

# Weekly Tibet News Digest

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“Watching Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji give his Independence Day speech from the roof of the Red Fort, I too had a dream, that one day soon we’ll also hoist the Tibetan national flag on the rooftop of the Potala palace.”

Sikyong Dr. Lobsang Sangay on the 69th Independence Day of India



DIIR Information Secretary Mr. Tashi Phuntsok, Sikyong Dr. Lobsang Sangay and DIIR International Relations Secretary Mr. Sonam Norbu Dagpo at the launch of 'Middle Way Approach' Documentary on 12 August 2015.

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### Nomad Mother Calls out for Tibetan Freedom, is Detained

RFA, August 17, 2015

Police in southwestern China's Sichuan province detained Woekar Kyi, a young Tibetan nomad on Saturday after the woman, the mother of a four-year-old son, staged a solitary protest in her township calling out for Tibetan freedom and the return of exiled spiritual leader the Dalai Lama.

[More in: RFA](#)

### China brutalized Tibetans for refusing fur clothed celebrations of its army day

Tibetan Review, August 16, 2015

Chinese authorities in Driru (Biru) County of Nagchu (Naqu) Prefecture of Tibet Autonomous Region had also ordered Tibetans to wear fur designed traditional costumes on China's army day of Aug 1 or face severe punishment

[More in: Tibetan Review](#)  
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## China to screen postal mails during 50th Tibet Autonomous Region anniversary

Tibetan Review, August 16, 2015

As a part of stringent new security measures for the 50th anniversary of the founding of the so-called autonomous region of Tibet, China's State Post Bureau (SPB) has made it mandatory to provide real names of both the receiver and sender for sending mails to the region.

More in: [Tibetan Review](#)



## PLA from Tibet area command holds major military drills

PTI, Business Standard, August 11, 2015

A strategic Chinese military area command which provides security along the China-India border in Tibet has held its live-firing drill with 1.40 lakh troops to test the PLA's digitised command and joint computer-coordinated bombardments.

More in: [Business Standard](#)

## IN EXILE

## Sikyong Greet India on 69th Independence Day

Tibet.net, August 15, 2015

Sikyong Dr. Lobsang Sangay, the democratically elected political leader of the Tibetan people, congratulated India on its 69th Independence Day at a brief ceremony held at the Kashag secretariat.

More in: [Tibet.net](#)

## Thank You from His Holiness the Dalai Lama

Dalailama.com, August 13, 2015

I would like to thank all my friends in the many different countries of the world for your greetings on the occasion of my 80th birthday. I am grateful for the kind words you have expressed.

More in: [Dalailama.com](#)

## Sikyong Launches DIIR's New Video on MWA, Tibet TV Mobile App

Tibet.net, August 12, 2015

Sikyong Dr. Lobsang Sangay released a new documentary on Middle-Way Approach (MWA) in Tibetan language and a mobile app for Tibet TV.

More in: [Tibet.net](#)

## Indian Parliamentarians Discuss Tibet Issue in Delhi

Tibet.net, August 12, 2015

All Party Indian Parliamentary Forum for Tibet (APIPFT) including Convenors and Co-convenors of Indian parliamentarian group in support of Tibet issue met to discuss the Tibet issue at the Himachal Bhavan in New Delhi.

More in: [Tibet.net](#)

## COLUMN

## Why Xi Jinping set up a Central Leading Group on the United Front Work?

by Tenzin Tsetan, TPI, August 17, 2015

Xi Jinping has formed three important leading groups including this latest one on UFW. The two other leading groups are the National Security Commission and the Comprehensive Deepening of Reform.

More in: [Tibet Policy Institute](#)

## Major troop movements in Tibet; hardline approach to Dalai Lama in key policy talks

ICT, August 12, 2015

Images and footage have emerged of major convoys of troops in transit in Lhasa and Shigatse (Chinese: Rikaze) in the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR), and Rebkong (Chinese: Tongren) in Qinghai, in July.

More in: [ICT](#)

## China: Open letter to States for joint action to address worsening crackdown on human rights defenders and lawyers

ICT, August 12, 2015

We urge your delegation to make statements, both jointly and individually, to address the unprecedented crackdown on human rights defenders and lawyers in China – indeed on Chinese civil society in general – at the forthcoming 30th session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva.

More in: [ICT](#)

## When the Ancient Thangka meets Today's Restless Modernity

by Woesser, High Peaks Pure Earth, August 3, 2015

In the past, thangka masters would paint while chanting Buddhist scriptures, today's young masters paint while singing pop songs, even Chinese pop songs. Pure traditional Tibetan pigments are also becoming increasingly rare, most artists use the much cheaper Chinese and commercial paint.

More in: [High Peaks Pure Earth](#)

# OTHERS

## Charles to bury animosity over Tibet and meet Chinese leader

The Sunday Times, August 16, 2015

THE Prince of Wales will seek to end decades of enmity with China by taking a key role during a presidential state visit to the UK in October.

More in: [The Sunday Times](#)

## Ten Senators ask President Obama to press Xi against interfering in Tibetan reincarnation issue

Tibetan Review, August 15, 2015

President Barack Obama has been asked by ten powerful US Senators Aug 11 to raise concern with his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping over human rights conditions in China, particularly on the issue of recognition of reincarnations of lamas in Tibetan Buddhism, when the two leaders meet in Washington, DC, in September 2015.

More in: [Tibetan Review](#)

## Ticketing website for Dalai Lama event crashes, foreign misdoing suspected

Phayul.com, August 13, 2015

The website selling tickets for His Holiness the Dalai Lama's teaching in Boulder, Colorado, had faced persistent technical glitches and eventual crash for several hours on Monday prompting the organizing committee to raise suspicion of foreign cyber attacks to disrupt the proceedings.

More in: [Phayul.com](#)

## Quote of the Week

Despite differences in their philosophical views, all the world's major religious traditions convey the same message of love and compassion.

*His Holiness the Dalai Lama*

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