

# Weekly Tibet News Digest

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"Incredible India has been a kind host to His Holiness the Dalai Lama, the Central Tibetan Administration and the largest population of Tibetans in exile. So, on behalf of all the Tibetans, I wish India and the Indian government our very best wishes."

Sikyong Dr. Lobsang Sangay  
26 January 2016



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Phayul, 26 January 2016

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### Ex political prisoner dies at 79

Phayul, 22 January 2016

Tenzin, 79, a former Tibetan political prisoner who had been incarcerated twice by the Chinese authorities and underwent extreme torture has passed away in Lhasa on January 6.

### New Controls on Tibetan Language Study in Qinghai's Pema County

RFA, 20 January 2016

A heightened Chinese police presence starting at the beginning of the year, and has now shut down public workshops in Pema (in Chinese, Banma) county in Qinghai's Golog (Guoluo) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture.

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## **Tibetan torture victims uncover China's inhumane detention system**

TCHRD, 19 January 2016

Two new torture cases involving former Tibetan political prisoners have emerged this month, just a couple of months after the People's Republic of China (PRC) faced tough questioning from a UN rights watchdog. Both men served seven years each for their participation in 2008 uprising and are undergoing treatment for injuries sustained during detention. One of them is in critical condition and may not survive the treatment.

## **IN EXILE**

### **Sikyong Greet India on 67th Republic Day Celebration**

Tibet.net, 26 January 2016

Tibetan political leader Sikyong Dr Lobsang Sangay today congratulated India on its 67th Republic Day celebration. The brief ceremony to celebrate the occasion was held at the Kashag secretariat, attended by Kalons, Secretaries and senior officials of the Central Tibetan Administration.

### **Report: Dalai Lama in good health**

Postbulletin.com, 25 January 2016

The Mayo Clinic says there are no major concerns with the Dalai Lama's health and he will fully recover after treatment. The spokeswoman of Mayo said in a statement, "His physicians report no major concerns, and anticipate he will respond well to treatment and make a full recovery."

### **China has no legitimacy in spiritual matters: Tibetan PM**

Phayul, 25 January 2016

Sikyong Dr. Lobsang Sangay condemned the 'Authentic Living Buddha list' published by China's religious affairs administration on January 18, calling it 'an attempt to control the reincarnation system of Tibetan Buddhism'.

### **Kashag Finalises Consolidated Budget for Financial Year 2016 – 2017**

Tibet.net, 25 January 2016

The finalization process of CTA's budget proposal for 2016-2017 was carried out by the Kashag, chaired by Sikyong, along with the Kalon for Finance and assisted by the staff of budget section of the Department of Finance, CTA from 18 – 22 January.

## **COLUMN**

### **A Reflection on the So-Called "Ten Virtues"**

by Khenpo Pema Tsering, High Peaks Pure Earth, 24 January 2016

The new "Ten Virtues" have been a controversial set of new Buddhist virtues that whole villages and towns in Tibet, influenced by their local lamas, are committing to. The Ten Virtues are: not to butcher and sell meat 2) not to steal and rob 3) not to fight with weapons 4) not to prostitute one's body 5) not to sell guns and opium 6) not to smoke opium or cigarettes 7) not to drink alcohol 8) not to gamble 9) not to hunt and 10) not to wear skin and fur of animals.

### **Preventing a water war in Asia**

Editorial, The Washington Times, 18 January 2016

The government in Beijing controls the health of six major South and Southeastern Asian rivers, the heart of life in the region. All of the rivers rise on the Tibetan plateau. The Chinese have been on an intensive program of dam-building on the upper reaches of the Brahmaputra, the Irrawaddy, the Meman Chao Phya and the Mekong.

### **China's Dalai Lama: Another Miscalculation?**

by Apa Lhamo, Tibet Policy Institute, 18 January 2016

China's repeated assertion of its right to determine the next Dalai Lama is part of larger strategies to tighten its grip over various aspects of Tibetan culture, including Tibet's complex Buddhist traditions of succession and rituals. China believes that installing a Dalai Lama under its patronage will bring stability in Tibet.

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