

URGENT ACTION

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TIBET (Prisoners of Conscience)

Brief description of the case: According to unconfirmed reports from London based Tibet Information Network, Chinese authorities in "Tibet Autonomous Region" part of occupied-Tibet have again detained seventeen Tibetan demonstrators in Lhasa, the Tibetan capital. Unofficial sources in Lhasa said that five unidentified Tibetans, including one nun from Gari nunnery and two monks from Gyama Trikhang monastery in Maldro Gungkar district demonstrated around the Jhokhang Temple on 15 June. A week later, on 22 June, 12 nuns belonging to Gari nunnery staged another demonstration around the Potala Palace carrying two fairly large Tibetan national flags. The nuns detained from this demonstration have been identified as:

- Ngawang Rigdol, 19 or 20, hailing from Maldro Gungkar district
- Rinchen Zangmo, 21, hailing from Lungshoe
- Ngawang Dhadon, 16 or 17, hailing from Drigung
- Ngawang Nyima, 22, from Nagchu Sangshung
- Lobsang Dolma, 19 or 20, from Toelung Dechen district
- Gyaltzen Kunsang, 23, from Phenpo
- Ngawang Palkyi, 17, from Phenpo
- Lobsang Choekyi, 20, from Dokdhe, Lhasa
- Ngawang Tengye, 16 or 17, from Phenpo
- Gyaltzen Nyinyi, 22, from Taktse district
- Ngawang Kheyima, 22, from Phenpo
- Damchoe Gyaltzen, 24, from Toelung Dechen

The Central Tibetan Administration is deeply concerned about the growing number of arbitrary detention in occupied-Tibet. According to our information, an estimated 100 Tibetans, including many monks and nuns, have been arrested for activities supporting Tibetan independence during the past six months. The Chinese authorities, on the other hand, have partially confirmed around 30 of these arrests from Lhasa. We, therefore, once again urge human rights organisation worldwide to intervene on behalf of Tibetan political prisoners who continue to face atrocities in Chinese prison.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/Telex/Airmail Letters

- write to the Chinese authorities in "Tibet Autonomous Region" urging them to put an end to the use of torture and ill-treatment on Tibetan political;
- demand that the above 17 political prisoners be given a fair trial and that they be released immediately if no charges can be brought against them in a court of law;
- demand an end to political detention in occupied-Tibet; and,
- demand an end to political repression in occupied-Tibet.

APPEALS TO:

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