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Opinion: The Taliban face of China in Tibet

China is now busy playing its own version of the Taliban in Tibet. In the latest chapter of this campaign, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) replayed the act of Bamiyan twice within a month. (Phayul)

China looks for Olympic event breakthrough from Tibetan at Beijing Winter Games

Originally a footballer, 18-year-old Yongqinglamu (Yangchen Lhamo?) from eastern Tibet's Chamdo City, chose to become a snowboarder after various rounds of selection in 2018, the report noted. (Tibetan Review)

China to allow UN human rights chief to visit Xinjiang after the Olympics

China has reportedly agreed to allow the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet to visit the so-called Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region after the Beijing Winter Olympics. (Phayul)

The Beijing absentee list will be the most significant shunning of an Olympics since the 1980s

Many democratic governments are shunning the event in protest against China's refusal to end its genocidal practices against its so-called ethnic minorities, especially in Xinjiang, and other forms of gross and systemic human rights abuses. (Tibetan Review)

Uyghurs, Tibetans, Hong Kongers Join Together to Protest Beijing Olympics

As China prepares to host the Beijing Winter Olympics, a coalition of international activists have pressed for a boycott of what they are calling the "#2022GenocideOlympics" over the country's treatment of Uyghurs and other ethnic minorities. (NBC)

Vancouver activists urge Canadians to boycott Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics

Dozens of activists gathered in downtown Vancouver on Saturday afternoon to declare they will not be watching the upcoming Winter Olympic games in Beijing, China, and are encouraging other Canadians to do the same. (CBC)

Tibet advocacy group calls on Beijing games broadcaster NBC to 'go beyond business'

A group working to promote democratic freedoms for Tibetans urged the NBC, the broadcaster of the Beijing Winter Olympics, to "go beyond the business" as they also have an ethical responsibility as a defender of freedom especially that of expression. (ANI)

Keanu Reeves trolled in China over a programme related to Tibet

Hollywood superstar Keanu Reeves is seen getting trolled on Chinese social media for rumors of attending the Tibet House US Benefit Concert. According to media reports, China's social media users has also started a campaign to make Keanu's recent release movie The Matrix Reactions (Matrix-4) flop in China. (News Track)

In Flanders there was a very spectacular action of support for a diplomatic boycott of the Chinese Winter Olympics

The action of support for the diplomatic boycott by both the Flemish and the Belgian governments the activists managed to place the Tibetan flag on the Flemish peace monument and also succeeded in raising the Uyghur flag on top of the Pax Gate. (Newswires)



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#TIBET MATTERS

@TheDragonFeeder:

I STAND FOR TIBET- from the legal part #Tibet was never a part of China strong, sincere SOLIDARITY with the #Tibetan

<https://twitter.com/TheDragonFeeder/status/1487068705666187271>

@freetibetorg:

At the risk of imprisonment, traveller Felipe Belezza made this simple protest outside the Potala Palace in Lhasa. Tibetans who protest against China's occupation face lengthy prison sentences. Even flying the Tibetan flag or keeping a picture of the Dalai Lama risks punishment.

<https://twitter.com/freetibetorg/status/1487470753536745473>

@SaveUyghurs_:

Determined to avoid embarrassment at the Winter Olympics, #Beijing is crushing dissent with a system of 'black jails' into which tens of thousands have vanished. #Beijing2022 #BeijingWinterOlympics #UyghurGenocide #Tibet #FreeTibet

https://twitter.com/SaveUyghurs_/status/1488047395136966657

@DorjiSolano:

Few \$\$\$ less won't make a difference for @KeanuReeves_ But standing for #Justice and #HumanRights is #priceless We appreciate his support and hope more people stand up against the #Genocide in #Tibet and #Xinjiang. #FreeTibet

<https://twitter.com/DorjiSolano/status/1487818563821834243>



DID YOU KNOW?



The Cham dance is a lively masked and costumed dance associated with some sects of Tibetan Buddhism and Buddhist festivals. The dance is accompanied by music played by monks using traditional Tibetan musical instruments. The dances often offer moral instruction relating to karu ā (compassion) for sentient beings and are held to bring merit to all who perceive them. Chams are considered a form of meditation and an offering to the gods.



TIBET WATCH

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N7Cx8-Hllkg>

Watch His Holiness the Dalai Lama engage in a dialogue on the theme "Creating a Happier World" with Prof. Lord Richard Layard, Chair, Action for Happiness and Co-Director, Community Well-Being Program at the London School of Economics online from his residence in Dharamsala, HP, India.