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"Being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize was an honour, but I still remained a simple Buddhist monk committed to peace and non-violence."

His Holiness the Dalai Lama,
10 December 2015



His Holiness the Dalai Lama joining in recitations at the start of his teachings at Gyumey Tantric College in Hunsur, Karnataka, India on December 9, 2015.
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China's Database of 'Living Buddhas' Is the Latest Attempt to Control Tibetan Affairs

by Hannah Beech, TIME, 11 December 2015

This living-Buddha database and the whole policy toward reincarnation is clearly a preemptive move by the government to control what happens after this Dalai Lama, says Nicholas Bequelin, regional director for East Asia at Amnesty International.

China calls on its Panchen to shun the Dalai Lama

Tibetan Review, 11 December 2015

Marking the 20th anniversary of his enthronement, China's party boss in Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR), Mr Chen Quanguo, has on December 8 called on Gyaltsen Norbu to draw a clear line with Tibet's exiled spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama.

KFC to Launch First Store in Tibet

WSJ, 10 December 2015

KFC is set to launch its first store in the Tibetan capital of Lhasa by the end of next month, according to Yum Brands Inc., which operates the fast-food chain in China.

Tibetan Woman Freed From Prison After Serving Three-Year Term

RFA, 09 December 2015

Authorities in northwestern China's Gansu province have released Yangmo Kyi, 45, a Tibetan woman after she served a three-year prison term for her involvement in a self-immolation protest challenging Beijing's rule on November 18.

IN EXILE

Long Life Offering at Gyumei and Departure for Sera Lachi

Dalailama.com, 13 December 2015

His Holiness left Hunsur for Bylakuppe and on the outskirts stopped to visit the Karuna Home, Phendey Gatsal, set up by Khube Rinpoche to look after disabled children. At present about 28 children with a range of disabilities are cared for by a staff of about 30 in a fine set of buildings.

Karnataka State Leaders Join His Holiness at Nobel Peace Prize Celebration at Hunsur

CTA, 11 December 2015

Dr H C Mahadevappa, the PWD minister in the state government of Karnataka and Mr H P Manjunath, MLA from Hunsur, joined His Holiness the Dalai Lama at the celebration to mark 26th anniversary of the conferment of Nobel Peace Prize on His Holiness.

European Parliamentarians Highlight Deteriorating Rights Situation in Tibet on Human Rights Day

CTA, 11 December 2015

The EU Parliamentarians further urged the Chinese government to respect the freedom of expression, association and religion of the Tibetan people, and re-enter as soon as possible into a meaningful and result oriented dialogue between representatives of the Chinese government and of the Dalai Lama.

Kangra ADM and Sikyong Inaugurate 20th International Himalayan Festival

CTA, 11 December 2015

Shri. Balbir Thakur, ADM of Kangra district and Sikyong Dr Lobsang Sangay, the democratically elected political leader of the Tibetan people, jointly inaugurated the two-day 20th International Himalayan Festival at Hotel Bhagsu in McLeod Ganj on 10 December.

COLUMN

Tibet is the canary in the coal mine

by Richard Gere, Aljazeera, 10 December 2015

One of the most alarming findings by international scientists — among them, many Chinese — is that the Dalai Lama's home, Tibet, now under Chinese control, is warming nearly three times as fast as the rest of the earth. This matters to all of us.

I Am Telling The Story of The Invisible Tibet

by Tsering Woesser, RFA, 09 December 2015

As a writer living under an absolute authoritarian power, I have always been subjected to investigation because of my writings. But before Notes on Tibet, I mainly wrote poetry, where meanings are obscure and metaphorical, and can be carried out into the world as if hidden inside an amulet.

Fake Lamas, Communist Lamas

by Claude Arpi, 09 December 2015

Communist China has recently developed a great expertise in 'soul reincarnation'. The reason why the atheist Party looked into the issue is that 'Living Buddhas', as Beijing calls the reincarnated lamas or Tulkus, usually wield a great influence.

China Warns Against Meddling in Tibet

by Jayadeva Ranade, New Indian Express, 09 December 2015

Beijing's enhanced focus on the issue of Tibet was demonstrated in recent months when it sought to gain high-profile media advantage in its bid to undermine the Dalai Lama's influence and acceptance in world capitals.

Empowering digital Tibet: An interview with activist Lhadon Tethong

Big News Network, 09 December 2015

In terms of digital rights in Tibet, we just have to assume it's the worst of the worst. When we compare the ability of a Chinese person to speak their mind to that of a Tibetan in Tibet, the cost for Tibetans, and the surveillance over Tibetans, is usually much higher. China is extremely paranoid about any challenge to its authority from Tibet.

STATEMENTS

10 December Statement of the Kashag

CTA, 10 December 20156

Tibetan Democracy is a gift of His Holiness the Dalai Lama to his people. Since the devolution of political authority by His Holiness in 2011, this year's Sikyong and TPIE elections has an added significance.

10 December Statement of the Tibetan Parliament in Exile

CTA, 10 December 2015

Today is an important day also for the reason that it commemorates the World Human Rights Day. However, in Tibet there is no end even to this day to the endless campaigns by such means as self-immolations by the Tibetan people, indicating in unmistakable terms the total absence of respect for human rights there.

TCHRD Statement on of Human Rights Day

TCHRD, 10 December 2015

In Tibet the Chinese government officials and members of the Chinese Communist Party are responsible for crimes against humanity. Evidence from victims and family members describing torture, enforced disappearances and murder are common.

BOOK REVIEW

Muslim, Trader, Nomad, Spy: China's Cold War and the People of the Tibetan Borderlands

Review by Thubten Samphel, CTA, 08 December 2015

In telling his own spy and empire-building story, Sulmaan Wasif Khan, a professor at Tufts University, draws on the Cold War archives of China, Taiwan and interviews to show how the 1959 Tibetan uprising influenced the shaping of the very structure of the Chinese communist state itself.

RELEASE

China's failed environment policies exacerbate human rights abuses

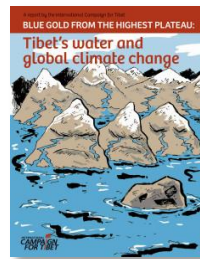
ITN, 08 December 2015

"There is no doubt that climate change is a human rights issue. The rapid increase in climate change has had a disproportionate effect on not our people, but the world's most disadvantaged at large" said Golog Jigme.

REPORT

New report reveals global significance of Tibet, earth's Third Pole, and challenges China's policies

ICT, 08 December 2015



As the world's leaders meet in Paris this week for critical climate change talks, new findings by the International Campaign for Tibet reveal that Tibet's fragile environment, which is warming faster than anywhere else, is of critical global importance. But almost unnoticed by the rest of the world, China's policies are re-shaping the landscape of the earth's highest and largest plateau with devastating consequences.

LIVE WEBCAST

Mind & Life XXXConference - Perceptions, Concepts and Self

Live webcasts of the Mind & Life XXX conference on "Perceptions, Concepts and Self - Contemporary Scientific and Buddhist Perspectives" with His Holiness the Dalai Lama from Sera Monastery in Bylakuppe, Karnataka, India on December 14-17, 2015. Webcasts will be available in English and Chinese languages.

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