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- **Winter-Olympics in Beijing was a “Genocide Olympics”**
“While over a million Uyghurs in Xinjiang were going through Chinese atrocities in hundreds of Chinese concentration camps across East Turkistan, more than 150 Tibetans were forced to take the extreme step of self-immolation since Beijing Olympics of 2008. (*Tibet.net*)
- **Canberra Tibetans Represent their language at the International Mother Language Day Walk in Australia**
International Mother Language Day has been observed worldwide on 21 February every year since 2000, after it was approved by UNESCO, as a result of the initiative led by Bangladesh. It is a day to celebrate linguistic diversity and to promote differences in culture and language to develop respect and tolerance for each other. (*Tibet.net*)
- **China’s top Tibet leader visits Lhasa monasteries to warn monks ahead of uprising anniversary**
Wang Junzheng, known as the “butcher of Xinjiang”, who became the Communist Party state of China’s top leader of Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR) in October last year, has visited monasteries in Tibet’s capital Lhasa to warn monks against engaging in activities which could be deemed as anti-China ahead of the Tibetan New Year on Mar 3 and especially the 63rd anniversary on Mar 10 of the Tibetan National Uprising Day. (*Tibetan Review*)
- **Altitude alone not responsible for Tibetan Plateau’s low oxygen; vegetation, temperature are also factors**
It is not just altitude, as has been believed thus far, but also vegetation and temperature which collectively contribute to the variation in oxygen concentration on the Tibetan Plateau reported China’s official Xinhua news agency Feb 17, citing Chinese researchers. (*Tibetan Review*)
- **Tibet’s fight for autonomy quieter but still strong, local leaders say**
Tibetans' yearning for greater autonomy from China's iron-fisted rule might appear quelled, with once-defiant voices silenced, based on the lack of protests during the Beijing Olympic Games. But leaders of the Tibetan community in Santa Fe say the spirit of resistance is as fierce as ever in a country whose history stretches back long before Chinese forces invaded in 1950 and imposed an authoritarian hold. (*Santa fe New Mexican*)



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- **A New Tibetan rap generation is rising in India. And they won't just sing about Dalai Lama**
Music has now become a medium of self-expression for a rising number of young Tibetan refugees in India. They are unafraid of speaking their minds in rap songs with explicit content in a bid to represent the buried voices and emotions of the youngsters in the Tibetan community.
(*The Print*)
- **Beware if China calls for truce! When the 'pacification of Tibet' meant its complete annihilation**
The author is Zhang Xiaokang, the daughter of General Zhang Guohua, who commanded the Tibet Military Command (TMC) and directed the Chinese offensive against India in the eastern sector in October 1962.
(*Tibet.net*)



#TIBET MATTERS

@logyal143:

On 13 Feb 2022, CCP's Authorities in Chamdo Riwoche County arrested Choedon for teaching Tibetan language to her homeland children during her winter vacation, she is a student at SW Minzu University.

@tibet_online:

Breathtaking view of oldest palace in Tibet 'Yumbu Lakhang' An aerial view of the ancient palace Yumbu Lakhang in Shannan City, southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region. Yumbu Lakhang was built atop a small hill in the 2nd century BC.

@ODRACIR87612267:

"In Kardze Tibetan Autonomous Pref, where I'd been studying Tibetan, hundreds of Tibetans monks & laypeople alike were arrested for possessing photos of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, & language rights activists were similarly detained.." @emilyjodell

@DrewPavlou:

Pro-democracy wall supporting Tibet, Uyghurs and Hong Kong flying high above University of Queensland today in defiance of the thugs who want to rip it down



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TIBET WATCH

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDvkWpTHL5o>

His Holiness the Dalai Lama explains how to train our mind to tackle destructive emotions during his meeting with a group from India at his residence in Dharamsala, HP, India on February 11, 2019.

DID YOU KNOW?

Thonmi Sambhota, as one of the most capable ministers of the Tibetan ruler in the 7th century, was sent to India to develop an alphabet suitable for the Tibetan language. Until then, Tibetan existed only as a spoken language. However, it was necessary to translate the Buddhist texts into Tibetan and to translate the phonetic sounds of the Tibetan language into a written form, as it had happened in neighboring countries.

