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- **China walking in footsteps of Taliban, destroying Tibetan culture: Expert**

Brahma Chellaney, a strategic expert, says that China is walking in the footsteps of the Taliban saying that the destruction of two massive Buddha statues built in the sixth century by China is similar to the destruction of numerous religious artefacts in Afghanistan by Taliban. (*Tibet.net*)

- **Health of three monks in critical condition after six years of torture in China's Sichuan province**

Three senior monks from Drago Monastery in Karze prefecture in western China's Sichuan province are in critical health condition after their release from prison four years ago, said a media report. (*Tibet.net*)

- **25 Human Rights NGOs Announce Activist NBA Player Enes Kanter Freedom as 2022 Courage Award Winner**

A cross-regional coalition of 25 human rights organizations announced today that its prestigious international human rights award will go this year to Enes Kanter Freedom, a NBA athlete and activist currently risking his career for speak out against China's persecution of ethnic Uyghurs. (*Tibet.net*)

- **Parliamentarians Youdon Aukatsang and Wangdue Dorjee Successfully Conclude Visitation Program in Delhi-NCR**

During their four-day official visit, the Parliamentarians have visited Tibetans of Samyeling Tibetan Settlement, Bodh Vihar, Gurgaon, and Sonipat. They also met with Shri Kiren Rijju, Hon'ble Union Minister for Law & Justice; Shri Sujeet Kumar, Hon'ble MP Rajya from Odisha and APIPFT Convener. (*Tibet.net*)

- **China subject Tibetan detainees to 're-education' and tightens restrictions on social media after destroying Buddha statues in Drango**

Following the demolition of two giant Buddha statues, Chinese authorities have launched a sweeping crackdown on both lay and monastic communities in an attempt to stop any information about the crackdown from being shared online in Drango (Ch: Luhuo) County, Kardze (Ch: Ganzi) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan Province, in the Tibetan province of Kham.



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- **Save Tibet EU to Hold National Uprising Day Celebrations in Brussels.** Save Tibet EU will conduct a rally from Schuman Roundabout to the Chinese Embassy. In addition to that, gatherings, speeches and cultural performances will be held at carrefour de L'Europe (in front of central station). (*Save Tibet*)
- **His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama meets Enes Freedom virtually.** H.H the 14th Dalai Lama granted virtual audience to NBA star Enes Freedom. Freedom has been outspoken in his support for Tibetans & his criticism of CCP & has also mentioned that he takes inspiration from The Dalai Lama.



#TIBET MATTERS

@IPDefenseForum:

A top Chinese official in Tibet visited monasteries in and near the Tibetan capital Lhasa this week to warn monks against behavior considered disloyal to the ruling Chinese Communist Party, state media sources said.

@NetTibet:

“These ‘re-education’ facilities where Tibetans are held without charge or trial and subjected to discretionary police power are illegal,” said Nyiwoe, a researcher at @tchrd.

@ActiefvoorTibet:

Join us on 10 March in Brussels for commemorating the 63 anniversaries of the Tibetan Uprising Day. Show your support for the Tibetan struggle for human rights and justice!! Hope to see you there!!

@CultureTibet:

Tibetans in Dharamshala, India joyously celebrating Lhakar meaning white Wednesday honoring His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet .



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 **TIBET WATCH**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PXTYPIbA-mM>

The escape of Dalai Lama and his followers to India marked the end of a free Tibet. The event was also the beginning of a dispute that still casts a shadow on India-China relations.



DID YOU KNOW?

Khapse (or khapsey) is a beloved, deep-fried pastry eaten and offered most commonly at Losar, but also sometimes on other special occasions, like Tibetan weddings. There are a whole bunch of different kinds of khapse – from huge ones in the shape of a donkey ear (bhungu amchoe) that are placed as offerings on Losar shrines, to the large braids of mukdung, to the crispy circles of bulug, to the various little shapes of kaptog that are made only for eating, and down even to no-name little bite-sized diamonds of fried dough. There are sweet and (slightly) salty khapse, and some khapses made in the shape of lotus flowers, or with ribbons of color threading through the twists.