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"We must question what is wrong in today's world. I feel we are lacking a sense of respect for other's life, a sense of concern for other's well being, which is kindness. We only think of me, me, me! That is the seed of today's problem."

His Holiness the Dalai Lama



Top 20 from the Watkins' List of 100 Most Spiritually Influential Living People.

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Tibetan Monk Imprisoned for Possessing His Holiness the Dalai Lama's Photo

Tibet.net, 26 February 2016

Gomar Choephel, a Tibetan monk from Rongwo monastery in Rebkong, was sentenced to two years imprisonment on 17 February. The sentence was announced by the People's Intermediate Court in Malho Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture (incorporated into China's Qinghai Province).

China to build its highest ski resort in Tibet's capital

Tibetanreview.net, 26 February 2016

China is to build its highest altitude ski resort in Tibet's capital Lhasa under its 13th Five-Year Plan (2016-20), reported the country's official English-language newspaper China Daily Feb 24.

Chinese Security Presence 'Heavy' at Tibetan Religious Festival

RFA, 23 February 2016

China imposed "intense restrictions" in Tibetan areas of the western provinces of Qinghai and Sichuan this month during religious gatherings celebrating the Lunar New Year.

Tibet closed to foreigners again but tourism booms

By Kate Hunt, CNN, 26 February 2016

China has closed Tibet to overseas travelers from Thursday until the end of March, three travel agents told CNN, but with or without foreigners, tourism to the isolated mountain region is booming.

Tibetans perform prayers for Dalai Lama's swift recovery in Zachukha

Phayul.com, 26 February 2016

Scores of Tibetan monks and laypeople initiated prayers for the swift recovery of the Tibetan spiritual leader in Kharnang town, Tridu County, Zachukha in the traditional Tibetan province of Kham last week.

Tibetan Writer Sentenced to Three Years in Prison in China's Qinghai Province

RFA, 19 February 2016

The Peoples' Intermediate Court in Rebgong (in Chinese, Tongren) of Malho (Huangnan) prefecture in northwestern China's Qinghai province handed down three years imprisonment to the writer Druklo, known by his pen name Shokjang for writing material the government said could incite discord among nationalities in the western China region, maintaining secret contact with so-called splitists who want to separate Tibet from China, and causing instability in the community.

IN EXILE

Sikyong Takes Additional Charge of Department of Information and International Relations

Tibet.net, 28 February 2016

Sikyong Dr Lobsang Sangay has taken additional charge with immediate effect as the Kalon for Department of Information and International Relations (DIIR) following Kalon Dicki Chhoyang's sudden resignation, citing her desire to devote her time on major issues facing Tibetans.

His Holiness the Dalai Lama Tops list of 100 Most Spiritually Influential Living People

Tibet.net, 25 February 2016

His Holiness the Dalai Lama has been ranked top in the list of '100 Most Spiritually Influential Living People' compiled and published by Watkins' Mind Body Spirit magazine.

Dalai Lama to speak Monday at Mayo Clinic

Dalailama.com, (by Brett Boese, Post-Bulletin) 24 February 2016

Mayo Clinic has confirmed the private address, noting that Mayo Clinic President and CEO John Noseworthy will introduce the Dalai Lama prior to a select number of employees being treated to a discussion about "Compassion in health care." The event will be moderated by TV and radio host Cathy Wurzer.

COLUMN

100 million Chinese on the Roof of the World

by Claude Arpi, 25 April 2016

The Tibetan Autonomous Region received 20 million Chinese tourists in 2015. Qinghai Province (the most picturesque parts are inhabited by Tibetans) welcomed 23 million visitors. If one adds the Tibetan areas in Gansu, Sichuan and Yunnan Provinces, the number of Chinese visiting the plateau probably reaches around 60 million.

Tech companies should follow 'Code of Conduct for Businesses Operating in Tibet'

TCHRD, 24 February 2016

As the PRC continues to expand its surveillance of Tibetans and others, tech companies must ensure that they do not contribute to human rights violations. TCHRD urges tech companies to adopt the Code of Conduct and ensure that they are transparent about threats to user's privacy and efforts at censorship.

REPORT

Human Rights Situation in Tibet did not Improve in 2015: TCHRD Annual Report

The Tibetan Center for Human Rights and Democracy (TCHRD), a prominent Tibetan rights group based in Dharamshala, released its [2015 annual report](#) on Friday, 19 February 2016.

China among Amnesty's dirty 10 in 2015 rights report

China has figured among the 10 key examples of countries where there had been attacks on individual human rights – and the institutions designed to protect them – on a national scale in 2015 in Amnesty International's latest annual global [human rights report](#).