



# THE ROOFTOP REVIEW

15th JANUARY 2022

## Sikyong Penpa Tsering condoles the demise of EU Parliament President David Sassoli

**Sikyong Penpa Tsering of the CTA condoles the demise of David Sassoli, President of the European Parliament on behalf of the Tibetan people. David Sassoli passed away in Aviano (Italy) on January 11 after being hospitalized since December 26 of the last year. (Tibet.net)**

## CTA Mourns the Demise of Gyaltzen Choden, a Former Ganden Phodrang and CTA Civil Servant

**The CTA held a prayer service today to mourn the demise of Tsedrung Gyaltzen Choden, one among the few surviving officials of Independent Tibet and the CTA in exile. (Tibet.net)**

## Statue of revered Tibetan monk seized by Chinese police

**Authorities in western China's Sichuan province last year seized a life-size statue of a revered Tibetan religious leader that was being taken into Tibet and arrested those involved in the statue's manufacture and transport. (RFA)**

## Two Tibetan monks held incommunicado for five months; Chinese government's poultry and pig farming projects in Drakgo

**Two Tibetan monks, arrested by Chinese officials in Kham Karze's Drakgo County five months ago, have since been held incommunicado, reported a reliable source. (Tibet.net)**

## "Tumhara Naam Kya Hai – Tibbat" a book on Tibet by Shri Chandra Bhushan

**A first-hand information on Tibet by a senior Indian journalist, a book on**

**Tibet entitled "Tumhara NaamKya Hai – Tibbat" which literally translated in English as 'What is your name – Tibet' has been authored by Shri Chandra Bhushan in Hindi – one of the mainstream languages of India. (Tibet.net)**

## **Rights groups urge countries to pressure China on human rights before Olympics**

**Rights groups and a former United Nations official issued a final plea for the international community to use the approaching Winter Olympics in Beijing to pressure China to improve its human rights record, amid widespread persecution of Muslim Uyghurs, Tibetans, Hongkongers and other groups. (Tibet.net)**

## **UN chief receives backlash for accepting Beijing Olympics invitation**

**Over 250 right groups have called out UN Secretary-General António Guterres for accepting the official invitation for the opening ceremony of Beijing Winter Olympics next month. (RFA)**

## **Biden Administration's Tibet official committed to all-out efforts for China-Tibetan dialogue**

**Seeing her role as the US Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues as a reflection of President Joe Biden's commitment to center human rights and democratic values in the US foreign Policy, Uzra Zeya has on Jan 14 called on China for direct Sino-Tibetan dialogue without preconditions. (Tibetan Review)**

## **New findings show human activity 10,000 years ago on Tibetan Plateau, the adaptation ground for Ice Age fauna**

**Latest archaeological findings have indicated prehistoric human activity in western Tibet dating back 8,000 to 10,000 years, reported China's official Xinhua news agency Jan 13, citing the country's National Cultural Heritage Administration Jan 13. (Tibetan Review)**

## **CTA flays razing of Buddha's statues in Tibet**

**The CTA has flayed the Chinese government for the demolition of Buddha statues and monuments in Tibet. (The Tribune)**



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## #TIBET MATTERS

**@ChristianYu17:**

China's increasingly repressive policies will only breed more subtle resistance in #Tibet and among #Tibetans abroad #China must remember this...!!  
#ChinasDestructionofTibet#StopEnforcedDisappearances

<https://twitter.com/ChristianYu17/status/1482231157395947522>

**@pasia\_mylen:**

With the coming of Xi Jinping in #China, the repression became more intensive and along with the traditional surveillance, hi-tech surveillance is employed to an extreme level on #Tibet #ChinasDestructionofTibet #StopEnforcedDisappearances

[https://twitter.com/pasia\\_mylen/status/1482230391780286467](https://twitter.com/pasia_mylen/status/1482230391780286467)

**@KhalidA86010716:**

#Chinese work teams descended on the peaceful community #Tibet and began tearing down people's homes, reducing cabins to nothing more than splintered wood and shattered glass..!! #ChinasDestructionofTibet #StopEnforcedDisappearances

<https://twitter.com/KhalidA86010716/status/1482229638596526080>

**@AlarmChina:**

AlarmChina: " #China in 2021 increased its #repression of ethn minorities in #Tibet & the northwestern region of #xinjiangcotton, severely restricting #FreedomOfReligion & pursuing assimilationist policies aimed @ creating a single national identity, a rights group said"

<https://twitter.com/AlarmChina/status/1482103983498010632>



## DID YOU KNOW?



Tara, also known as Jetsun Dolma (Tibetan language) is an important figure in Buddhism, especially revered in Tibetan Buddhism. She appears as a female bodhisattva in Mahayana Buddhism, and as a female Buddha in Vajrayana Buddhism. She is known as the "mother of liberation", and represents the virtues of success in work and achievements. There is also recognition in some schools of Buddhism of twenty-one Taras. A practice text entitled Praises to the Twenty-One Taras, is the most important text on Tara in Tibetan Buddhism.



## TIBET WATCH

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ptAAcZM33X8>

Watch His Holiness the Dalai Lama's talk on "Working Together for a Peaceful World" followed by a question-and-answer session from his residence in Dharamsala, HP, India.