residence Province	Gansu Province
Pinyin Name	Gongga Ciyang, Gongga Cayang	Residence Prefecture	Gannan [Kanlho] Tibetan Auto. Pref.
		Residence County	Xiahe [Sangchu] Cty.

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2009/03/17
Current Prison	Lanzhou? (general location)
Sentence Length (Years)	5
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Gansu Province
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Lanzhou Shi (pref.)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	(na)

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg/tri-close/sent	Formal Arrest Date	
Trial Court		Trial Date	
Sentence Court	Gannan [Kanlho] Intermediate People's Court	Sentence Date	2009/11/12
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court		Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)			

Short Summary

According to a March 2009 TCHRD report, on March 17, 2009, public security officials detained monk Kunga Tseyang at his residence in Labrang Tashikhyil Monastery, located in Xiahe (Sangchu) county, Gannan (Kanlho) TAP, Gansu province. Authorities suspected him of writing political essays and posting them on a Tibetan-language Website (Zindri, "Jottings"). Police had monitored Kunga Tseyang for "some time" but he was often away from the monastery traveling. TCHRD described Kunga Tseyang as "a passionate writer, essayist, chronicler, and an amateur photographer" who used the pen name Gangnyi (Son of Snowland). He hailed from Jiuzhi (Chigdril) county, Guoluo (Golog) TAP, Qinghai province, and had traveled in Tibetan and other areas China. The Gannan Intermediate People's Court sentenced Kunga Tseyang in a closed trial on November 12, 2009, to 5 years in prison for "disclosing state secrets," TCHRD reported in November 2009. No information is available about his place of imprisonment.



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Personal Details



CECC Record Number	2009-00128	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
Issue Category	eth/info/spch	Age At Detention	39
Main Name	Konchog Tsephel	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	贡觉次白, 贡却才培(音)	Occupation	Internet, Web site operator
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)		Affiliation	Chomei (Web site)
Additional Name(s)	Kunchok Tsephel	Residence Province	Gansu Province
Pinyin Name	Gongjue Cibai, Gongque Caipei	Residence Prefecture	Gannan [Kanlho] Tibetan Auto. Pref.
		Residence County	Maqu [Machu] Cty.

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2009/02/26
Current Prison	Lanzhou? (general location)
Sentence Length (Years)	15
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Gansu Province
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Lanzhou Shi (pref.)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	(na)

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg/tri-close/sent	Formal Arrest Date	
Trial Court		Trial Date	
Sentence Court	Gannan [Kanlho] Intermediate People's Court	Sentence Date	2009/11/12
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court		Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)			

Short Summary

According to a TCHRD report ([7 March 09](#)), on February 26, 2009, public security officials detained Konchog Tsephel from his home in Maqu (Machu) county, Gannan (Kanlho) TAP, Gansu province. He operated a Tibetan-language Web site, Chomei (The Lamp), that he and a Tibetan poet established in 2005 and that featured Tibetan cultural content. Officials searched his home, confiscated his computer, and took him to a detention center in Gannan. After a closed trial, the Gannan Intermediate People's Court sentenced Konchog Tsephel on November 12, 2009, to 15 years in prison for disclosing state secrets ([Criminal Law](#), Art. 111), according to an ICT report ([16 November 09](#)). Information is unavailable on his prison location. The Tibetan writer Woeser said in a Middle Way blog entry (Chinese, [19 December 09](#)) that he published essays on the 2008 Tibetan protests and "oppression of Tibetans" during the protests. From 1989 to 1994 Konchog Tsephel visited India and attended a Tibetan-run school for 3 years; he attended universities in Beijing and Lanzhou city, Gansu's capital, from 1996 to 1999. Gansu PSB officials detained him for 2 months in 1995 and allegedly tortured him under interrogation.



Personal Details



CECC Record Number	2010-00429	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	DET	Sex	F
Issue Category	eth/spch	Age At Detention	
Main Name	Lhamo Kyab	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	拉姆加(音)	Occupation	teacher, primary
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)		Affiliation	school (primary)
Additional Name(s)		Residence Province	Tibet [Xizang] Auto. Region
Pinyin Name	Lamujia	Residence Prefecture	Naqu [Nagchu] Pref.
		Residence County	Biru [Driru] Cty.

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2008/06/dd
Current Prison	Lhasa (general location)
Sentence Length (Years)	15
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Tibet [Xizang] Auto. Region
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Lasa [Lhasa] Shi (pref.)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Lasa [Lhasa] Shi Muni. Urb. Area (cty.)

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg?/tri?/sent	Formal Arrest Date	
Trial Court		Trial Date	
Sentence Court		Sentence Date	2010/01/dd
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court		Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)			

Short Summary

According to a Tibetan government-in-exile report ([15 May 10](#)), in mid-2008, officials allegedly from China's "intelligence bureau" (state security bureau) detained Lhamo Kyab, a teacher since 1982, from a primary school in Biru (Driru) county, Naqu (Nagchu) prefecture, TAR. She had begun teaching at the school three days prior to detention. Officials reportedly covered her head, took her to her residence in Nagchu, the prefectural capital, searched her home, then took her to a "secret" detention center in Sangyib, a Tibetan name referring to the general location of the TAR Detention Center, located in Lhasa city. (A November 2009 view of the rebuilt TAR Detention Center is available on [Google Earth](#) at these coordinates: 29 41'24.96" N, 91 09'30.37" E.) Authorities interrogated her about "alleged involvement in political activities." In January 2010, approximately one-and-a-half years after detention, a court sentenced Lhamo Kyab to 15 years in prison. Information is not available about the court, the criminal charge against her, or the location of the prison where she is serving her sentence.



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Personal Details



CECC Record Number	2008-00301	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
Issue Category	eth/rel	Age At Detention	51
Main Name	Phurbu Tsering	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist (Gelug)
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	瀑布次仁(音)	Occupation	trulku
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)		Affiliation	Pangri Nun., Kardze Gepheling Mon.
Additional Name(s)	Buruna, Buronglang, Pangrina, Panrina	Residence Province	Sichuan Province
Pinyin Name	Pubu Ciren	Residence Prefecture	Ganzi [Kardze] Tibetan Auto. Pref.
		Residence County	Ganzi [Kardze] Cty.

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2008/05/18
Current Prison	Kardze Pref. PSB Det. Ctr.
Sentence Length (Years)	8
Sentence Length (Months)	6
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Sichuan Province
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Ganzi [Kardze] Tibetan Auto. Pref.
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Kangding [Dartsedo] Cty.

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg/tri/sent	Formal Arrest Date	
Trial Court	Ganzi [Kardze] Intermediate People's Court	Trial Date	2009/04/21
Sentence Court	Ganzi [Kardze] Intermediate People's Court	Sentence Date	2009/12/23
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court		Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)			

Short Summary

Based on TCHRD and ICT reports, on May 14, 2008, at least 50 Pangri Nunnery nuns staged a protest march to government offices in Ganzi (Kardze) county, Ganzi TAP, Sichuan province. The nuns, angered by patriotic education and demands to denounce the Dalai Lama, called for Tibetan independence and the Dalai Lama's return. PSB and PAP detained the nuns, beating some. On May 18, officials detained Pangri's head and founder, Phurbu Tsering Rinpoche, considered a reincarnated Tibetan Buddhist teacher. NYT reported the Ganzi Intermediate People's Court put Phurbu Tsering on trial on April 21, 2009, for illegal weapons possession and embezzlement, charges lawyer Jiang Tianyong said were baseless and "politically motivated." Lawyer Li Fanping told AP in April that a pistol and cartridges allegedly found under Phurbu Tsering's bed weren't sourced or checked for finger prints. The court sentenced Phurbu Tsering on December 23, 2009, to 8 years and 6 months in prison, TCHRD and BBC reported.



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Personal Details

	CECC Record Number	2008-00284	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
	Detention Status	DET	Sex	F
	Issue Category	eth/rel/spch/assoc	Age At Detention	35
	Main Name	Sonam Lhatso	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist (Gelug)
	Chinese Characters (Main Name)	索郎拉措(音)	Occupation	nun (Buddhist)
	Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)		Affiliation	Pangri Nun.
	Additional Name(s)	Soe Lhatso	Residence Province	Sichuan Province
	Pinyin Name	Suolang Lacuo	Residence Prefecture	Ganzi [Kardze] Tibetan Auto. Pref.
			Residence County	Ganzi [Kardze] Cty.

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2008/05/14
Current Prison	Chengdu (general location)
Sentence Length (Years)	10
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Sichuan Province
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Chengdu Shi (pref.)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	(na)

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg?/tri?/sent?	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	
Charge (Statute)			

Short Summary

According to TCHRD and ICT, on May 14, 2008, more than 50 nuns of Pangri Nunnery, located in Ganzi (Kardze) county, Ganzi TAP, Sichuan province, set out on a protest march to the county government offices, about 2 km away. They shouted slogans calling for Tibetan independence, the Dalai Lama's return to Tibet, and the Dalai Lama's long life. PSB officials and PAP detained the nuns en route and beat some nuns severely. On May 18, officials detained Phurbu Tsering, the Tibetan reincarnated teacher who headed the nunnery. Aggressive patriotic education campaigns and demands by officials that the nuns denounce the Dalai Lama had angered the nuns, as well as government claims that the Dalai Lama "masterminded" the Tibetan protests following March 10. TCHRD reported in February 2009 that a court had sentenced Sonam Lhatso ("Soe Lhatso") on an unknown date to 10 years in prison. She is held in a prison 140 km from Chengdu city. No information is available about the charge against her.



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Personal Details



CECC Record Number	2009-00023	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	DET	Sex	F
Issue Category	eth/spch/info	Age At Detention	35
Main Name	Norzin Wangmo	Religion	
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	诺增旺姆(音)	Occupation	CCP, cadre
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)		Affiliation	Judicial Bureau (county-level)
Additional Name(s)	Walza Norzin Wangmo	Residence Province	Sichuan Province
Pinyin Name	Nuozeng Wangmu	Residence Prefecture	Aba [Ngaba] Tibetan & Qiang Auto. Pref.
		Residence County	Heishui [Trochu] Cty.

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2008/04/dd
Current Prison	Chengdu Women's Prison
Sentence Length (Years)	5
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Sichuan Province
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Chengdu Shi (pref.)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Longquanyi Dist.

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg?/tri?/sent	Formal Arrest Date	
Trial Court		Trial Date	
Sentence Court		Sentence Date	2008/11/03
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court		Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)			

Short Summary

Based on a November 2008 International Campaign for Tibet [report](#), a December 2008 International Federation for Human Rights report ([reprinted](#) on the Web site of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees), and a December 2008 Free Tibet Campaign [report](#), security officials detained Communist Party cadre Norzin Wangmo in April 2008 for sending emails and making phone calls abroad about "the situation in Tibet" (a reference to the wave of Tibetan protests and detentions that began in March 2008). Authorities reportedly tortured her after detaining her. Norzin Wangmo, the mother of two children, lived in Heishui (Trochu) county, located in Aba Tibetan and Qiang Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan province, where she worked for the Heishui Judicial Bureau. A court (probably the Aba Intermediate People's Court) sentenced her to five years' imprisonment on November 3. She reportedly was charged with "splittism" and transferred to the Chengdu Women's Prison, located in Longquanyi district, Chengdu city. Family members have been permitted to visit her.



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Personal Details

	CECC Record Number	2010-00354	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
	Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
	Issue Category	eth/assoc/spch	Age At Detention	
	Main Name	Tenzin Choedrag	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist
	Chinese Characters (Main Name)	丹增曲扎(音), 旦增曲扎(音), 旦曲(音)	Occupation	NGO, development
	Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)	Tenchoe	Affiliation	Panam Integrated Rural Development Project
	Additional Name(s)	Tenzin Choedrak	Residence Province	Tibet [Xizang] Auto. Region
	Pinyin Name	Danzeng Quzha, Danqu	Residence Prefecture	Lasa [Lhasa] Shi (pref.)
		Residence County	Lasa [Lhasa] Chengguan Dist.	

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2008/04/dd
Current Prison	Qushui Prison (Chushur)
Sentence Length (Years)	15
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Tibet [Xizang] Auto. Region
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Lasa [Lhasa] Shi (pref.)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Qushui [Chushur] Cty.

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg?/tri?/sent	Formal Arrest Date	2008/04/13
Trial Court		Trial Date	
Sentence Court	Lasa [Lhasa] Intermediate People's Court	Sentence Date	2008/09/25
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court		Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)			

Short Summary

Based on Guchusum ([13 October 09](#)), TCHRD ([October 2009](#)), and TGiE ([20 June 08](#), [12 October 09](#)) reports, and on Dui Hua citing information including a November 4, 2008, Voice of Tibet report on sentencing, in April 2008 public security officials in Lhasa, TAR, detained Tenzin Choedrag (Tenchoe) for alleged involvement in pro-independence protests in Lhasa the previous March. Reports did not link Tenchoe to violent activity in Lhasa on March 14. Authorities formally arrested him on April 13, 2008. The Lhasa Intermediate People's Court sentenced him on September 25, 2008, to 15 years in prison. Information is not available on the criminal charge(s) against him. Officials transferred him to Qushui (Chushur) Prison to serve hard labor. Authorities may have treated Tenchoe's case as more "serious" because his father "participated in political activities" in Lhasa until he fled to India in 1993 (TCHRD, Guchusum). Tenchoe attended a school in India run by Tibetans in exile and returned to Lhasa in 2003 at age 16. In the TAR he worked for the "Panam Integrated Rural Development Project," set up under "an agreement between the European Union and the Chinese Ministry of Commerce" (TCHRD).



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Personal Details



CECC Record Number	2010-00443	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
Issue Category	eth/rel/assoc	Age At Detention	49
Main Name	Jampal Wangchug	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist (Gelug)
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	江白旺珠(音)	Occupation	monk, disciplinarian
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)	Tsephel	Affiliation	Drepung Mon.
Additional Name(s)	Jampel Wangchug	Residence Province	Tibet [Xizang] Auto. Region
Pinyin Name	Jiangbai Wangzhu	Residence Prefecture	Lasa [Lhasa] Shi (pref.)
		Residence County	Lasa [Lhasa] Shi Muni. Urb. Area (cty.)

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2008/04/11
Current Prison	Lhasa? (general location)
Sentence Length (Years)	20
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Tibet [Xizang] Auto. Region
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Lasa [Lhasa] Shi (pref.)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	(na)

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg?/tri?/sent?	Formal Arrest Date	
Trial Court		Trial Date	
Sentence Court	Lasa [Lhasa] Intermediate People's Court	Sentence Date	2010/06/dd
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court		Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)			

Short Summary

According to a TCHRD report ([7 October 10](#)), on April 11, 2008, public security officials in Lhasa city, the Tibet Autonomous Region capital, detained monks Jampal Wangchug and [Konchog Nyima](#) from Drepung Monastery, where Jampal Wangchug served as the monastic disciplinarian. Police reportedly suspected that they were involved in protest activity in Lhasa in March. The TCHRD report implied, but did not state, that the monks participated in a peaceful March 10, 2008, protest march by 350 Drepung monks. (Rioting erupted in Lhasa on March 14.) In June 2010, the Lhasa Intermediate People's Court sentenced Jampal Wangchug to life imprisonment and Konchog Nyima to 20 years in prison, according to the report. No information is available on the criminal charge(s) against the monks, their place of imprisonment, or their location during the more than two-year period between detention and sentencing. Qushui Prison is the main TAR prison. RFA ([10 March 08](#)) and Xinhua (16 March 08, translated in [OSC](#), 17 March 08) reported on the March 10 Drepung protest. The Xinhua report claimed that "more than 300" monks attempted to "move into the downtown area of Lhasa to create incidents."



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Personal Details



CECC Record Number	2008-00688	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	DET	Sex	F
Issue Category	eth/info	Age At Detention	57
Main Name	Yeshe Choedron	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	益西曲珍	Occupation	doctor, retired
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)		Affiliation	
Additional Name(s)		Residence Province	Tibet [Xizang] Auto. Region
Pinyin Name	Yixi Quzhen	Residence Prefecture	Lasa [Lhasa] Shi (pref.)
		Residence County	Lasa [Lhasa] Chengguan Dist.

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2008/03/dd
Current Prison	TAR Prison (Drapchi)
Sentence Length (Years)	15
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Tibet [Xizang] Auto. Region
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Lasa [Lhasa] Shi (pref.)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Lasa [Lhasa] Shi Muni. Urb. Area (cty.)

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg/tri-open/sent	Formal Arrest Date	
Trial Court	Lasa [Lhasa] Intermediate People's Court	Trial Date	
Sentence Court	Lasa [Lhasa] Intermediate People's Court	Sentence Date	2008/11/07
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court		Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)	CL97-art110		

Short Summary

According to the Lhasa Evening News (LEN), a Communist Party newspaper, on November 7, 2008, the Lhasa People's Intermediate Court sentenced Yeshe Choedron to 15 years' imprisonment for allegedly providing "intelligence and information harmful to the security and interests of the state" to "the Dalai clique's security department" [part of the India-based Tibetan government-in-exile]. The case was related to the March 14 protests and rioting in Lhasa, the capital of the TAR, the LEN report said. The court convicted Yeshe Choedron of "espionage" (Criminal Law, Art. 110), and claimed that the TGIE "assigned" her a task and provided her with "financial aid." The report did not provide any details her date of detention, the evidence against her, or her access to legal defense. Yeshe Choedron, a retired medical doctor, may have been detained as early as March 2008. She is imprisoned in TAR Prison, located in Lhasa, based on information from official Chinese sources in the Dui Hua Official Registry.



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Personal Details



CECC Record Number	2008-00586	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
Issue Category	eth/spch	Age At Detention	33
Main Name	Dondrub Wangchen	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	顿珠旺钦(音)	Occupation	filmmaker, documentary
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)		Affiliation	
Additional Name(s)		Residence Province	[foreign]
Pinyin Name	Dunzhu Wangqin	Residence Prefecture	(na)
		Residence County	(na)

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2008/03/26
Current Prison	Xichuan Prison
Sentence Length (Years)	6
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Qinghai Province
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Xining [Ziling] Shi (pref.)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Chengxi Dist.

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg/tri/sent	Formal Arrest Date	
Trial Court	Xining Intermediate People's Court	Trial Date	
Sentence Court	Xining Intermediate People's Court	Sentence Date	2009/12/28
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court		Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)			

Short Summary

According to a September 2008 [RSF](#) report and information on the [Filming for Tibet](#) Web site, security officials detained Dondrub Wangchen and assistant Jigme Gyatso in March 2008 after they completed Leaving Fear Behind, a documentary featuring Tibetans in Qinghai province expressing views on the Dalai Lama, the Olympic Games, and Chinese law. Police detained Dondrub Wangchen on March 26 in Tongde county, Hainan TAP, Qinghai, and Labrang Tashikhyil monk Jigme Gyatso on March 23 in Linxia city, Gansu province. The men filmed 108 Tibetans; most spoke openly on camera. The film left China before police detained the men. The documentary, featuring 20 speakers, opened in August 2008. [RFA](#) reported in July 2009 that officials barred lawyer Li Donyong from representing Dondrub Wangchen; [HRW](#) reported that he was charged with "inciting separatism." The Xining Intermediate People's Court sentenced Dondrub Wangchen on December 28, 2009, to 6 years in prison for splittism ([RFA](#), 6 January 10); his family intended to appeal. Authorities transferred him to Xichuan Prison in Xining city, Qinghai Province ([Filming for Tibet](#), 19 May 10).



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Personal Details



CECC Record Number	2009-00341	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
Issue Category	eth/rel/spch/assoc	Age At Detention	31
Main Name	Thabkhe Gyatso	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist (Gelug)
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	塔开加措(音)	Occupation	monk (Buddhist)
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)		Affiliation	Labrang Tashikhyil Mon.
Additional Name(s)		Residence Province	Gansu Province
Pinyin Name	Takai Jiacao	Residence Prefecture	Gannan [Kanlho] Tibetan Auto. Pref.
		Residence County	Xiahe [Sangchu] Cty.

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2008/03/22
Current Prison	Lanzhou (general location)
Sentence Length (Years)	15
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Gansu Province
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Lanzhou Shi (pref.)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	(na)

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg/tri/sent	Formal Arrest Date	2008/04/29
Trial Court		Trial Date	
Sentence Court	Gannan [Kanlho] Intermediate People's Court	Sentence Date	2009/05/21
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court		Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)	CL97-art103(1)		

Short Summary

According to May 2009 TCHRD reports, on May 22, 2008, PSB officials in Zhouqu (Drugchu) county, Gannan (Kanlho) TAP, Gansu province, detained monk Tsultrim Gyatso of Labrang Tashikhyil Monastery, in Xiahe (Sangchu) county, Gannan TAP, for taking part in a March 15, 2008, political protest in the Xiahe county seat. Police detained Tashikhyil monk Thabkhe Gyatso for taking part in the same protest. On May 21, 2009, the Gannan Intermediate People's Court sentenced Tsultrim Gyatso to life imprisonment and Thabkhe Gyatso to 15 years in prison for "endangering state security," TCHRD said. RFA reported in July 2009 that officials barred Beijing-based lawyer Li Fangping from providing legal counsel to the monks. RFA reported in March 2010, based on Thabkhe Gyatso's official verdict document, that he protested on March 14, 2008, was detained on March 22, and was sentenced for "splittism" under Art. 103 of China's Criminal Law. No information is available about the monks' place of imprisonment.



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Personal Details

CECC Record Number	2009-00065	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
Issue Category	eth/rel/spch/assoc	Age At Detention	
Main Name	Tenzin Buchung	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	旦增普穹(音)	Occupation	monk (Buddhist)
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)		Affiliation	Langthang Mon. (visiting Samye Mon.)
Additional Name(s)		Residence Province	Tibet [Xizang] Auto. Region
Pinyin Name	Danzeng Puqiong	Residence Prefecture	Shannan [Lhokha] Pref.
		Residence County	Zhanang [Dranang] Cty.

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2008/03/15
Current Prison	Qushui Prison? (Chushur)
Sentence Length (Years)	15
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Tibet [Xizang] Auto. Region
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Lasa [Lhasa] Shi (pref.)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Qushui [Chushur] Cty.

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg?/tri?/sent	Formal Arrest Date	
Trial Court		Trial Date	
Sentence Court	Shannan [Lhokha] Intermediate People's Court	Sentence Date	2008/mm/dd
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court		Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)			

Short Summary

According to a February 2009 TCHRD report, on March 15, 2008, an unspecified number of monks joined by "hundreds" of other Tibetans staged a peaceful protest near government offices in Sangye (Samye) township, Zhanang (Dranang) county, Shannan (Lhokha) prefecture, TAR. Protesters shouted slogans calling for the Dalai Lama's return to Tibet and respect for human rights, including freedom of religion. Public security officials detained an unspecified number of persons including 5 Samye Monastery monks (Gyaltzen, Nyima Tashi, Phuntsog, Tenzin Dawa, and Rigden), and 4 "scripture masters" (Tenzin Buchung, Tenzin Zoepa, Geleg, and Ngawang Tenzin) who hailed from other monasteries but were visiting Samye Monastery. The Shannan Intermediate People's Court in May or June sentenced the monks to terms of 2-15 years' imprisonment. Information is not available about charges against them or their place of imprisonment. The court sentenced Tenzin Buchung of Langthang Monastery to 15 years in prison.



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Personal Details



CECC Record Number	2004-00243	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
Issue Category	eth/spch/rel	Age At Detention	
Main Name	Wangdu	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	旺堆	Occupation	activist
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)		Affiliation	
Additional Name(s)		Residence Province	Tibet [Xizang] Auto. Region
Pinyin Name	Wangdui	Residence Prefecture	Lasa [Lhasa] Shi (pref.)
		Residence County	Lasa [Lhasa] Shi Muni. Urb. Area (cty.)

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2008/03/14
Current Prison	TAR Prison (Drapchi)
Sentence Length (Years)	20
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Tibet [Xizang] Auto. Region
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Lasa [Lhasa] Shi (pref.)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Lasa [Lhasa] Shi Muni. Urb. Area (cty.)

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg/tri-open/sent	Formal Arrest Date	
Trial Court	Lasa [Lhasa] Intermediate People's Court	Trial Date	
Sentence Court	Lasa [Lhasa] Intermediate People's Court	Sentence Date	2008/10/27
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court		Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)	CL97-art110		

Short Summary

According to TCHRD reports, PSB officials detained HIV/AIDS activist Wangdu on March 14, 2008, the day protests and rioting erupted in Lhasa. The Lhasa Evening News reported on November 8 that on October 27 the Lhasa Intermediate People's Court sentenced Wangdu to life imprisonment for "espionage," claiming that he established a group that included Migmar Dondrub, Phuntsog Dorje, and Tsewang Dorje to distribute material to incite a "Tibetan people's uprising" and to collect "intelligence" that touched on "the security and interests of the nation." According to official Chinese information, Wangdu is imprisoned in TAR Prison (Drapchi). According to TIN database information, Wangdu served 8 years in prison after detention on March 8, 1989, the day martial law took effect in Lhasa after 3 days of protest and rioting. His 3-year sentence to RTL was extended to 8 years' imprisonment after he and 10 other political prisoners signed a petition stating that the 1951 17 Point Agreement was forced on an independent Tibet. Prior to the 1989 detention Wangdu was a Jokhang Temple monk.



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Personal Details

CECC Record Number	2008-00114	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
Issue Category	eth/rel/spch/assoc	Age At Detention	30
Main Name	Lodroe	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	洛珠, 洛追	Occupation	monk (Buddhist)
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)	Sonam Lodroe?	Affiliation	Dza Bonpo Mon. (visiting Sera Mon.)
Additional Name(s)		Residence Province	Tibet [Xizang] Auto. Region
Pinyin Name	Luozhu, Luozhui	Residence Prefecture	Lasa [Lhasa] Shi (pref.)
		Residence County	Lasa [Lhasa] Chengguan Dist.

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2008/03/10
Current Prison	Qushui Prison (Chushur)
Sentence Length (Years)	10
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Tibet [Xizang] Auto. Region
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Lasa [Lhasa] Shi (pref.)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Qushui [Chushur] Cty.

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg/tri?/sent	Formal Arrest Date	2008/03/24
Trial Court		Trial Date	
Sentence Court	Lasa [Lhasa] Intermediate People's Court	Sentence Date	2008/04/dd
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court		Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)			

Short Summary

According RFA and TCHRD reports, a group of 11-16 Tibetans, all or mostly monks from monasteries outside the TAR but studying temporarily at Sera Monastery in Lhasa, staged a political protest on Lhasa's Barkor street on March 10, 2008, the anniversary of the 1959 Lhasa uprising. The protestors shouted slogans and waved flags. Security personnel detained and reportedly beat the protestors. According to an official Chinese report, the group included 15 protestors of whom the Lhasa Procuratorate formally arrested 13 on March 24 on charges of unlawful assembly. The report named Lodroe as the group's leader; he was the first to hold up a Tibetan flag. Monk Lodroe of Dza Bonpo Monastery, located in Shiqu (Sershul) county in Ganzi (Kardze) TAP, Sichuan province, may have faced a charge of "splittism." The TGIE reported in May 2009 that a Lhasa court sentenced Lodroe to 10 years in prison. Phayul reported in August 2009 that Lodroe was sentenced in April 2008 and is held in Qushui Prison.



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Personal Details

CECC Record Number	2007-00082	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
Issue Category	eth/spch	Age At Detention	32
Main Name	Jamyang Kunkhyen	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist (Gelug)
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	江央贡臣(音)	Occupation	teacher, middle
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)		Affiliation	Lithang Middle School
Additional Name(s)	Kunkhyen, Kunchen	Residence Province	Sichuan Province
Pinyin Name	Jiangyang Gongchen	Residence Prefecture	Ganzi [Kardze] Tibetan Auto. Pref.
		Residence County	Litang [Lithang] Cty.

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2007/08/22
Current Prison	Kardze Pref. PSB Det. Ctr.
Sentence Length (Years)	9
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Sichuan Province
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Ganzi [Kardze] Tibetan Auto. Pref.
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Kangding [Dartsedo] Cty.

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg/tri/sent	Formal Arrest Date	
Trial Court		Trial Date	
Sentence Court	Ganzi [Kardze] Intermediate People's Court	Sentence Date	2007/11/20
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court		Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)	CL97-art103(2)/CL97-art110		

Short Summary

According to an RFA report, on August 22, 2007, security officials in Lithang (Litang) county (Ganzi TAP, Sichuan province) detained school teacher Jamyang Kunkhyen (Kunkhyen) after they searched his house. The detention may have been linked to Kunkhyen's possession of a camera at an incident at a horse-racing festival on August 1, when Ronggye Adrag climbed onto a stage where officials would speak and, according to RFA, ICT, and TCHRD reports, shouted slogans calling for the Dalai Lama's return to Tibet, freedom of religion, the release of Gedun Choekyi Nyima (the Panchen Lama identified by the Dalai Lama), Tenzin Deleg (a Buddhist teacher from the same area imprisoned in 2002 on charges of splittism and involvement in bombings), and Tibetan independence. Xinhua reported that the Ganzi Intermediate People's Court sentenced Kunkhyen and Ronggye Adrag's nephew Adrag Lopoe on November 20 to 9 years and 10 years imprisonment respectively on charges of espionage and inciting splittism.



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Personal Details

CECC Record Number	2007-00069	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
Issue Category	eth/rel/spch	Age At Detention	45
Main Name	Adrug Lupoe	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist (Gelug)
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	阿珠禄波(音)	Occupation	monk (Buddhist)
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)		Affiliation	Lithang Mon.
Additional Name(s)	Lopoe, Adruk Lopoe, Adrak Lopoe, Adrag Lopoe	Residence Province	Sichuan Province
Pinyin Name	Azhu Lubo	Residence Prefecture	Ganzi [Kardze] Tibetan Auto. Pref.
		Residence County	Litang [Lithang] Cty.

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2007/08/21
Current Prison	Kardze Pref. PSB Det. Ctr.
Sentence Length (Years)	10
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Sichuan Province
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Ganzi [Kardze] Tibetan Auto. Pref.
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Kangding [Dartsedo] Cty.

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg/tri/sent	Formal Arrest Date	
Trial Court		Trial Date	
Sentence Court	Ganzi [Kardze] Intermediate People's Court	Sentence Date	2007/11/20
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court		Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)	CL97-art103(2)/CL97-art110		

Short Summary

According to TCHRD and ICT reports, on August 21, 2007, security officials in Lithang (Litang) county (Ganzi TAP, Sichuan province) detained Adrug Lupoe (Lopoe), Adrug Gyatso, and Adrug Nyima, nephews of Ronggye Adrag (Ronggye A'drak). Ronggye Adrag climbed onto a stage where officials would speak and, according to the reports, shouted slogans calling for the Dalai Lama's return to Tibet, freedom of religion, the release of Gedun Choekyi Nyima (the Panchen Lama identified by the Dalai Lama), Tenzin Deleg (a Buddhist teacher from the same area imprisoned in 2002 on charges of splittism and involvement in bombings), and Tibetan independence. Police detained Adrug Gyatso and Adrug Nyima at their homes, then detained Adrug Lupoe, a Lithang Monastery monk who sought his uncle's release, when he arrived at the police station. Xinhua reported that the Ganzi Intermediate People's Court sentenced Adrag Lopoe on November 20 to 10 years in prison on charges of espionage and inciting splittism.



Personal Details



CECC Record Number	2007-00066	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
Issue Category	eth/rel/spch	Age At Detention	52
Main Name	Ronggye Adrag	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	荣吉阿扎(音)	Occupation	herder
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)		Affiliation	Yonru clan, nomadic herders
Additional Name(s)	Ronggyal Adrag, Runggye Adak, Ronggye A'drak	Residence Province	Sichuan Province
Pinyin Name	Rongji Azha	Residence Prefecture	Ganzi [Kardze] Tibetan Auto. Pref.
		Residence County	Litang [Lithang] Cty.

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2007/08/01
Current Prison	Mianyang Prison
Sentence Length (Years)	8
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Sichuan Province
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Mianyang Shi (pref.)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Fucheng Dist.

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg/tri/sent	Formal Arrest Date	2007/08/25
Trial Court	Ganzi [Kardze] Intermediate People's Court	Trial Date	2007/10/29
Sentence Court	Ganzi [Kardze] Intermediate People's Court	Sentence Date	2007/11/20
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court		Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)	CL97-art103(2)		

Short Summary

Based on August 2, 2007, [TCHRD](#), [ICT](#), and [RFA](#) reports and an August 3 Xinhua report ([China Daily](#), 3 August 07), public security officials detained 52 year-old Tibetan nomad Ronggye Adrag (Runggye Adak) on August 1, 2007, at a horse-racing festival in Litang county, Ganzi TAP, Sichuan province. Ronggye Adrag climbed onto a stage where officials would speak and, speaking into the microphone, called for the Dalai Lama's return to Tibet, freedom of religion, the releases of Gedun Choekyi Nyima (the Panchen Lama identified by the Dalai Lama) and Tenzin Deleg (a Buddhist teacher from the same area imprisoned in 2002 on charges of splittism and involvement in a series of bombings), and Tibetan independence. Xinhua reported that Ronggye Adrag intended to "separate the country and harm national unity." The Ganzi Intermediate People's Court convicted him on October 29 ([RFA](#), 30 October 07) and sentenced him on November 20 to 8 years in prison for "inciting splittism" ([Xinhua](#), 20 November 07). Relatives' [attempts to appeal](#) his sentence and three relatives sentenced with him were unsuccessful. An August 2010 ICT [report](#) provides subtitled video of Ronggye Adrag speaking at the festival.



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Personal Details



CECC Record Number	2004-00188	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
Issue Category	eth/rel	Age At Detention	44
Main Name	Sonam Gyalpo	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist (Gelug)
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	索郎杰布(音)	Occupation	vendor, clothing
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)		Affiliation	
Additional Name(s)		Residence Province	Tibet [Xizang] Auto. Region
Pinyin Name	Suolang Jiebu	Residence Prefecture	Lasa [Lhasa] Shi (pref.)
		Residence County	Lasa [Lhasa] Shi Muni. Urb. Area (cty.)

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2005/08/28
Current Prison	Qushui Prison (Chushur)
Sentence Length (Years)	12
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Tibet [Xizang] Auto. Region
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Lasa [Lhasa] Shi (pref.)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Qushui [Chushur] Cty.

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg/tri/sent-app	Formal Arrest Date	
Trial Court		Trial Date	
Sentence Court	Lasa [Lhasa] Intermediate People's Court	Sentence Date	2006/06/09
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court	Tibet Autonomous Region High People's Court	Appeal Ruling Date	2006/10/17
Sent. Ends Per PRC	2017/08/27	Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)	CL97-art110		

Short Summary

According to a TibetInfoNet report, tailor Sonam Gyalpo was one of about 10 Tibetans detained before the 40th anniversary of the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR) on September 1, 2005. State security officials searched his Lhasa home on August 28 and found photos and videotapes of the Dalai Lama and printed matter. According to Dui Hua Dialogue, the Lhasa Intermediate People's Court sentenced him on June 9, 2006, to 12 years in prison for espionage. The TAR High People's Court rejected Sonam Gyalpo's appeal on October 17, 2006, based on information from official Chinese sources in the Dui Hua Official Registry. Sonam Gyalpo is held in Qushui Prison. He was detained in September 1987 after the protest march led by Drepung monks that initiated the current period of Tibetan unrest, and sentenced to three years in prison for supporting the monks and putting up posters. In 1993, police detained him near the TAR-Nepal border as he returned from an undocumented trip to India and held him for about one year, apparently without charge.



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Personal Details



CECC Record Number	2006-00096	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
Issue Category	eth/spch	Age At Detention	29
Main Name	Drolma Kyab	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	卓玛加(音)	Occupation	teacher, middle
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)	Lobsang Kelsang Gyatso	Affiliation	
Additional Name(s)	Dolma Kyab	Residence Province	Tibet [Xizang] Auto. Region
Pinyin Name	Zhuomajia	Residence Prefecture	Lasa [Lhasa] Shi (pref.)
		Residence County	Lasa [Lhasa] Shi Muni. Urb. Area (cty.)

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2005/03/09
Current Prison	Qushui Prison (Chushur)
Sentence Length (Years)	10
Sentence Length (Months)	6
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Tibet [Xizang] Auto. Region
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Lasa [Lhasa] Shi (pref.)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Qushui [Chushur] Cty.

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg/tri/sent	Formal Arrest Date	
Trial Court		Trial Date	
Sentence Court	Lasa [Lhasa] Intermediate People's Court	Sentence Date	2005/09/16
Appeal Court	Tibet Autonomous Region High People's Court	Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court	Tibet Autonomous Region High People's Court	Appeal Ruling Date	2005/11/30
Sent. Ends Per PRC	2015/10/08	Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)			

Short Summary

According to a TCHRD report, on March 9, 2005, officials detained Drolma Kyab, a native of Haibei Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture in Qinghai province, who taught history in a Lhasa city middle school. He studied English and Hindi in India in 2003-04. Drolma Kyab reportedly was writing a commentary in Chinese language, "Restless Himalaya," that addressed topics including Tibetan sovereignty, democracy, religion, and the Tibetan experience under communism. He was working on a second commentary that addressed topics such as the location of Chinese military bases in Tibetan areas. The Lhasa Intermediate People's Court sentenced him on September 16 (TCHRD) to 10 years and 6 months in prison on charges of espionage and illegally crossing the border (Dui Hua Dialogue). The TAR High People's Court rejected his appeal on either November 30, 2005 (TCHRD), or March 22, 2006 (based on information from official Chinese sources in the Dui Hua Official Registry). After brief hospitalization for tuberculosis that he contracted while imprisoned, authorities transferred him to Qushui Prison, near Lhasa.



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Personal Details

CECC Record Number	2004-01761	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
Issue Category	eth/spch/rel	Age At Detention	35
Main Name	Choedar Dargye	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	曲达塔杰	Occupation	monk, chant master
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)	Sherthar?	Affiliation	Khangmar Mon. (Kakhog)
Additional Name(s)		Residence Province	Sichuan Province
Pinyin Name	Quda Tajie	Residence Prefecture	Aba [Ngaba] Tibetan & Qiang Auto. Pref.
		Residence County	Hongyuan [Marthang] Cty.

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2003/01/dd
Current Prison	Ngaba Prison (Maowun)
Sentence Length (Years)	12
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Sichuan Province
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Aba [Ngaba] Tibetan & Qiang Auto. Pref.
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Mao [Maowun] Cty.

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg?/tri?/sent	Formal Arrest Date	
Trial Court		Trial Date	
Sentence Court		Sentence Date	2003/08/29
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court		Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)			

Short Summary

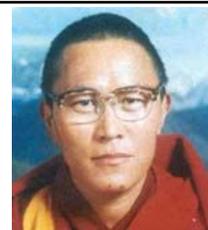
According to various reports, in January 2003, police detained five or six men in Hongyuan county (Aba prefecture, Sichuan province). One man, Migyur Gyatso, was a monk or an artisan (religious paintings or statues); the others were monks of Khangmar Monastery. They allegedly possessed photos of the Dalai Lama and Panchen Lama, conducted prayers for the Dalai Lama while he was ill, and possessed a painting of the Tibetan flag. At least three of the monks, Jampa Choephel (head of the monastery's Democratic Management Committee), Choedar Dargye (chant-master), and Gedun Thogphel were tried on unknown charges in the prefectural capital, Ma'erkang. On August 29, 2003, they were sentenced to 12 years imprisonment and later transferred to Aba Prison. According to one report, monk Jamyang Oezer was sentenced to eight years imprisonment, and painter Migyur Gyatso to one year. This record includes data from Tibet Information Network and the Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy.



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Personal Details



CECC Record Number	2004-01950	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
Issue Category	eth/spch/rel	Age At Detention	52
Main Name	Tenzin Deleg	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist (Gelug)
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	阿安扎西	Occupation	trulku
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)	Angag Tashi	Affiliation	Jamyang Choekhorling Mon.
Additional Name(s)	Tenzin Deleg Rinpoche, Tenzin Delek	Residence Province	Sichuan Province
Pinyin Name	A'an Zhaxi	Residence Prefecture	Ganzi [Kardze] Tibetan Auto. Pref.
		Residence County	Yajiang [Nyagchukha] Cty.

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2002/04/07
Current Prison	Chuandong Prison
Sentence Length (Years)	20
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Sichuan Province
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Dazhou Shi (pref.)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Dazhu Cty.

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg/tri-close/sent	Formal Arrest Date	
Trial Court	Ganzi [Kardze] Intermediate People's Court	Trial Date	2002/11/29
Sentence Court	Ganzi [Kardze] Intermediate People's Court	Sentence Date	2002/12/02
Appeal Court	Sichuan High People's Court	Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court	Sichuan High People's Court	Appeal Ruling Date	2003/01/26
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)	CL97-art103(2)/CL97-art114		

Short Summary

On April 7, 2002, officials in Yajiang (Nyagchukha) county, Ganzi (Kardze) TAP, Sichuan province, detained [Tenzin Deleg](#), recognized by the Dalai Lama in the 1980s as a reincarnated Buddhist teacher. The Ganzi Intermediate People's Court alleged that Tenzin Deleg's case involved "state secrets" and conducted the trial in a closed court on November 29, 2002 (Xinhua, [26 January 03](#)). The court sentenced him on December 2 to death with a 2-year reprieve for conspiring to cause explosions and 14 years in prison for inciting "splittism." The Sichuan High People's Court rejected his appeal on January 26, 2003, then [commuted](#) the sentence to life imprisonment on January 26, 2005 (Xinhua, [26 January 05](#)). The CECC (February 2004) published reports on the case. Tenzin Deleg reportedly [did not confess](#) to the charges, [declared his innocence](#) during sentencing, and continues to deny the charges (RFA, [11 June 10](#)). Prison officials told relatives visiting him in April 2010 that he is "suffering from ailments related to bones, heart, and blood pressure," RFA reported. Another Tibetan, Lobsang Dondrub, was sentenced to death on the same charges at the same trial and executed on January 26, 2003.



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Personal Details

CECC Record Number	2004-01831	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
Issue Category	eth/spch/rel	Age At Detention	28
Main Name	Choeying Khedrub	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist (Gelug)
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	曲因克珠	Occupation	monk (Buddhist)
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)	Khedrub	Affiliation	Tsanden Mon.
Additional Name(s)	Tse Khedrub	Residence Province	Tibet [Xizang] Auto. Region
Pinyin Name	Quyinqezhu	Residence Prefecture	Naqu [Nagchu] Pref.
		Residence County	Suo [Sog] Cty.

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2000/03/19
Current Prison	Qushui Prison (Chushur)
Sentence Length (Years)	20
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Tibet [Xizang] Auto. Region
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Lasa [Lhasa] Shi (pref.)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Qushui [Chushur] Cty.

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg/tri/sent-app	Formal Arrest Date	
Trial Court		Trial Date	
Sentence Court	Lasa [Lhasa] Intermediate People's Court	Sentence Date	2000/11/10
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court	Tibet Autonomous Region High People's Court	Appeal Ruling Date	2001/01/19
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)			

Short Summary

Choeying Khedrub, a monk in his mid-20s at Tsanden Monastery in Sog county, was one of at least six men detained in March 2000 for printing and distributing separatist leaflets. Four were Tsanden monks. Police searched the home of one man, builder Tsering Lhagon, and found wooden printing blocks for the leaflets. Based on official Chinese sources, five of them (three monks, two laymen) were charged with establishing a separatist group, the "Xuecheng Youth Council," and distributing leaflets. On November 10, 2000, the Nagchu Intermediate People's Court sentenced them to the following terms of imprisonment for endangering state security: Choeying Khedrub, life imprisonment; Tsering Lhagon, 15 years; Yeshe Tenzin, 10 years; Trakru Yeshe, five years; Tenzin Choewang, three years. Khedrub appealed. The TAR High People's Court rejected his appeal on January 19, 2001. He is held in Qushui Prison near Lhasa. This record includes data from Dui Hua and the Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy.



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Personal Details



CECC Record Number	2004-01756	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
Issue Category	eth/spch	Age At Detention	33
Main Name	Bangri Chogtrul	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	晋美且增尼玛	Occupation	care provider (children)
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)	Jigme Tenzin Nyima	Affiliation	Gyatso Children's Home
Additional Name(s)	Bangri Tsamtrul, Bangrim Tsamtrul	Residence Province	Tibet [Xizang] Auto. Region
Pinyin Name	Jinmei Danzeng Nima	Residence Prefecture	Lasa [Lhasa] Shi (pref.)
		Residence County	Lasa [Lhasa] Chengguan Dist.

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	1999/08/27
Current Prison	Qushui Prison (Chushur)
Sentence Length (Years)	18
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Tibet [Xizang] Auto. Region
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Lasa [Lhasa] Shi (pref.)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Qushui [Chushur] Cty.

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg/tri-close/sent-app	Formal Arrest Date	1999/10/15
Trial Court	Lasa [Lhasa] Intermediate People's Court	Trial Date	
Sentence Court	Lasa [Lhasa] Intermediate People's Court	Sentence Date	2000/09/26
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court	Tibet Autonomous Region High People's Court	Appeal Ruling Date	2000/12/25
Sent. Ends Per PRC	2021/07/30	Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)	CL97-art103(1)		

Short Summary

Bangri Chogtrul Rinpoche (Jigme Tenzin Nyima) was born in Yushu TAP, Qinghai province. According to unconfirmed reports, in the mid-1990s he became involved in operating the Gyatso Children's Home, a privately-funded orphanage and school for Tibetan children, after he married the founder, Nyima Choedron, a former nun. On August 26, 1999, Tashi Tsering, a builder engaged in a contract with them, failed in an attempt to blow himself up as he tried to replace a Chinese flag with a Tibetan flag in front of the Potala Palace. Hours later, the PSB detained the Rinpoche and Nyima Choedron, and closed the home. According to official information, the home's operators were sentenced to imprisonment on September 26, 2000 for endangering state security (10 years for her, life for him). After commutation to 19 years on July 31, 2003, and a reduction on November 17, 2005, his 18 year sentence will expire on July 30, 2021. He is held in Chushur Prison. This record includes data from TIN and Dui Hua.



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Personal Details



CECC Record Number	2004-01318	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
Issue Category	eth/spch/assoc	Age At Detention	35
Main Name	Jigme Gyatso	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	晋美加措	Occupation	self-empl. business
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)		Affiliation	
Additional Name(s)		Residence Province	Tibet [Xizang] Auto. Region
Pinyin Name	Jinmei Jiacao	Residence Prefecture	Lasa [Lhasa] Shi (pref.)
		Residence County	Lasa [Lhasa] Shi Muni. Urb. Area (cty.)

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	1996/03/30
Current Prison	Qushui Prison (Chushur)
Sentence Length (Years)	18
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Tibet [Xizang] Auto. Region
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Lasa [Lhasa] Shi (pref.)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Qushui [Chushur] Cty.

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg/tri/sent	Formal Arrest Date	1996/08/29
Trial Court		Trial Date	
Sentence Court	Lasa [Lhasa] Intermediate People's Court	Sentence Date	1996/11/23
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court		Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC	2014/03/30	Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)	CL97-art103/CL79-art98/CL79-art102/CL79-art51/CL79-art52/CL79-art22/CL79-art23/CL79-art24		

Short Summary

Jigme Gyatso, born in Kanlho TAP in Gansu province, spent several years in Gaden Monastery, traveled to India in the mid-1980s, and later opened a restaurant in Lhasa. According to the Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy (TCHRD), Jigme Gyatso distributed pro-independence leaflets and put up posters while at Gaden and established a pro-independence group, the "Association of Tibetan Freedom Movement," in 1992. According to TCHRD, after a group member was detained in July 1993 and imprisoned in Drapchi (TAR Prison), Jigme Gyatso eluded capture until he was detained at his restaurant on March 30, 1996. The Lhasa Intermediate People's Court sentenced him to 15 years' imprisonment on November 25, 1996. According to a Dui Hua report based on official Chinese information, Jigme Gyatso received a three-year sentence extension in May 2004 after he shouted pro-Dalai Lama slogans in prison. He was transferred in 2005 to Qushui Prison. He has reportedly been beaten on multiple occasions. Unofficial sources have reported that he has suffered from jaundice, has difficulty walking and bending, was hospitalized for several weeks in 2006, and was seriously ill in 2010.