

# Weekly Tibet News Digest

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"With the influx of Chinese population transfer into Tibet, the plight of Tibet is becoming critical. Thus, the Tibet issue has to resolve soon. Otherwise even if the international pressure on China resolves the Tibet issue in the next 10-15 years, the core identity of Tibet might be at the risk of extermination."

Shri Arun Kumar, General Secretary,  
Janata Dal United, Dharamshala, 02 December 2015



Shri Afaque Ahmad Khan, National Secretary(L) and Shri Arun Kumar, General Secretary(C) of Janata Dal United with Tibetan Parliamentarian Acharya Yeshe Phuntsok(R) addressing the press at on 2 December 2015.

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### [China jails 2 Tibetan monks for up to 4 years for lone street protests](#)

Tibetan Review, 05 December 2015

China has jailed two Tibetan Buddhist monks of Kirti monastery, aged 18-19, to Jail terms of up to four years in Ngaba (Chinese: aba) County of Sichuan Province in separate trials for having carried out lone street protests in support of Tibet's exiled spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama.

### [Tibetan Homes Near Lhasa to be Replaced by Chinese-Style Dwellings](#)

RFA, 04 December 2015

Chinese authorities in Tibet have ordered the destruction of houses built in traditional style in three counties (Tagtse (in Chinese, Dazi), Lhundrub (Linzhou), and Maldro Gongkar (Mozhugongka) outside the regional capital Lhasa, with their replacement by Chinese-style dwellings scheduled for completion in five years.

### [China accuses party members of support for Dalai Lama and even terrorism](#)

By Simon Denyer, The Washington Post, 04 December 2015

In Tibet, 15 party members were investigated last year and 20 this year for violating political discipline, China Tibet Online reported, saying that some participated in organizations supporting "Tibetan independence."

### **One Tibetan Protester is Freed, Two Others Are Jailed**

RFA, 04 December 2015

Mura Jinpa, 43, a Tibetan protester jailed for three years for spreading word of crackdowns by security forces in northwestern China's Gansu province was released by authorities this week, while a court in neighboring Sichuan handed prison terms to two monks detained in March for actions challenging Chinese rule.

### **CCP "will never give up right to choose next Dalai Lama"**

AsianNews.it, 01 December 2015

China will never give up the right to decide on future reincarnations of the Dalai Lama, said Zhu Weiqun, a leading official of the Chinese Communist Party speaking to the state run Global Times and attracting criticism from human rights groups and the Tibetan spiritual leader in exile.

### **Tibetan Man is Detained Following Solo Protest in Kardze**

RFA, 30 November 2015

Authorities in southwestern China's Sichuan province have detained Jampa Sengge, a Tibetan man after he launched a solo protest in a public challenge to Beijing's rule in Kardze (in Chinese, Ganzi) county in Kardze Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture on 28 November 2015.

## **IN EXILE**

### **Talks to Diplomatic Consular Corps of Karnataka and at National Institute of Advanced Studies**

Dalailama.com, 06 December 2015

His Holiness the Dalai Lama was the guest of the Diplomatic Consular Corps of Karnataka. HE Sabit Subasic, Ambassador of Bosnia & Herzegovina introduced His Holiness to the gathering, which included representatives from nearly twenty countries, referring to him as a symbol of hope, brightness, justice and humanity.

### **Result of Preliminary Election of Sikyong and Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile**

CTA, 04 December 2015

The Election Commission of the Central Tibetan Administration declared the results of the preliminary round of election for the Sikyong of 15th Kashag and members of the 16th Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile.

### **His Holiness the Dalai Lama Expresses Sympathy for Flood Victims in Chennai**

Dalailama.com, 04 December 2015

His Holiness the Dalai Lama wrote to Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalalitha today to express his sadness at the unprecedented destruction and disruption of normal life in Chennai as a result of the heaviest rains in several decades.

### **Tibet Third Pole team making Tibet climate crisis heard in Paris**

Phayul.com, 03 December 2015

With the climate conference COP21 in Paris underway, Campaigns for climate change in Tibet led by 'Tibet Third Pole' team are voicing the climate changes in the Tibetan Plateau due to unregulated environmental destruction.

### **Janata Dal United Leads Press Conference at Dharamshala**

CTA, 02 December 2015

Shri. Arun Kumar Shrivastav, General Secretary and Shri. Afaq Ahmad Khan, National Secretary of Janata Dal United led a press conference at Lhakpa Tsering hall, Gangchen Kyishong Dharamshala.

## **COLUMN**

### **China: Betting on their Panchen Lama**

by Claude Arpi, 30 November 2015

The 11th 'Chinese' Panchen Lama, Gyaltzen Norbu (known in pinyin as 'Bainqen Erdini Qoigyijabu'), is back in Lhasa, in winter this time. His arrival on the Roof of the World triggered a lot of media coverage in China. Xinhua also announced that the Beijing-selected Panchen Lama has been elected Chairman of Tibet Development Fund, an important 'non-governmental, non-profit organization'.

### **Tibetans Fight to Salvage Fading Culture in China**

by Edward Wong, The New York Times, 28 November 2015

When officials forced an informal school run by monks near here to stop offering language classes for laypeople, Tashi Wangchuk looked for a place where his two teenage nieces could continue studying Tibetan.

## **Tibet, Taiwan and China – A Complex Nexus**

By Tshering Chonzom Bhutia, The Diplomat, 24 November 2015

The historic meeting between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou is relevant to the Tibet issue in many ways. In 1979, when the post-Mao Chinese leadership decided to “solve old problems,” Tibet and Taiwan were both on the list. After having reached out to the Dalai Lama through his brother in 1978, Beijing turned its attention to Taiwan.

## **Ai Weiwei's 'Wing' from Lhasa**

by Woesser, High Peak Pure Earth, 25 November 2015

The Wing that has withstood the burning of the sun on the Tibetan Plateau, in union with the flame of life of those immolated Tibetans, symbolizes the human desire to pursue freedom and civil rights, just as the phoenix reborn from ashes spreads its wings and flies towards the light.

## **Archaeologist pieces together story of the mysterious Zhang Zhung people of Tibet**

by Mark Miller, Ancient Origins, 25 November 2015

Many centuries ago, high in the mountains of western Tibet, the Zhang Zhung people established a civilization complete with technological advancements, rich art and a pantheon headed by a supreme god with strange and wonderful origins.

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## **His Holiness the Dalai Lama**

### **Teaching in Hunsur, Karnataka, India from**

**December 9 to 13:** His Holiness will give preliminary teachings on Tsongkhapa's In Praise of Dependent Origination (tendrel toepa) and Destiny Fulfilled (tokjoe dunlekma) & 7th Dalai Lama's Four Mindfulnesses on the Middle Way View (tatri denpa shiden) and the Eight Great Tantric Commentaries of Gyudmey Monastery (megyud trichen gya) at Gyudmey Monastery.

### **Inauguration & Teaching in Bylakuppe, Karnataka, India on December 19:**

His Holiness will give a short teaching on Dharmakirti's Commentary on Pramana-samuccaya (tsema namdrel) at Tashi Lhunpo Monastery. Contact Website: <http://www.tashilhunpo.org>

### **Teaching in Bylakuppe, Karnataka, India from**

**December 20 to 29:** His Holiness will continue his teachings on the 18 Great Stages of the Path (Lam Rim) Commentaries at Tashi Lhunpo Monastery at the request of H.E. Ling Choktrul Rinpoche and Gaden Shartse Monastery. Contact Websites: <http://www.jangchuplamrim.org> and [www.jangchuplamrim.com](http://www.jangchuplamrim.com)

### **Initiation in Bylakuppe, Karnataka, India on**

**December 30 & 31:** His Holiness will confer the 16 Drops of Kadam Initiation (kadam tikle chudruk wang) at Tashi Lhunpo Monastery. Contact Websites: <http://www.jangchuplamrim.org> and [www.jangchuplamrim.com](http://www.jangchuplamrim.com)

## **Tibet House, New Delhi**

### **2-Day Intensive Course on "Stages of Meditation - The Middle Section" by Ven. Geshe Nawang Samten**

Saturday, December 12, 2015 | 03:30 PM to 06:00 PM  
Sunday, December 13, 2015 | 10:00 AM to 04:00 PM  
Venue: Tibet House, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110003

## **The Foundation for Universal Responsibility of His Holiness the Dalai Lama in collaboration with the Visual Arts Gallery**

### **EXHIBITION: Dalai Lama in Frames by Tenzin Choejor**

16 to 31 December, 2015 | 09:00am - 09:00 pm  
Venue: ATRIUM, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110003