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His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama
in his condolence message on
July 28, 2015



Former President of India, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam paid a courtesy call upon His Holiness the Dalai Lama at latter's residence in McLeod Ganj on January 02, 2009

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China vows to strengthen Tibet's assimilation ahead of 50th 'autonomy' anniversary

Ahead of celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the so-called Autonomous Region of Tibet, constituting the western half of ethnographic Tibet, China's top decision making body has on Jul 30 vowed to safeguard national unity, strengthen ethnic unity, unswervingly carry out the anti-separatism battle, and promote patriotism in the region, according to the country's official Xinhua news agency Jul 30. The purpose, the report said, was to achieve prolonged stability.

More in: [Tibetan Review](#)

Tibetan Political Prisoner Rungye Adak Released After Completing Jail Term

Rungye Adak, a prominent Tibetan political prisoner, was released yesterday after completing his eight-year prison sentence

More in: [Tibet.net](#)

Three Tibetans arrested in Serta

Choekyi, a 38-year-old monk of Phurbu monastery, had been arrested with charges of engaging in 'anti government' activities along with two of his kin. He was wearing a t-shirt with Tibetan texts "kue-gya-ton-su" on the back, which loosely translates into 'celebrating His Holiness's 80th Birthday'.

More in: Phayul.com

China to suspend Tibet travel permits during 50th regional 'autonomy' anniversary

Ahead of celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of the founding of the so-called Autonomous Region of Tibet, China has decided not to issue permits to travel to the region for at least the first week of September, according to a report posted on the website prweb.com Jul 26, citing Tibet tourism bureau.

More in: Tibetan Review

Days with snow coverage in Tibet are falling: remote sensing data

As a result of rising temperatures, the number of days with snowfall recorded by weather stations in Tibet between 1981 and 2014 has decreased, Chinatibetnews.com reported. On average it has decreased by 4.7 days per year. The annual maximum snow depth has also followed this decreasing trend with an average drop of 0.47cm.

More in: China Tibet Online

IN EXILE

His Holiness the Dalai Lama Expresses Condolences over the Passing Away of Former President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

I am very sad to learn of the sudden passing away of our former President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam yesterday evening. This is an irreparable loss. He was not only a great scientist, educationist and statesman, but also above all a real gentleman.

Over the years I had the opportunity to meet and interact with him on many occasions and always admired his down to earth simplicity and humility. I used to enjoy our discussions on a wide range of subjects of common interest, but mainly concerned with science, spirituality and education.

I offer my condolences and prayers to his family and the people of India at this sad time.

DALAI LAMA

July 28, 2015

Source: Dalailama.com

Sikyong Condoles Sudden Demise of Former President Abdul Kalam

Sikyong Dr. Lobsang Sangay, the democratically elected political leader of the Tibetan people, today condoled the sudden demise of former Indian President Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam. He was 83.

In his condolence message, Sikyong said, "It is with the deepest sorrow that I learned of His Excellency Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam's sudden passing away on 27 July in Shillong, Meghalaya. The fact that he was giving a lecture at the Indian Institute of Management when he collapsed on stage, reflects his deep conviction to impart knowledge to the youth of the nation till his last breath."

More in: Tibet.net

Tibetan Parliament Expresses Sadness at Former President Abdul Kalam's Demise

Khenpo Sonam Tenphel, Deputy Speaker of the Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile, today expressed his condolences at the sudden demise of Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam, an esteemed scientist and former President of India.

More in: Tibet.net



Long-Life Empowerment and Long-Life Offering in Leh

"Material development and technological progress have had an impact on all our lives. We have better health, we live longer and we are more comfortable than in the past, but the question is whether we are actually

happier. If material development alone really brought lasting happiness, people living in highly developed countries should be completely happy. But this is not so."

More in: Dalailama.com

Rights violations in China ignored by IOC: Tibet NGO

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has ignored human rights violations in China by selecting Beijing to host the 2022 Winter Olympic Games, a Tibet NGO said on Friday.

More in: Business Standard

COLUMN

The New Strategic Importance of Tibet?

by Claude Arpi, July 29, 2015

It is very rare for China to mention the '[strategic importance of Tibet](#)', but it is what an article posted on the portal China Tibet Online recently did.

It explains: "Tibet's strategic status is of great importance. It is an important national security barrier; an important ecological security barrier; an important reserve base for strategic resources; an important base for agricultural products; an important area for the protection of China's unique ethnic culture and a popular tourist destination."

More in: Claude Arpi



Undeclared in Death: Tenzin Delek Rinpoche

by Tenzin Dorjee, July 28, 2015

In life, they robbed him of his freedom. In death, they robbed him of his liberation. But there was one thing they could never take away from Rinpoche: his dignity. He died undefeated.

More in: The Huffington Post

Digital Lady to Dalai Lama -- What This Tech Expert Learned in a Meeting with the Most Compassionate, Connected Man on Earth

by Danielle Di-Masi, July 27, 2015

I asked His Holiness how we can achieve this human connection amid digital isolation. He looked me very carefully in the eyes, paused, nodded, and then said: This is a human problem, not a digital issue, so it must be solved with a human answer.

Source: The Huffington Post

Communist Reincarnation

By Claude Arpi, July 25 2015

On one side, a senior Lama is left to die in prison, ('China's criminal law stipulates that prisoners serving life sentences are not allowed medical parole', says Xinhua) and on the other, Beijing sponsors the 'reincarnation' process. Where is the trick?

More in: The Statesman

Quote of the Week

To cultivate genuine compassion we need to take responsibility for our own care and have concern for everyone's suffering, including our own.

His Holiness the Dalai Lama

INTERVIEW

Lhasa transformed into another Chinatown: Tibetan political leader Sangay IANS, July 24, 2015

IANS, July 24, 2015

Lhasa, the heart of Tibetan culture, has been transformed into another "Chinatown", said Lobsang Sangay, the democratically elected leader of the Tibetan people-in-exile, as the people in Tibet fear Chinese settlers will overwhelm and reduce their ability to preserve their unique culture and identity.

More in: Business Standard

CHINA

China building 3 dams over Yarlung Tsangpo river?

Tibetan Review, August 02, 2015

China appears to have approved the construction of three more hydropower projects on the mainstream of the Yarlung Tsangpo river (Brahmatputra in India) in occupied Tibet, India's Water Resources Minister Ms Uma Bharti has said.

More in: [Tibetan Review](#)

Chinese armed police enters Nepal from Tibet to repair highway

PTI, Economic Times, August 01, 2015

Chinese armed transport police entered Nepal from Tibet today to help repair the rain-ravaged China-Nepal Highway at the request of the Nepalese government.

More in: [Economic Times](#)

China Pushes to Rewrite Rules of Global Internet

by James T. Areddy, WSJ, July 28, 2015

Ye Zheng and a Chinese researcher, writing in the state-run China Youth Daily, said the Internet represented a new form of global control, and the U.S. was a "shadow" present during some of those popular uprisings. Beijing had better pay attention.

More in: [WSJ](#)

China's stock market crash will make Beijing's biggest challenge even harder

by Mike Bird, Business Insider, July 29, 2015

China has a bigger problem - in short, the growth of nominal GDP (the size of the economy without accounting for inflation) has been dramatically outstripped by the growth of debt in recent years. That's likely to be a bigger issue for the economy in the long term than the current volatility in stocks.

More in: [Business Insider](#)

China's crusade to remove crosses from churches 'is for safety concerns'

by Tom Phillips, The Guardian, July 29, 2015

A Communist party campaign during which crosses have been stripped from the roofs of more than 1,200

Chinese churches is being conducted "for the sake of safety and beauty", a government official has claimed.

More in: [The Guardian](#)

Taiwan president rues lack of progress with China

by Carrie Gracie, BBC, July 28, 2015

The president of Taiwan has said that political progress in mainland China is unstable. Speaking in a rare interview with the BBC, Ma Ying-jeou said he was disappointed that despite improvements in the economic relationship during his two terms as president, there had been no meeting between himself and President Xi Jinping of China.

More in: [BBC](#)

Beijing-Tibet Highway eerily quiet as coal demand slows

Want China Times, August 03, 2015

The Economic Observer said the highway's changing face reflects in part China's economic transformation, in which demand for coal and sales of big trucks have fallen and the type of commodities being transported has changed.

More in: [Want China Times](#)

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