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- **DIIR Kalon Norzin Dolma Wraps Up Successful Visit to Washington DC**

CTA's Department of Information and International Relations (DIIR) Kalon Norzin Dolma and Secretary Karma Choeying met with U.S. Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issue Under-Secretary Uzra Zeya for an hour-long discussion and shared future engagements with the Under Secretary's office. (*Tibet.net*)

- **“Freedom is foundation for development”: His Holiness the Dalai Lama to NBA player Enes Kanter Freedom**

“Freedom is essential. It is the foundation for development and without freedom, development is rigid,” said His Holiness the Dalai Lama during a virtual conversation with NBA player Enes Kanter Freedom on Wednesday. (*Tibet.net*)

- **Sonam Dorjee takes charge as Secretary of Tibetan Parliament in Exile**

Secretary Sonam Dorjee formally took charge as the new Secretary of Tibetan Parliament in Exile earlier during a brief handover-takeover ceremony held this morning at the Parliamentary Secretariat. (*Tibet.net*)

- **Chinese government destroys third Tibetan Buddhist statue in 3 months**

The Chinese government has demolished a third Tibetan Buddhist statue of Padmasambhava, also known as Guru Rinpoche, has been destroyed by Chinese officials since December. It once stood three-stories high at the Chanang Monastery in Drago County of the Kardze Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture. It was razed in late January, sources living in exile and satellite imagery revealed. (RFA)

- **DIIR Kalon Norzin Dolma and Secretary Karma Choeying arrives in Washington DC, meets U.S. Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues Under Secretary Uzra Zeya**

Kalon Norzin Dolma met with the U.S. Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues Under Secretary of State for Civilian, Security, Democracy, and Human Rights(J) Uzra Zeya in her office at the State Department. (*Tibet.net*)



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- **His Holiness the Dalai lama Hopes for Dialogue to Restore Peace in Ukraine**

Our world has become so interdependent that violent conflict between two countries inevitably impacts the rest of the world. War is outdated – non-violence is the only way. We need to develop a sense of the oneness of humanity by considering other human beings as brothers and sisters. This is how we will build a more peaceful world. (*Tibet.net*)

- **Sikyong Penpa Tsering offers Solidarity with Ukraine, condemns violence as the solution**

In a tweet posted on Friday, Sikyong condemns violence as ‘inhumane’ and ‘anachronistic’ in today’s world and called for peace to be restored in Ukraine. The invasion of Ukraine reminds us of the invasion of Tibet in 1950. Resorting to violence is inhumane and is anachronistic in today’s world. Peace should be restored in Ukraine” Sikyong tweeted. (*Tibet.net*)

- **UN Human Rights Council’s 49th session Begins: Swiss Tibetans Hold Protest Against China for Deteriorating Situation in Tibet**

Tibetan Community of Switzerland & Liechtenstein expressed profound concern over the rapidly deteriorating situation in Tibet and held a demonstration in protest against China paralleling the opening of the UN Human Rights Council’s 49th regular session on Monday, 28 February. (*Tibet.net*)

- **Governor of Meghalaya Shri Satya Pal Malik pays homage to Tibetan Buddhist Monastery in Shillong**

The Honourable Governor of Meghalaya, Shri Satya Pal Malik Ji made his maiden visit to the Gaden Choeling Buddhist monastery on Monday. On his arrival, Shri Satya Pal Malik Ji visited the Buddhist monastery and paid homage to the Buddha. As a gesture of gratitude and in honor of His Excellency, the Tibetans in Shillong felicitated him by offering mementoes. (*Tibet.net*)

- **Dalai Lama Temple to reopen on Mar 3, Tibetan New Year**

The Tsuglakhang, better known to visitors as the Dalai Lama Temple, located within the Thekchen Choeling compound of the Tibetan spiritual leader’s residence, is to finally reopen on Mar 3, the first day of Losar, the Tibetan New Year, after two years. (*Tibetan Review*)



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- **Self-immolation attempt at Tibet's Potala Palace thwarted by Chinese police**

A Tibetan shouted slogans and attempted to self-immolate in an apparent protest in front of the iconic Potala Palace in the Tibet regional capital Lhasa this week but was thwarted by Chinese police. Immediately after the incident Friday morning outside the Potala, police took away the Tibetan, whose identity, condition and whereabouts remain unknown. *(RFA)*

- **Sikyong Penpa Tsering expresses earnest condolences on the demise of Richard Blum**

Sikyong Penpa Tsering of the Central Tibetan Administration offered condolences on the demise of longtime friend of Tibet, Richard Charles Blum on behalf of CTA and Tibetan people. In his letter to the bereaved wife of late Charles Blum, Sikyong wrote "I offer our heartfelt condolences and prayers to you and your family at this difficult time." *(Tibet.net)*



#TIBET MATTERS

@KangabaTv:

Lhasa, the capital of the #Tibet autonomous region saw steady economic growth in 2021, with #GDP reaching more than 74 billion yuan (\$11 billion) — an increase of about 6.7 percent year-on-year, a city official said at a news conference on Monday.

@Francisco Vieira:

The report "The Question of Tibet and The Rule of Law" states, that the Chinese Communists have by acts of #genocide attempted to destroy the Tibetan nation and the Buddhist religion in #Tibet announced International Commission of Jurists @icj in a report

@International Campaign for Free Tibet:

Remembering Richard Blum, a longtime friend of the Dalai Lama and #Tibet, and sharing our heartfelt condolences with @SenFeinstein and his beloved family.

@Francisco Vieira:

#Tibet was invaded, occupied and annexed by #PRChina in the name of Liberation. #Ukraine was invaded and occupied by #Russia in the name of Liberation.



TIBET WATCH

Living Together - YouTube

His Holiness the Dalai Lama talks about the need for universal responsibility, for the whole of humanity to learn to live happily together.

DID YOU KNOW?

Losar also known as Tibetan New Year, is a festival in Tibetan Buddhism. The holiday is celebrated on various dates depending on location (Tibet, Bhutan, Nepal, India) tradition. The holiday is a new year's festival, celebrated on the first day of the lunisolar Tibetan calendar, which corresponds to a date in February or March in the Gregorian calendar. In 2020, the new year commenced on the 24th of February and celebrations ran until the 26th of the same month. It also commenced the Year of the Male Iron Rat.

