

Tashi Deleg Glen la,

Thank you for your fax enquiring about the cases that we submitted to the Working Group. Since the last time we wrote you there is just one additional case of disappearance. Please find below the same:

Kelsang Thupten, aged 32, a monk of Taktsang Lhamo Monastery from Li-Chu

Dzong had been arrested in December 1996 on charges of 'hoisting the

Tibetan flag during the 29th day before the Tibetan New Year and

distributing documents in the monastery'.

Kelsang Thupten was detained in Kenlho prison for 3 days and thereafter

transferred to another unknown place. His family members were given varying

replies as to his whereabouts. When the Lhabrang Prison authorities were

contacted, they were told that he was detained in Kenlho prison. However,

when inquiries were made at Kenlho prison, some other prison name was

provided. Thus, to date nobody from his family knows where he was taken and

detained. His family members, relatives and friends fear that he could

possibly have been killed by the PSB under interrogation. At the time of

his arrest, there was no real evidence to link him to the activities he was

allegedly charged with.

This information was provided by a recent arrival from Tibet who was interviewed by our staff in Nepal where we have our branch office. The source wishes to remain anonymous.

The rest of them stands exactly the same. We sent the cases by mail so, if you still wish to acquire a copy please let us know by e-mail or fax.

Thank you very much again.

With our best wishes,

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Human Rights field officer