

Form to Submit a Communication on a Victim of an Enforced or Involuntary Disappearance

Important: Elements indicated with (*) are mandatory.

Note: If any information contained in the report, besides the mandatory requested elements, should be kept confidential, please mark the word "CONFIDENTIAL" beside the relevant entry.

CASES SUBMITTED BY ORGANISATIONS:

Please note that if this case is being submitted to the Working Group by an organisation, it is necessary for your organisation to carry out follow-up in the future on each case by conveying Government information to the family sent from the Working Group, and from the family to the Working Group until the fate or whereabouts of the person are determined. In that regard, *please indicate whether the reported victim's family has given their direct consent* that this case is being submitted by your organisation to the Working Group on their behalf and whether your organisation will be able to provide follow up information between the family and the Working Group.

***Consent of victim's family given directly to your organisation to submit this case:**

Yes, direct consent received from family

***If this case is being submitted by an organisation, will it be able to provide follow up by conveying information between the family and the Working Group: Yes**

1. Identity of the disappeared person:

(a) Family name (*):

(b) First name (*): Wangdue (one name only, also spelled as Wangdu)

(c) Sex: male

(d) Date of birth: early 40s

(e) Identity document:..... Nr:

Date of issue: Place of issue:

(f) Address of usual residence: Lhasa

(g) Indigenous: __ no

(h) Pregnant: __ no

2. Date on which the disappearance occurred (at least as to the month and year) (*):

Date of disappearance: 14 March 2008

3. Place of arrest or abduction, or where the disappeared person was last seen (*):

Location (if possible street, city, province or other relevant indications):

From Tibet University in Lhasa. His wife is a staff at the University. Please consider this information confidential.

4. Forces (State or State-supported) believed to be responsible for the disappearance (*):

(a) If the perpetrators are believed to be State agents, please specify (military, police, persons in uniform or civilian clothes, agents of security services, unit to which they belong, rank and functions, etc.) and indicate why they are believed to be responsible; be as precise as possible:

A team of officers from the Lhasa Public Security Bureau, State Security Bureau, People's Armed Police arrived at his residence at the Tibet University. Wangdue was living there as his wife is a staff of the university.

(b) If identification as State agents is not possible, why do you believe that Government authorities, or persons linked to them, are responsible for the incident?

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(c) If there are witnesses to the incident, indicate their names. If they wish to remain anonymous, indicate if they are relatives, by-passers, etc.; if there is evidence, please specify:

His wife and daughter were present when Wangdue was picked up from his residence on 14 March 2008. Wangdue's wife wishes to remain anonymous.

5. Action taken by the relatives or others to locate the person (inquiries with police, jail, human rights commission, habeas corpus petition etc.) (*):

(a) Indicate if complaints have been filed, **when**, by **whom**, and before **which organ**.

No complaints filed.

(b) Other steps taken:

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(c) If action was not possible, please explain why:

Wangdue's wife is in a state of shock and anxiety. She is too afraid to approach any authority to locate her husband for the fear of being also disappeared by the state agents. In Tibet, Tibetans live under fear and does not dare to challenge any actions/directions by the state agencies. To do so can lead to the imprisonment of the complainant on charges of obstructing state work. For the fear of her own safety, neither his wife nor other family members dared to approach the authorities.

6. Identity of the person or organization submitting the report (*):

(a) Family name:

(b) First name: Tenzin Norgay

(c) Relationship with the disappeared person:

(d) Organization (if applicable, see also below): Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy

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(f) Please state whether you would like your identity to be kept confidential

No request for confidentiality

Additional Information on the case

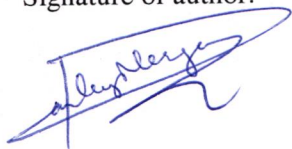
Please indicate any other relevant information that has not been answered in the previous questions. If one of the mandatory elements noted (*) in this report could not be answered, please indicate why.

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Question 1(a) **Family name** (*) cannot be answered as the disappeared goes by only one name. It is a common practice for Tibetans to have only one name.

Date: 17 October 2008

Signature of author:



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Below is Wangdue's (in black jacket wearing glasses) picture as it appears in the Burnet Institute's Tibet office staff profile webpage. Wangdue is an employee of the Australia based Burnet Institute's office in Tibet.

<http://www.burnet.edu.au/home/cih/about/staff/overseas/tibet>



Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy

9 October 2008 [Press Release]

The whereabouts of Tibetan HIV/AIDS activist, Wangdue (one name only), remains unknown to his family members since he was arbitrarily detained by the Lhasa City Public Security Bureau (PSB) officials from his home on 14 March 2008 in Lhasa, according to confirmed information received by the Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy (TCHRD).

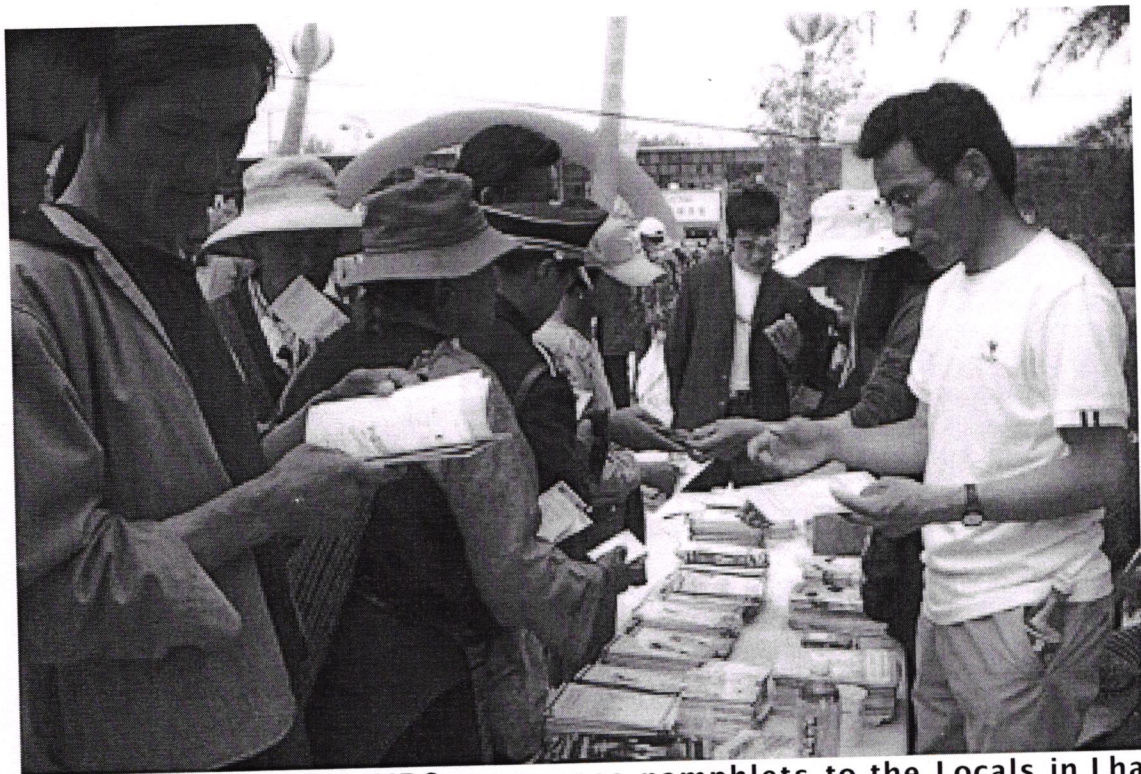
Wangdue, now in his early 40s was born in Taktse County (Ch: Daxi/Dagze Xian), Lhasa Municipality, "Tibet Autonomous Region" ("TAR"). He is a former political prisoner initially arrested for his involvement in the March 1989 protest in Lhasa and was later sentenced to three years to "Re-education through Labour" in Sangyip Prison, otherwise known as "TAR" PSB Detention Centre. His prison sentence was further increased by four years by the Lhasa City Intermediate People's Court for his involvement in a protest in Sangyip, and he was later transferred to the notorious Drapchi Prison in Lhasa where he completed his remaining prison term. Following his release in 1995, Wangdue studied English language besides working in Lhasa.

Wangdue later came in contact with a foreign NGO working on an HIV/AIDS awareness program in Lhasa City and worked to create HIV/AIDS awareness in various brothels around Lhasa city, in schools in neighboring counties and towns, and organized talk series in various nightclubs mushrooming in the holy city. The NGO also published and printed numerous education booklets, posters and pamphlets on HIV/AIDS awareness in Tibetan and Chinese language for free distribution to educate the general public on the deadly disease which is gradually gaining ground in Tibet. Due to their success, numerous schools, government offices including the "TAR" Police Academy invited the NGO to give lecture on the HIV/AIDS awareness to their students, staffs and recruits.

Like the Chinese democracy, environmental and AIDS activist, Hu Jia, who has been nominated by the Nobel Committee for this year's Nobel Peace Prize, Wangdue has been spearheading a noble community service project in educating the masses about the HIV/AIDS in Tibet. Wangdue who has disappeared since his arbitrary detention on 14 March, deserves a similar respect and adulation from the international community for his selfless community service and the international community, should therefore, urgently press for his early release so that he can continue with his noble mission of creating awareness on HIV/AIDS, an epidemic which is gradually spreading at an alarming rate in the Tibetan holy city of Lhasa and other neighboring towns and cities.

TCHRD expresses its deepest concern over the safety of Wangdue and urgently calls upon the government of the People's Republic of China (PRC) to ascertain his whereabouts and physical conditions. The Centre appeals to the UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearance (UNWGEID) to urgently issue intervention to locate him and his current status.

<http://www.tchrd.org/press/2008/pr20081009.html>



Wangdue distributing HIV/AIDS awareness pamphlets to the Locals in Lhasa City at this undated photo received by the TCHRD



Wangdue with one of his colleagues at the HIV/AIDS awareness stall in Lhasa