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“Tibet, known as the world’s Third Pole, has over 47, 000 glaciers which provide water to rivers on which survive 1.3 billion in Asia for freshwater. NASA predicts that 60% of Tibet’s glaciers will melt in the next 40 years. What will happen for these billion people if the glaciers melt at this rate? That is the biggest challenge facing us today,”

Sikyong Dr. Lobsang Sangay at the Conference ‘Only One Tibet to Quench Asia’s Growing Thirst’ on August 21, 2015



Sikyong Dr. Lobsang Sangay speaking at the Conference ‘Only One Tibet to Quench Asia’s Growing Thirst’ at Delhi University on August 21, 2015

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Foreign Media Tours in Tibet

Beijing's billions turning Tibet into a modern metropolis

The Australian, August 22, 2015

This month The Weekend Australian and several other news outlets were invited to Tibet as part of the Chinese government's commitment to promote the country's poorer western regions.

More in: [The Australian](#)

Legacy of Dalai Lama fades in new Tibet

NZ herald, August 21, 2015

Today, the 80-year-old Dalai Lama remains in his Indian exile and an army of a different kind - hordes of Chinese tourists - file daily through his old quarters.

More in: [NZ herald](#)

Preparation for mining operation in Zoegle leaves Tibetans worried

Phayul, August 22, 2015

Workers of a Chinese government's mining division have forced their way near a hill considered sacred by local Tibetans of Dingwa township in Zoegle County in Amdo Ngaba.

More in: [Phayul](#)

China tightens security ahead of 50th TAR anniversary

Tibetan Review, August 21, 2015

China said it was strengthening security measures in the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR) in preparation for its 50 anniversary celebrations early next month.

More in: [Tibetan Review](#)

New crackdown campaign introduced in Tibet ahead of sensitive anniversary celebrations

TCHRD, August 20, 2015

In preparation for the 50th founding anniversary of Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR), the Chinese authorities have begun implementing the 'Clean Sweep and Strike' (Ch: da jian cha) campaign ostensibly to provide security to postal activities.

More in: [TCHRD](#)

Tibetan Prisoner Linked to 2012 Self-Immolation is Moved to Hospital in Qinghai

RFA, August 19, 2015

Phuntsok, a Tibetan prisoner linked to a 2012 self-immolation protest in northwestern China's Qinghai province has been moved to an emergency care facility in the provincial capital Xining after complaining of severe stomach pain.

More in: [RFA](#)

Tibetan Youth is Detained after Staging Solo Protest in Lithang

RFA, August 19, 2015

Police in southwestern China's Sichuan province detained a young Tibetan man this week after he launched a brief protest in a public square, calling out for Tibetan freedom and the return of exiled spiritual leader the Dalai Lama.

More in: [RFA](#)

Chinese Police Beat Tibetan Women, Elderly Over Dam Protest

RFA, August 18, 2015

Security forces in northwestern China's Qinghai province attacked and beat a group of elderly Tibetan villagers and women who were blocking construction of a dam last week, injuring an unknown number and later detaining several.

More in: [RFA](#)

IN EXILE

Restore Tibetan Palteau's Guardianship to Tibetans, says Sikyong

Tibet Policy Institute, August 22, 2015

Sikyong Dr. Lobsang Sangay expressed that the Tibet issue is not simply a concern for the six million Tibetans but has larger implications for a great number of people who have a direct stake.

More in: [TPI](#)

Home Kalon Dolma Gyari visits Shri George Fernandes in Delhi

Tibet.net, August 22, 2015

Home Kalon Gyari Dolma called on long-time friend of Tibet, Shri George Fernandes, former NDA Chairman at his residence yesterday. George Fernandes is under intensive care from Alzheimer's disease.

More in: [Tibet.net](#)

Chinese hackers spying on Tibetan groups in India for years, experts say

SCMP, August 21, 2015

Chinese hackers are believed to have targeted Tibetan exile groups in India that Beijing views as a threat for at least four years, despite China denying any official involvement in hacking.

More in: [SCMP](#)

US Urge China to Reduce Tensions in Tibet at 19th US-China Human Rights Dialogue

Tibet.net, August 18, 2015

Mr. Tom Malinoski, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, stated among other things, that the US urged China to reduce tensions in Tibetan areas during the dialogue.

More in: [Tibet.net](#)

COLUMN

The 13th Dalai Lama's diplomatic parleys in Peking in 1908

by Matteo Miele, Tibetan Review, August 18, 2015

While in Peking, Thubten Gyatsho had the opportunity to have direct or indirect contacts with several Western representatives: an envoy had gone to the British, Russian, German, American and French legations and Ministers of Washington and Paris had a private audience with the Dalai Lama.

More in: [Tibetan Review](#)

Scaling China's Great Firewall

by Murong Xuecun, The NY Times, August 17, 2015

When my friend said "beyond the wall," he was referring to the notorious Great Firewall of China, which since around 1998 has been a government project to screen and block Internet content. Seventeen years on, the firewall is a frustrating feature of life that splinters the Chinese world into two.

More in: [The NY Times](#)

INTERVIEW

The Dalai Lama at 80

R & E Newsweekly, August 21, 2015

In an interview at his home base in Dharamsala, India with correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro, the Dalai Lama says all major religions teach the practice of compassion, love, forgiveness, and tolerance, and he's not sure there is a need for a new Dalai Lama.

More in: [pbs.org](#)

Immolations are just one sign of tension over Communist rule

LA Times, August 23, 2015

Tibetans complain that they reside, primarily, as second-class residents in their very own land. Their language, tradition and religion are all underneath strain. They attend substandard faculties and, in the event that they handle to get an schooling, lack the identical job alternatives because the Han, the Chinese language majority.

More in: [LA Times](#)

China's Focus on Military Activities in Tibet

by Javadeva Ranade, CCAS, August 21, 2015

China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) and the country's official military media have kept a discernible focus on the activities and exercises of the PLA formations deployed in Tibet in the past some months.

More in: [CCAS](#)

More grasslands in Tibet could bring climate improvements

Science Daily, August 20, 2015

In the Arctic, enhanced vegetation growth amplifies global warming. On the Tibetan Plateau, however, the situation is the reverse. "The trend in Tibet is the opposite of what we are seeing in the Arctic," says an expert. "By restoring grasslands there, the climate can be improved -- both locally and globally."

More in: [Science Daily](#)

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