

Weekly Tibet News Digest

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"We call on the international community, national Parliaments, Governments and NGOs to stand behind and support an exiled community who seeks a political solution to a six decades long conflict, through the means of nonviolent actions and negotiations."

Press Statement of The International Network of Parliamentarians on Tibet (INPAT) 21 March 2016



Eminent members of The International Network of Parliamentarians on Tibet (INPAT) during the press conference on 21 March 2016 at Dharamshala, India on 21 March 2016.

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[Bedridden For Years After Torture in Jail, Tibetan Man Dies at 85](#)

RFA, 25 March 2016

Gyaye Phuntsok, 85, died on March 21 almost two decades after suffering crippling beatings and torture in prison.

[Lhasa out of bounds for Tibetans residing outside TAR](#)

Phayul, 25 March 2016

With Travel restrictions on foreigners to travel to Tibet for the month of March already in place since 26 Feb, China has also restricted Tibetans from outside the so called Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR) to travel to Lhasa, the capital of Tibet.

[Tibetan Prisoner Released With Crippling Back Injury](#)

RFA, 23 March 2016

Ngoega, 61, was released on March 20 and sent back in secret to his home in Sershul (in Chinese, Shiqu) county in the Kardze (Ganzi) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture after serving eight-year term in prison but is now unable to walk without assistance owing to crippling injuries to his back.

[Tibetan Monk Freed After Serving Four Years For Pulling Down Chinese Flag](#)

RFA, 23 March 2016

Sonam Gonpo, aged 26 and a monk at the Dza Wonpo monastery, returned to his home in Sershul (in Chinese, Shiqu) county in the Kardze (Ganzi) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture on March 12, after serving four-year sentence for pulling down a Chinese flag and scattering leaflets calling for Tibetan freedom.

[Tibetan Prisoner Released After Finishing Seven-Year Term](#)

RFA, 22 March 2016

Joleb Jigme, aged around 40, returned on March 21 to his home in Ngaba (in Chinese, Aba) county, after serving seven years sentence for activities opposing Beijing's rule in Tibetan areas.

[Sichuan-Tibet Railway listed as key Chinese national project](#)

Tibetan Review, 19 March 2016

China's "13th Five Year Plan" (2016-2020) outlined the Sichuan-Tibet Railway as part of its key construction projects, reported China's online Tibet news service eng.tibet.cn Mar 18. The second "sky road" in Tibet after the Qinghai-Tibet Railway will connect Sichuan's capital Chengdu with Tibet's capital Lhasa.

IN EXILE

[Russian MP Visits Tibetan Parliament](#)

Tibet.net, 25 March 2016

Russian Member of Parliament Mr Irinchey Matkhanov visited the Tibetan parliament yesterday to witness the ongoing proceedings of the budget session of the 15th Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile.

[Former HP Chief Minister Visits Tibetan Parliament](#)

Tibet.net, 25 March 2016

Shri Prem Kumar Dhumal, former Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh accompanied by a 6-member delegation visited the Tibetan parliament today to witness the ongoing proceedings of the budget session of the 15th Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile.

[His Holiness the Dalai Lama Graces Men Tsee Khang's Centenary Celebration](#)

Tibet.net, 23 March 2016

The Tibetan Medical and Astrological Institute, also known as Men-Tsee-Khang celebrated its centennial anniversary with a special ceremony at the Tsuklakhang. The event also marked 320 years of establishing the Chagpori Medical College in Lhasa, Tibet by His Holiness the fifth Dalai Lama and 55 years of re-establishing Men-Tsee-Khang by His Holiness the Dalai Lama in Dharamshala.

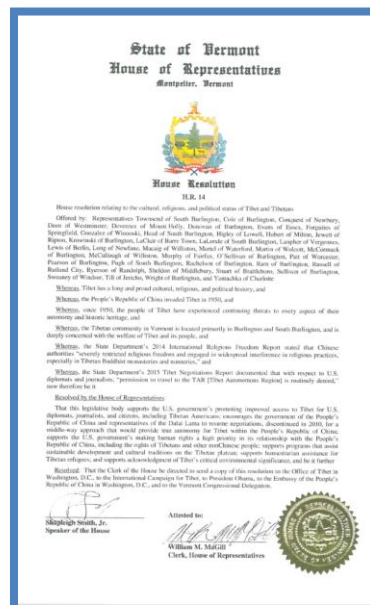
[International Delegation of Parliamentarians to observe Tibetan elections in exile in India](#)

ICT, 18 March 2016

A delegation of Parliamentarians and former MPs arrived Dharamshala, India, to observe the Tibetan elections in exile, which will take place on Sunday March 20. The 2016 Tibetan Election Observation Mission (TEOM) is an initiative by the International Network of Parliamentarians on Tibet coordinated by the International Campaign for Tibet and its goals are to support the democratic process chosen by Tibetans in exile to represent the aspirations of the Tibetan people.

RESOLUTION

[US State of Vermont Adopts Resolution Expressing Support for Middle Way Approach](#)



The House of Representatives of the state of Vermont, United States, adopted a resolution on 10 March encouraging the resumption of negotiations between China and representatives of His Holiness the Dalai Lama based on the Middle Way Approach of the Central Tibetan Administration.

PRESS RELEASE

International Parliamentarians Praise Competitive Tibetan Elections in Tibet Exile

ICT, 21 March 2016

The International Network of Parliamentarians on Tibet (INPAT) issued the following statement in Dharamshala, India on the Tibetan Elections in exile, which took place on March 20 in over 30 countries for the election of the Sikyong (head of the Central Tibetan Administration) and for 45 Members of the Parliament in exile.

COLUMN

Mahabharata on the Roof of the World?

by Claude Arpi, 29 March 2016

The serious South China Morning Post (SCMP) reported that Zhu Weiqun, the interlocutor of the Dalai Lama's Special Envoys and a hardliner on Tibet affairs (see my yesterday's post on the subject) has been accused to take huge bribes "to grant approvals for people to become living Buddhas". Zhu dismissed the accusation as a 'vulgar smear'.

The Indian Spy Who Fell for Tibet

by Samanth Subramanian, NYTimes, 16 March 2016

Das lingers in Lhasa for only two weeks and returns, via Tashilhunpo, to Darjeeling. In a sense, though, he never leaves Tibet. He names his house Lhasa Villa, and he spends the remainder of his life translating Tibetan texts, compiling a Tibetan-English dictionary, thinking incessantly about the land he left behind.

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to a Wonderful Refugee Community;
its Charismatic Monk Leader HH DALAI LAMA
and; Their Magnanimous Hosts --
the People and Government of India.

VENUE

All 4 Galleries of ALL INDIA FINE ARTS & CRAFTS
SOCIETY (AIFACS) 1, Rafi Marg
Opp Indian Parliament & Krishi Bhavan, N.Delhi
(Metro Gate-1)

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