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


Sincerely

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To,

Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary, or Arbitrary Executions
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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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