

URGENT ACTION

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TIBET
(Prisoner of Conscience)

Brief description of the case: Three Tibetan men were arrested between 17 and 19 March, 1992 from Gyama Trigang village in Maldro Gungkar district of Lhasa. A recent traveller to Lhasa quoting sources in Lhasa said that these Tibetans were arrested in connection with the appearance of some wall-posters in the district. The wall-posters demanded Tibetan independence and asked the people of the district to protect their land from diamond and gold explorations by the Chinese authorities.

Karma, 40, husband of Pasang and father of three children hails from a poor peasant family in Gyama Trigang village, about 80 kms east of Lhasa. According to this reliable source who cannot be named, he was arrested after his neighbours tipped the Chinese authorities on his involvement in wall-posters. He was detained on 14th day of the First Tibetan month, i.e. 17 March, 1992.

Two days later on 19 March, Monlam, 20 and Gyatso 22, natives of the same village were arrested as other Tibetans allegedly involved in the case. As of 19 May, 1992 all three are being detained at the Maldro Gungkar District prison which is known to have poor and squalid conditions. It is not being known whether their families members have been allowed to meet them or whether they have been officially charged or otherwise sentenced.

It is clear from these unknown detention that Tibetans activists are facing secret persecution from the Chinese authorities in the villages. For the past two months these three Tibetans have been detained without the knowledge of the outside world. The Central Tibetan Administration of H. H. the Dalai Lama is gravely concerned about the fate of Karma, Monlam and Gyatso. We are further worried that these prisoners of conscience have been beaten and tortured during their secret detention. We, therefore, call the Chinese authorities to immediately release detailed information about their detention to the UN Centre for Human Rights in Geneva.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/Telex/Airmail Letters

- write to the Chinese authorities in "Tibet Autonomous Region" urging them to put an end to the use of torture and ill-treatment on Tibetan political;
- demand that the above three political prisoners be given a fair trial and that they be released immediately if no charges can be brought against them in a court of law;
- demand an end to political detention in occupied-Tibet;

APPEALS TO:

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Ren Jianxin Yuan Zhang
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Beijing
People's Republic of China

COPIES TO: Diplomatic representatives of the People's Republic of China in your country.

Annex II

Model questionnaire to be completed by persons alleging
arbitrary arrest or detention 1/

I. Identity of the person arrested or detained

1. Family name:
2. First name: (s): Karma (40), Monlam (20) & Gyatso (22).....
3. Sex: (Male) ☒ (Female) ☐
4. Birth date or age (at the time of detention):
5. Nationality/Nationalities: ..Tibetans.....
6. (a) Identity document (if any):Not known.....
(b) Issued by:
(c) On (date):
(d) No.:
7. Profession and/or activity (if believed to be relevant to the
arrest/detention):
..Peasants.....
8. Address of usual residence: Gyama Trigang village, Maldro
Gungkar district (one of the district under Lhasa), Tibet.....
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1/ A separate questionnaire must be completed for each case of alleged arbitrary arrest or detention. As far as possible, all details requested should be given. Nevertheless, failure to do so will not necessarily result in the inadmissibility of the communication.

II. Arrest 2/

1. Date of arrest: Karma on 17 March, 1992 & Monlam & Gyatso on 19th March, 1992
2. Place of arrest (as detailed as possible):
Gyama Trigang village.....
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3. Forces who carried out the arrest or are believed to have carried it out:
Personnel of the Maldro Gungkar Public Security Bureau (police).....
4. Did they show a warrant or other decision by a public authority?
(Yes) (No) x
Authority who issued the warrant or decision:
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6. Relevant legislation applied (if known):
None.....
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2/ For the purpose of this questionnaire, "arrest" refers to the initial act of apprehending a person. "Detention" means and includes detention before, during and after trial. In some cases, only section II, or section III may be applicable. None the less, whenever possible, both sections should be filled in.

III. Detention 2/

1. Date of detention: .Same.as.arrest.dates.....
2. Duration of detention (if not known, probable duration): .still.detained.....
3. Forces holding the detainee under custody: Maldro Gungkar District
authorities.....
4. Places of detention (indicate any transfer and present place of
detention):
As.of.19.May.at.Maldro.Gungkar.District.Prison.....
5. Authorities that ordered the detention:
Maldro.Gungkar.District.Police.....
6. Reasons for the detention imputed by the authorities:
Alleged involvement in independence wall-posters which
appeared in the district.....
7. Relevant legislation applied (if known):
None.that.has.been.known.....

IV. Describe the circumstances of the arrest and/or the detention
and indicate precise reasons why you consider the arrest or
detention to be arbitrary 3/

It is the normal practice of the Chinese authorities to.....
conduct these kinds of arbitrary arrests of Tibetan who.....
have no rights, whatsoever to defend their case..Please.....
find our Urgent Action on the case for more details.

3/ Copies of documents that prove the arbitrary nature of the arrest or
detention, or help to better understand the specific circumstances of the case,
as well as any other relevant information, may also be attached to this
questionnaire.

- V. Indicate internal steps, including domestic remedies, taken especially with the legal and administrative authorities, particularly for the purpose of establishing the detention and, as appropriate, their results or the reasons why such steps or remedies were ineffective or why they were not taken

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Not known
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- VI. Full name and address of the person(s) submitting the information (telephone and fax number, if possible) 4/

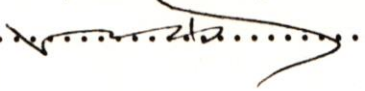
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Fax: (01892) 2357 or 2229 or (011) 6461914 (New Delhi)
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Date: ..3.June,..1992..... Signature:

4/ If a case is submitted to the Working Group by anyone other than the victim or his family, such person or organization should indicate authorization by the victim or his family to act on their behalf. If, however, the authorization is not readily available, the Working Group reserves the right to proceed without the authorization. All details concerning the person(s) submitting the information to the Working Group, and any authorization provided by the victim or his family, will be kept confidential.

This questionnaire should be addressed to the Working Group on arbitrary detention, Centre for Human Rights, United Nations Office at Geneva, 8-14 avenue de la Paix, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland, fax No. (022) 733.98.79; telex 41.29.62.
