

URGENT ACTION

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TIBET (Prisoners of Conscience)

Brief description of the case: According to information received by the Central Tibetan Administration at present **eight** Tibetan monks are being detained at Ngapa Dzong (district) in North-eastern Tibet [incorporated into Sichuan province of China]. The monks are from the Menpa house, one of the four houses of Kirti Gonchen, the biggest monastery in the region.

The report said that over 40 monks of Kirti monastery were arrested after leading a peaceful protest-march against the Chinese authorities at the district headquarters in Ngapa Dzong. The protest took place on 1 May 1992, the international Labour Day. The Chinese security forces arrested all the demonstrators, according to this report. Fresh refugees from this region of Tibet, however, said that over 50 arrests took place on that day.

Full details of this demonstration are not available at the time of this Urgent Action on behalf of those detained. However, the situation was said to have become "very tense" when monks of Kirti monastery, numbering over 2,000 threatened to stage another protest if the authorities did not release those that were detained. The Chinese authorities were forced to release the detainees with exception of eight who were held for "further investigation," according to this report.

The Central Tibetan Administration is deeply concerned about the fate of those detained or others who might be arrested in connection with this demonstration. We are afraid that these Tibetans are suffering under routine beating and torture while being interrogated by the Chinese authorities. We, therefore, urge the Chinese authorities to immediately put an end to political arrests, the use of torture and other forms of repression in occupied-Tibet.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/Telex/Airmail Letters

- please write to the Chinese authorities in Sichuan province, urging them to put an end to the use of torture and ill-treatment on Tibetan political prisoners;
- urge the Chinese authorities to give full details of the monks arrested on 1 May, 1992 to the UN Centre for Human Rights in Geneva;
- demand that political prisoners in occupied-Tibet be given a fair trial if they have not already been brought before the court and that they be released immediately if no charges can be brought against them in a court of law; and,
- demand an end to political detention in occupied-Tibet.

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