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- **MP Navendu Mishra raises the issue of colonial boarding schools in UK parliament**

In a written question to UK government, Navendu Mishra MP raised the question of colonial boarding schools in Tibet and received govt response expressing concern & stating they continue to raise this with China. (*Twitter*)

- **PEN International reiterates call to free Kunchok Tsephel**

Kunchok Tsephel Gopey Tsang is a Tibetan writer, language teacher and human rights defender. In 2009, Kunchok was charged with 'disclosing state secrets' at a closed hearing and sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment. (*PEN International*)

- **NBC is nearly mum on China abuses in its wall-to-wall Olympics coverage**

NBC, which has paid the International Olympic Committee billions of dollars for the exclusive U.S. television and digital rights to the games, has scarcely broken from its wall-to-wall sports coverage to report on any of the more troubling aspects surrounding China. (*The Washington Post*)

- **Beijing Has Dimmed Spotlight on Tibetan Oppression Since 2008 Olympics**

Leading American politicians are calling the 2022 Beijing Olympics the "Genocide Games" in highlighting China's oppression of Uyghurs in Xinjiang. This year's concerns echo those about Tibetans in the leadup to the 2008 Beijing Olympics. (*The New York Sun*)

- **Representative of Washington's Office of Tibet Meets US Senate Committee on Foreign Relation Officials**

Representatives Namgyal Choedup, Secretary Tashi Dhondup, ICT Interim Director Bhuchung K. Tsering, and ICT Interim Deputy Director Tencho Gyatso met with US Senate Committee on Foreign Relations senior officials Charlotte Oldham-Moore, Michael Schiffer, Molly Barlow- Legislative & Policy Analyst, Srdan Sadikovic-Brookings Legislative Fellow, and Douglas Levinson, Legislative and Policy Analyst. (*Tibet.net*)



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- **Massive Arrests of Tibetan Buddhists in Sichuan After Statue Protests**

A campaign is going on aimed at eradicating Tibetan Buddhism, and even Buddha himself through his statues, from the area of Sichuan province that was once part of historical Tibet. (*Bitter Winter*)

- **President Xi Jinping's claim over Tibet exposes his guilty conscience for colonial occupation: Vijay Kranti**

President Xi Jinping's over enthusiasm in insisting that "Tibet has been always a part of China" and his aggressive expectation from the world community to accept China's similar claims over Xinjiang, South Mongolia and other occupied countries has exposed the guilt conscience of China over its colonial rule over these countries. (*Phayul*)

- **Tibetan students form cultural association at Harvard University**

A five-member group currently enrolled at Harvard University's Undergraduate program formed a cultural association in January to highlight Tibetan culture and tradition in one of the most vibrant academic spaces in the United States. (*Phayul*)

- **UNPO Secretary General Visits Office Of Tibet**

Representative Tashi Phuntsok and EU Advocacy Officer Rigzin Genkhang met with the UNPO Secretary General Mr Ralph Bunche at the Office of Tibet, Brussels, today. During their one-and-half hour meeting, they discussed five areas of common interest and opportunities to strengthen future collaboration. (*Tibet.net*)



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

The song lyrics are extremely political and talk about Tibetan independence, the national flag and Tibetans who have sacrificed their lives. The video as well shows surprisingly strong scenes such as a candle lit vigil where the candles spell out 3 and 10, possibly a reference to March 10, Tibetan National Uprising Day.



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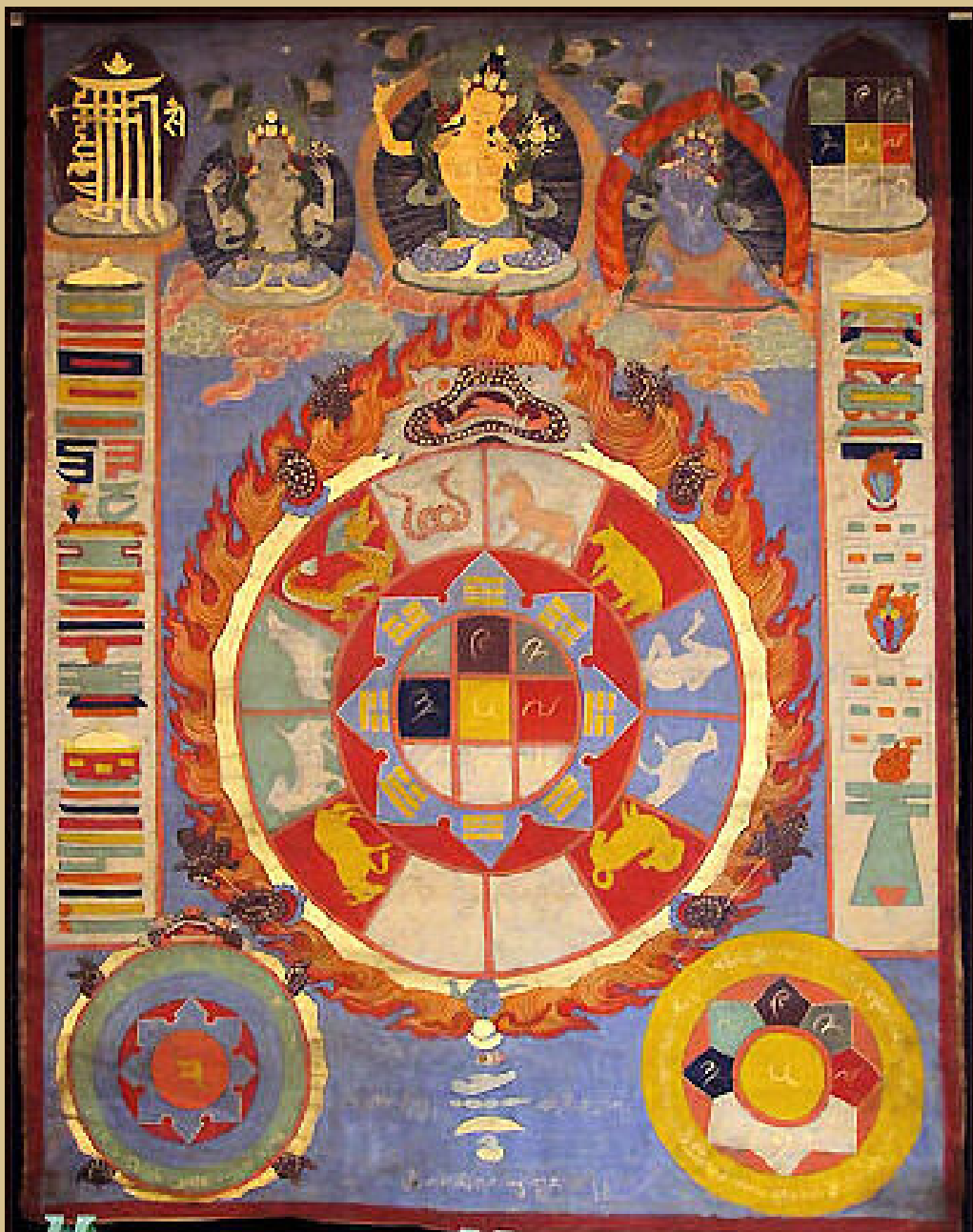
NBC's Olympics hosts ignore issues, such as the Chinese govt's genocide of the Uyghurs, oppression in Tibet & Hong Kong and of its own athletes (incl threats to punish those who speak out during the Games), threats to invade Taiwan, etc...

@SaveTibetOrg:

The Dalai Lama's FIRST children's book, "The Seed of Compassion," will be the focus of our upcoming #Tibet Talk on Feb. 17 at 12 noon EST/9 am PST. Watch it LIVE at <http://savetibet.org/live>

@iSuricati:

When I was in China I asked for permission to visit Tibet. The group of Visa officials asked me which travel group I belonged to. I replied that I was an independent traveler. "not good" they said, "you have to travel with a group and you will be accompanied by a Han guide.



DID YOU KNOW?

Bon, indigenous religion of Tibet that, when absorbed by the Buddhist traditions introduced from India in the 8th century, gave Tibetan Buddhism much of its distinctive character. The original features of Bon seem to have been largely magic-related; they concerned the propitiation of demonic forces and included the practice of blood sacrifices.