

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

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

1. Family name: **Nazod Tulku**
2. First name: **[NOTE: The term Tulku implies that the person is a reincarnate lama.]**
3. Sex: **Male**
4. Birth date or age (at time of disappearance):  
**adult**
5. Nationality: **Tibetan**
6. Civil status (single, married, etc.): **Single**
7. Identity document: **N/A**
8. Profession: **Spiritual head of Nazod monastery (200 monks).**
9. Address of usual residence: **Nazod Monastery, Serthar County, Kartse (Ch: Seda Xian, Ganzi Autonomous Prefecture), Sichuan province**
10. Activities: (trade union, political, religious, humanitarian/solidarity, press, etc.)  
**Nazod Tulku is known to have spoken out repeatedly against massive recent mining activities in Serthar County, which reportedly bring no benefit to the Tibetan residents and have caused much environmental devastation. In June, 1995, on the occasion of an official meeting commemorating the 40th anniversary of China's "Peaceful Liberation of Tibet", he and some friends are said to have distributed independence leaflets and posted wall posters protesting the mining activities and their effect on the local residents.**

**II. Date of disappearance**

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

Nazod Tulku

disappearance:  
On the day of his disappearance, Chinese officials thoroughly searched his quarters (see 22 below).

III. Place of disappearance

14. Place where missing person was arrested or abducted:  
From his residence at Nazod monastery (as above).
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: Sources report that Nazod Tulku may have been transferred to Me-Nyag Ra-Nga Prison in Nyarong (Ch: Xinlong Xian, Ganzi Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture), Sichuan province.

IV. Forces believed to be responsible for the disappearance

18. If the person was arrested or abducted, please indicate who carried out the arrest: According to our sources, Public Security Bureau (PSB) officials arrested Nazod Tulku. He was held for five months in Serthar County Prison, where he is said to have been interrogated and tortured on a regular basis.
20. If the arrest or abduction took place in the presence of witnesses indicate the name of the witnesses. If the witnesses have not identified themselves or wish to withhold their names, indicate if they are relatives, neighbors, bystanders etc.: The arrest was witnessed by the monks of Nazod monastery.
22. If a search took place of the missing person's domicile, office or place of work, (or that of any other person connected with him/her), before, during or after the disappearance, please indicate and describe the search: Nazod Tulku's private quarters were searched by Chinese officials and they reportedly found woodblocks for printing the above-mentioned posters, as well as other related documents.

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

Despite repeated inquiries to the authorities, the whereabouts of Nazod Tulku, the spiritual head of a large monastery, remain unknown.

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 primary source for the disappearance of Nazod Tulku is a recently arrived Tibetan refugee from Serthar County, with first-hand knowledge of the events.

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Signature of author:

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