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Communication regarding extrajudicial killings of 14  
Tibetan protesters in Kardze County, Sichuan Province,  
China, on 3 April 2008.

  
Sincerely

Tenzin Norgay (Mr)  
Personnel for UN Affairs



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Dated: 18 April 2008

To,

Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary, or Arbitrary Executions  
c/o OHCHR-UNOG,  
1211 Geneva 10,  
Switzerland

Dear Mr. Philip Alston,

As you are aware, Tibet is currently reeling under extreme tension with reports of extrajudicial killings taking place on a daily basis. With no independent monitoring agencies allowed to function in Tibet, information is hard to surface and those that reach the outside world are sent under a grave risk of lengthy imprisonment. We, the Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy (TCHRD), an NGO dedicated to promotion of human rights have been constantly contacted for help by Tibetans inside Tibet.

On behalf of our sources and complaint registrars, the TCHRD appeals to your mandate to investigate the extrajudicial killings took place near Tongkhor Monastery in Kardze County, Kardze "Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture" ("TAP"), Sichuan Province, China, on 3 April 2008. At least 14 peaceful Tibetan protesters died when Chinese armed forces shot live ammunition indiscriminately into the crowd. The protesters were calling for the release of two monks who were earlier arrested for objecting to the Chinese "Patriotic Education" campaign in Tongkhor Monastery. Scores have sustained bullet injuries during the security forces indiscriminate shooting and we fear some of them might die at home for being unable to go to hospitals for treatments either due to fear of arrest by the police or due to monetary reasons.

Our sources reported that the family members of the dead were not allowed to carry the bodies of their loved ones and were even issued with threats of shooting them if they dare to do so. The security forces took away the dead bodies and till date they have not been returned to the bereaved families thereby denying them even the conduct of last rites for the dead.

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Please find enclosed the background information on the protest and the killings as well as pictures of the dead that TCHRD has been able to obtain till date.

The Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy (TCHRD) appeals to your kind mandate to investigate the incident in detail to give justice to the dead souls.

Thank you for your anticipated action.

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**Note:**

Please find enclosed the following

- Pictures of those shot dead by Chinese security forces on 3 April 2008
- Background information on the protest and the extrajudicial killings

## **Background information**

### **2 April 2008 - Chinese "work team" officials arrives at Tongkhor Monastery to conduct "patriotic education" of the monks of the monastery**

In the aftermath of several massive demonstrations by Tibetans in Kardze County in March 2008, the County law enforcement agencies brutally quelled the Tibetan protesters. After a spree of arbitrary detentions, Chinese "work team" officials visited Tongkhor Monastery in Zithang Township, Kardze County, Sichuan, on 2 April to conduct "patriotic education"- a political indoctrination session that requires monks to denounce the Dalai Lama and to oppose the Tibetan protesters - for the monks of the monastery.

The chief monk of Tongkor Monastery, Lobsang Jamyang, did not cooperate with the work team during the campaign. Yeshe Nyima, a monk protested against the campaign which was later joined by other monks of the monastery who refused to cooperate with the official work team by telling, "we cannot criticize the Dalai Lama even at the cost of our lives."

### **3 April 2008 - People's Armed Police and Public Security Bureau officers shoot indiscriminately into the protesting Tibetans killing at least 14 Tibetans**

But the next day the "work team" returned to the monastery with hundreds of People's Armed Police (PAP) and Public Security Bureau (PSB) officers. The PAP and PSB officers ransacked the monks' residences looking for photos of the Dalai Lama, confiscated photos of Tongkor head lama, Tongkor Shabdrung, mobile phones and other belongings. The officers arrested an elderly monk Geshe Tsultrim Tenzin, in 70's and a lay person Tsultrim Phuntsok, 26.

Subsequently, more than three hundreds strong monastic community marched towards local county government headquarters to demand their release that was later joined by hundreds of laypeople. The group left after being told that the two monks would be released at 8:00 p.m. but returned after officials failed to deliver their promise. On their way, they were confronted by a heavy presence of PAP and PSB officials which later turned into scuffle between the forces and the protesters, with police forces firing shots into the protesters, killing at least 14 Tibetans and injuring dozens of people.

Xinhua, the state run media agency, admitted the incident took place but described it as 'riot' mentioning only the injury of one government official and did not mention about the killings and injuries of the Tibetan protesters.

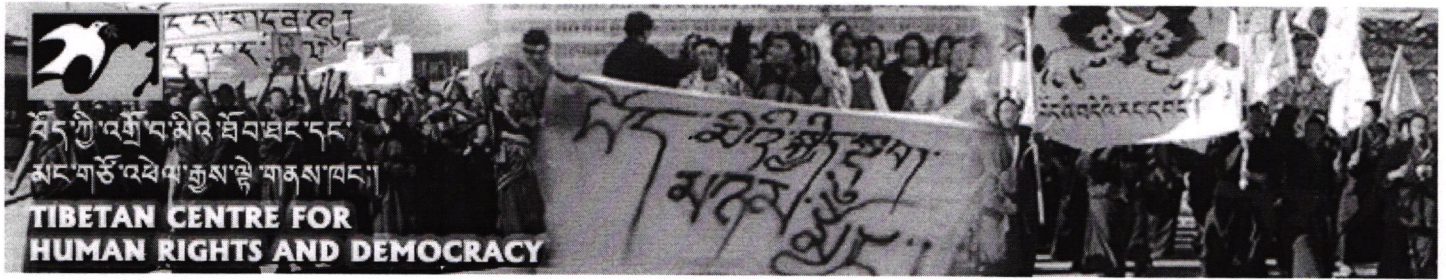
### **Names of protesters shot dead by Chinese security forces**

| S.no | Name          | Age | Sex  | Monk or lay person | Residence                        | Remarks |
|------|---------------|-----|------|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------|
| 1    | Bhu Bhu Delek | 30  | Male | lay person         | Sothok Da Village, Kardze County |         |
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| 2  | Druklo Tso                   | 34 | Female | lay person | Gugra Village,<br>Kardze County                 |   |
| 3  | Khechok Pawo                 | 20 | Male   | monk       | Tharthok Village,<br>Kardze County              |   |
| 4  | Tsering Dhondup<br>(younger) | -  | Male   | layperson  | resident of Druyak<br>Village, Kardze<br>County | please note there<br>is another person<br>killed with the<br>same name but<br>their ages are<br>different |
| 5  | Lhego                        | 35 | Male   | monk       | Walanda Village,<br>Kardze County               | Lhego is a nick<br>name<br>affectionately<br>given by family<br>members, real<br>name unknown             |
| 6  | Kunchok Sherab               | 30 | Male   | monk       | Khasung Village,<br>Kardze County               |   |
| 7  | Tseyang Kyi                  | 23 | Female | lay person | Tsar-Ngoe<br>Village, Kardze<br>County          |   |
| 8  | Lobsang Rinchen              | 25 | Male   | monk       | Nyatri Village,<br>Kardze County                |   |
| 9  | Sonam Tsultrim               | 22 | Male   | lay person | Nyatri Village,<br>Kardze County                |   |
| 10 | Thubten Sangden              | 27 | Male   | monk       | Tsukra Village,<br>Kardze County                | former chant<br>master of<br>Tongkhor<br>Monastery  |
| 11 | Tsewang Rigzin               | 38 | Male   | monk       | Juruda Village,<br>Kardze County                | Disciplinarian of<br>Tongkhor<br>Monastery  |
| 12 | Tsering Dhondup<br>(elder)   | 43 | Male   | lay person | Khasung Village,<br>Kardze County               | Another Tsering<br>Dhondup is also<br>listed above  |
| 13 | Tenlo                        | 32 | female | lay person | Gugra Village,<br>Kardze County                 |   |
| 14 | Kelsang Choedon              | 35 | female | lay person | Mokrin Village,<br>Kardze County                |   |

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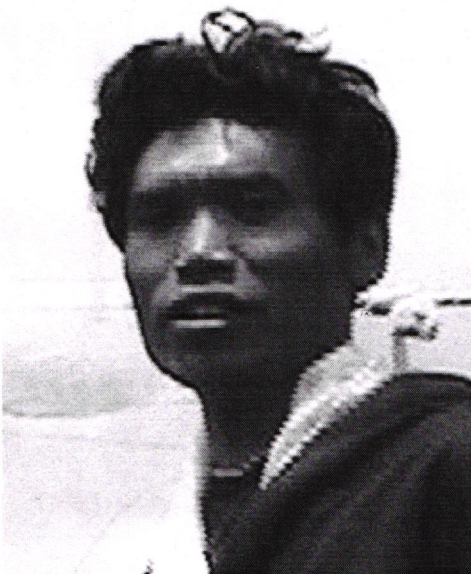


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17 April 2008 [Photo Release]

**Pictures of Tibetans shot dead by Chinese armed police on 3 April 2008**

TCHRD has obtained pictures of 11 Tibetans who died when Chinese armed forces shot live ammunition indiscriminately into a protesting crowd near Tongkhor Monastery in Kardze County on 3 April 2008. The protest broke out when monks of Tongkor Monastery (Ch: Donggu) in Zithang Township, Kardze County, Kardze "Tibet Autonomous Prefecture" ("TAP"), Sichuan Province, called for the release of two monks arrested for objecting to the Chinese 'Patriotic Education' campaign in the monastery. At least 14 are known to have been shot dead on that day, as against eight previously reported. The bodies of the dead have not been returned to the families till date.

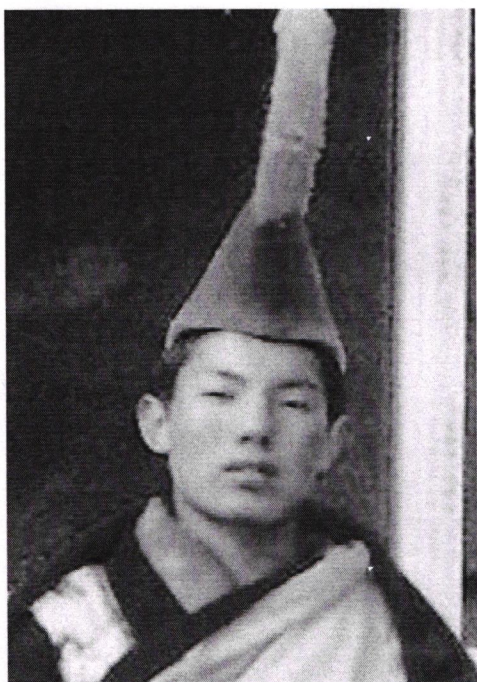


**Bhu Bhu Delek, 30, Sothok Da Village**



**Druklo Tso, 34 , Gugra Village**

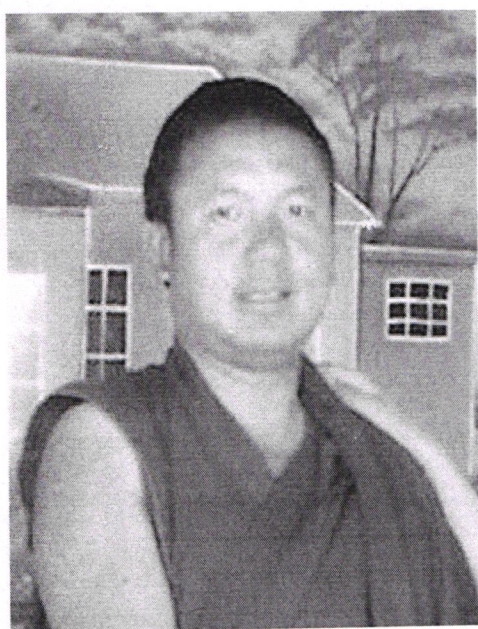




**Khechok Pawo, 20, Tharthok Village**



**Tsering Dhondup (younger), Druyak Village**



**Lhego (pet name, real name unknown), 35,  
Walanda Village**

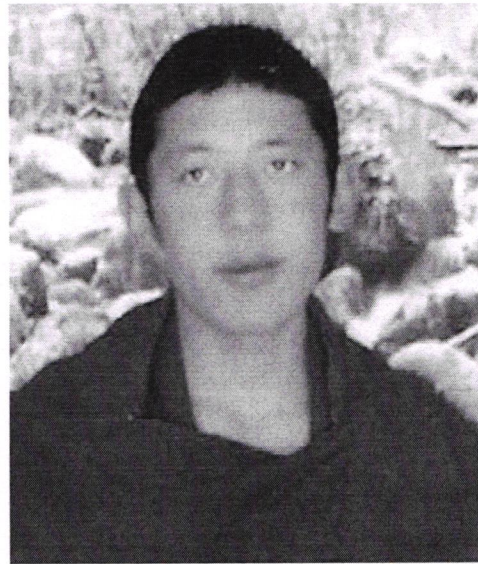


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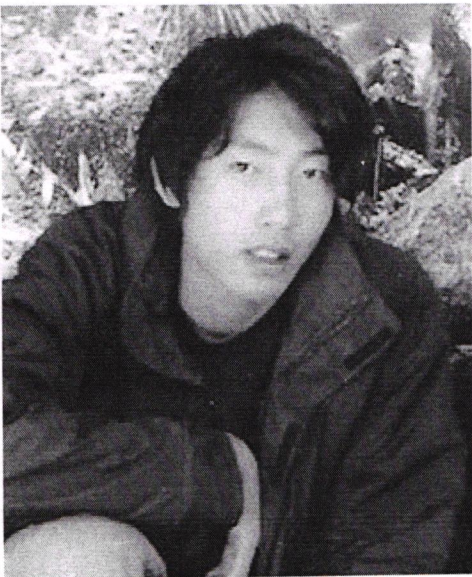




**Tseyang Kyi, 23, Tsar Ngoe Village**



**Lobsang Rinchen, 25, Nyatri Village**

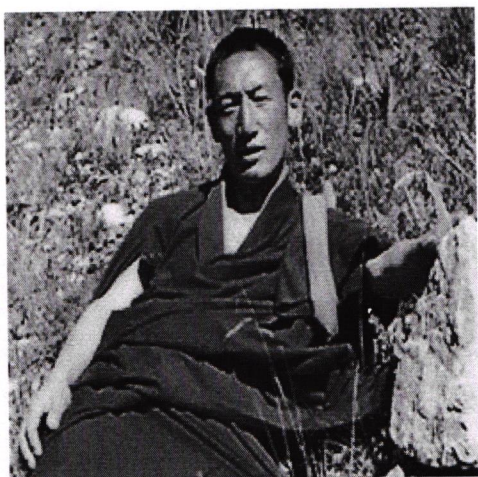


**Sonam Tsultrim, 22, Nyatri Village**

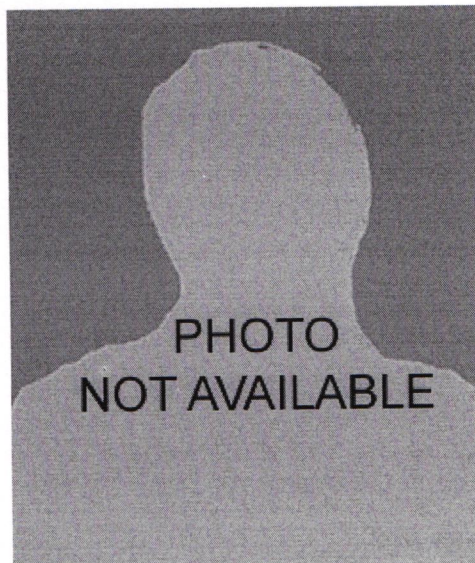


**Thubten Sangden (former chant master of  
Tongkhor Monastery), 27, Tsukra Village**

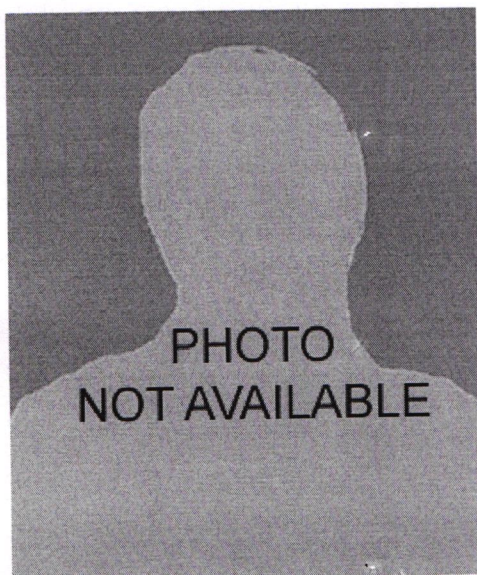




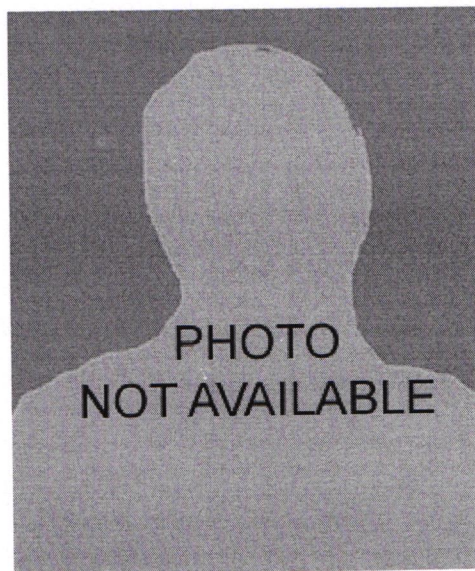
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**For more information read:**

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