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Speaker Khenpo Sonam Tenphel offers last prayers on Kyabje Dodrubchen Rinpoche's Mahaparinirvana in Sikkim

Khenpo Sonam Tenphel, Speaker of the Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile, visited the monastic seat of Kyabje Dodrubchen Rinpoche in Sikkim who attained Mahaparinirvana on 25 January 2022. (Tibet.net)

Obituary: Tibetan political prisoner and former CTA staff Thinley Phuntsok passes away at 88

The Central Tibetan Administration mourns the demise of Tibetan political prisoner Thinley Phuntsok, former staff of the Department of Security who passed away on Tuesday. Thinley Phuntsok has dedicated over 37 years of his life to the Central Tibetan Administration and has served with sincerity and determination. (Tibet.net)

Kashag thanks Japan's Super Samgha for condemning China's demolition of Buddhist monasteries in Tibet

Sikyong Penpa Tsering and the 16th Kashag thanked the Super Samgha, an association of Japanese monk for their solidarity in condemning China over the recent destruction of monasteries including the violent obliteration of Buddhist statues and monastic schools in Kham Drakgo, Tibet. (Tibet.net)

New Director of Taiwan's Mongolian and Tibetan Cultural Center pays courtesy call to Office of Tibet

The Director of Mongolian and Tibetan Cultural Center paid a courtesy call to the Office of Tibet, Taipei, along with the former Director and staff. Representative Bawa Kelsang Gyaltzen apprised the team improving relations between the two sides after establishing the cultural center under the administration of the Ministry of Culture. (Tibet.net)

Chinese students force Syracuse University to apologize for having listed Tibet, Hong Kong as countries in lunar New Year greeting

Chinese students have forced Mark Lodato, the dean of Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Public Communications, to issue a statement on Feb 10 to apologise for having listed Hong Kong and Tibet among countries alongside China in his Lunar New Year celebrations email on Jan 31. (Tibetan Review)

Tibetans punished for overseas contacts etc as China hosts Beijing Winter Olympics

Chinese authorities have tightened security on the already heavily surveilled Tibetans, with authorities in Kanlho Prefecture in Gansu province and the Ngaba Prefecture of Sichuan province blocking their communications with exile Tibetans and checking local residents' mobile phones for banned contents. (Tibetan Review)

Buddhist Scholar Rinpoche Slams China For Destroying Buddhism And Identity Of Tibetans

Ling Rinpoche, a Tibetan Buddhist scholar and teacher, chastised China for undermining Buddhism to destroy Tibetan identity. Addressing a press conference in Sri Lanka, he claimed that China has been perpetrating inhumane and bestial atrocities against Tibetans for decades. (Republic World.com)

Tibetan filmmaker nominated for Nobel Peace Prize 2022

Dhondup Wangchen, a Tibetan filmmaker and a former political prisoner, has reportedly been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize 2022, local media has reported. He was nominated by the Green Party spokesperson and biologist Rasmus Hansson, who said Wangchen is "the memory of the Tibetans obvious demands for human rights." (ANI News)



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#TIBET MATTERS

@ Kunchok Rinchen:

Tibet is never part of China.

<https://twitter.com/RinchenKunchok/status/1492085306572816384>

@ ArtistSalon:

#Tibet is a sovereign Nation. #China, the Chinese citizens and their #CCP are guilty of the illegal occupation of Tibet. Get out of Tibet, imperialist invaders. Earth is gonna clap back on you, ccp. Watch.

<https://twitter.com/ArtistSalon/status/1492358267816665090>

@China Alarm:

Oops, more #IllegalOccupation by #China's #CCP. @SpokespersonCHN thinks & lies on never took any lands for others. Please update your knowledge on #ChinasLandgrabs. You should find #Tibet, #EastTurkestan, #HongKong, all taken, stolen to enrich CCP. China's rewriting of history.

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The Beijing #WinterOlympics are taking place amid the intense repression of fundamental freedoms in the #Uyghur Region, #Tibet, #HongKong – and even the very city where the Games are being held. Join us in praying for action in the face of these violations. #StandUp4HumanRights

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DID YOU KNOW?



Ngawang Lobsang Thupten Gyatso Jigdral Chokley Namgyal, abbreviated to Thubten Gyatso was the 13th Dalai Lama of Tibet, enthroned during a turbulent era and the collapse of the Qing Dynasty. Thubten Gyatso was an intellectual reformer and skillful politician. He was responsible for countering the British expedition to Tibet, restoring discipline in monastic life, and increasing the number of lay officials to avoid excessive power being placed in the hands of the monks.



TIBET WATCH

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rgfn0zo3cIY>

Tibet: Journey into The Himalayas

This is a short documentary film I made last year in May 2018. It was shot during my short time in the Eastern Tibetan region of Kham situated in the South-Western Chinese Province of Sichuan. Tibetans are an ethnic minority whose history spans centuries into the past and whose cultural sphere is spread out across the entire Himalayan Mountain Range, from Myanmar to Afghanistan, Nepal to Mongolia. Today, Tibetans live all over the world, with small pockets of their diaspora found in many parts of the globe. But none other than their home of Tibet holds a vast landscape of serene beauty compared to anywhere else.