

## REPORT ON THE ENFORCED OR INVOLUNTARY DISAPPEARANCE OF A PERSON

### I. Identity of the person subjected to enforced or involuntary disappearance

1. Family name: **Gonpo**
2. First name: **[NOTE: many Tibetans use only one name.]**
3. Sex: **Male**
4. Birth date or age (at time of disappearance): **63**
5. Nationality: **Tibetan**
6. Civil status (single, married, etc.):
7. Identity document: **N/A**
8. Profession: **Retired. Former Director of Section 5 of the People's Investigative Office of Qinghai Province.**
9. Address of usual residence: **Xining, Qinghai Province**
10. Activities: (trade union, political, religious, humanitarian/solidarity, press, etc.)

**Gonpo was reportedly arrested on charges of having contacts with Tibetans in exile.**

### II. Date of disappearance

11. Year, month, day and hour when missing person was arrested or abducted: **December 26, 1996**
12. Year, month, day and hour when missing person was last seen: **(same)**
13. Other indications relating to the date of disappearance:

### III. Place of disappearance

14. Place where missing person was arrested or abducted: **Xining, Qinghai province.**
15. Place where missing person was last seen: **(same)**
16. If subsequent to the disappearance of the person

information was received about him/her, please indicate:  
His detention was officially announced in January, 1997, but no information is available concerning his arrest, any charges, or his present whereabouts.

17. Other indications concerning the place of disappearance:

IV. Forces believed to be responsible for the disappearance

18. If the person was arrested or abducted, please indicate who carried out the arrest: Public Security Bureau (PSB) officials

V. National action (legal or other) on behalf of the missing person

C. Other measures taken at the national level  
(letters, petitions, etc., or other steps taken before the civil or military authorities):

As a former official of the People's Investigative Office of Qinghai Province, the fact that Gonpo has allegedly been accused of maintaining contacts with exiled Tibetans leads us to believe that he may well be singled out for harsh punishment as a "traitor".

VIII Information concerning the author of the present report

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42. Relationship with the missing person:

The Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) is responsible for the welfare of Tibetans in exile, recently arrived refugees, and visiting Tibetans. It conducts detailed interviews with Tibetans arriving from Tibet, and initiates action on behalf of Tibetans who are reported to be victims of human rights violations.

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Confidentiality

44. Please state whether the author of the present report wishes his/her identity to be kept confidential:

The Office of Tibet remains in contact with the sources of allegations of human rights violations, but the identity of Tibetan sources must remain confidential. There have been many cases of official reprisals, including the arrest and torture of relatives or associates of persons reporting human rights violations.

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Signature of author:

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