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- **Biographical exhibition on His Holiness the Dalai Lama held at Simon's Town Museum in Cape Town**

The Office of Tibet, Pretoria, in collaboration with the Simon's Town Museum is hosting a month long biographical exhibition on His Holiness the Dalai Lama at Simon's Town Museum from 28th March to 30th April. The inaugural held on the 28th was attended by more than 50 people. Geshe Lobsang Dhondup inaugurated the event with auspicious prayers followed by inaugural remarks presented by Cathy Karl Jensen, the Director of Simon's Town Museum. (*Tibet.net*)

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- **What a Tibetan singer's self-immolation in Lhasa reveals about Chinese oppression**

Tibetans in exile are saying that the lack of freedom inside Tibet and the severe policies around censorship are forcing Tibetans like Tsewang Norbu to take such drastic actions, sacrificing their life for their country. Demanding an end to the Chinese government's oppressive policies about Tibet, Tibetans in exile say that the difficulty in confirming the news about Tsewang Norbu is proof of Chinese atrocities and lack of freedom of speech in Tibet. (*Tibet.net*)

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- **Propaganda galore: China marks "Serfs Emancipation Day" in Tibet**

China on Monday marked "Serfs Emancipation Day", celebrating what they remember of the 1959 events as the dissolution of the Kashag and the introduction of democratic reforms, which was followed by a decade cursed by the malediction of the Cultural Revolution. (*Phayul*)

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- **Eighth-day of the third session of the 17th Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile**

Chaired by Speaker Khenpo Sonam Tenphel, the eighth day of the budget session of the Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile commenced with legislative procedure-first reading proposed for the rules and regulation of the Public Service Commission. The legislative amendment was proposed by Sikyong Penpa Tsering and supported by Kalon Gyari Dolma of DoS. (*Tibet.net*)

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- **Senator Jeff Merkley and Rep Jim McGovern sent letter to US senate leadership highlighting human rights abuses by China**  
The letter to House and Senate leadership promoting human rights provisions as Congress works to reconcile US Competition and Innovation Act and America Competes Act. (*Twitter*)
- **Official report condemns Danish authorities' China-compliance on Tibet protests**  
Giving in to pressure from China, Denmark's Foreign Ministry as well as intelligence and security service had put pressure on the Copenhagen police to violate the Danish Constitution to bar anti-China demonstrations during official visits from Beijing, a government-appointed commission has said in its report on Mar 28. (*Tibetan Review*)
- **Film on Dalai lama's 1959 escape to premiere on Mar 31**  
A film on the Dalai Lama's escape from Chinese-occupied Tibet in 1959 will premiere at 800 theaters across the United States and Canada on Mar 31, the 63rd anniversary of the Tibetan leader's safe arrival in India. The film also explores numerous themes reflecting the Tibetan leader's perspectives. (*Tibetan Review*)
- **Dalai Lama, other Nobel Laureates demand vow against use of nuclear weapons in Ukraine**  
The exiled Tibetan leader His Holiness the Dalai Lama and other noted Nobel laureates on Saturday urged Russia for an immediate end to its attack on Ukraine and demanded an explicit vow from both Russia and NATO leaders to ensure that no nuclear weapons be used as part of this ongoing conflict, or any other military confrontations in future. (*Phayul*)



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## TIBET WATCH

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=52fsWK7nUDU>

His Holiness the Dalai Lama gives a teaching on The Four Noble Truths and The Two Truths followed by a question-and-answer session at the request of the Italian Buddhist Union online from his residence in Dharamsala, HP, India on April 7, 2021.



## #TIBET MATTERS

### @freetibetorg:

Tsewang managed to survive for fourteen months, 16,000 feet up in the mountains, with untreated bullet wounds, in extreme pain, living only on barley flour, butter and tea. - @HuffPost

### @SFTHQ:

SFT and @hkdc\_us were honored to meet with @RepMarkTakano today in Washington, DC. We discussed issues vital to both of our communities including the more than 800,000 Tibetan children inside colonial boarding schools and the Hong Kong-related measures in the #AmericaCompetesAct

### @Stanzin80261872:

Ahead of EU-China Summit, rights groups raise concern over China's abysmal abuses, including in #Xinjiang, #HongKong & #Tibet Its the duty of International community to take action against CCP for assaults on HRs both within & increasingly outside China's borders #ChinaExposed

### @dorjeewangmo4:

"Tibet has become a closed door" - The difficulty in confirming the news of Norbu's self-immolation is a prof of Chinese atrocities and Orwellian surveillance in Tibet. Check out my piece on @firstpost @SaveTibetOrg @TibetCollective @tibetaintchina @NetTibet @tibetimes



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## DID YOU KNOW?

The Gelug school of Tibetan Buddhism was founded by Tsong Khapa Lobsang Drakpa (1357 – 1419). He is one of the great figures of Tibetan religious history. A renowned scholar, meditator, and philosopher. His work contains a comprehensive view of Buddhist philosophy and practice that integrates sutra and tantra, analytical reasoning, and yogic meditation. He was also life to revitalize Tibetan Buddhism and recapture the essence of Buddha's teachings as he understood them. After its first monastery, the school he found was originally referred to as a Gandenpa and later became known as Gelug or "system of virtue" under its reformist orientation.