



# THE ROOFTOP REVIEW

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## US Special Coordinator of Tibetan Issues Uzra Zeya Calls for Direct Sino-Tibetan Dialogue Without Preconditions

**US Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues Uzra Zeya expressed the US administration's strong commitment towards human rights, and called on the PRC to hold direct dialogue with His Holiness the Dalai Lama or his representatives without any preconditions to achieve meaningful autonomy for Tibetans. (Tibet.net)**

## Swiss-Tibetan Friendship Association and Tibet Bureau Geneva Meet to Chart Work Plans for Tibet

**Tibet Bureau Geneva and representatives from Swiss-Tibetan Friendship Association met to discuss work plans for Tibet in the French-speaking part of Switzerland, especially in Geneva. (Tibet.net)**

## China steps up repression in Xinjiang and Tibet, rights group says

**China in 2021 increased its repression of ethnic minorities in Tibet and the northwestern region of Xinjiang, severely restricting freedom of religion and pursuing coercive assimilationist policies aimed at creating a single national identity. (RFA)**

## MI5 issues a rare statement naming a woman it suspects is a Chinese agent and warning British politicians to avoid her

**MI5 has issued a rare warning to British politicians to avoid a woman suspected of being a Chinese agent. (Tibet.net)**

## Interview: US 'deeply concerned' by China's human rights abuses in Tibet

**On Jan. 13, RFA Tibetan Service reporter Tashi Wangchuk spoke with Uzra Zeya about her new role and the challenges lying ahead. (RFA)**

## China detains dozen Tibetans over demolition of Buddha statue

Over dozen Tibetans have been detained by the Chinese authorities following the demolitions of Buddha statues last month in Tibet's Drago County in Kham region. The crackdown reportedly continued as the news of a second Buddha statue surfaced last week. (Phayul)

## New archaeological findings in Tibet shed light on prehistoric human activities

China's National Cultural Heritage Administration released the latest archaeological findings in Tibet Autonomous Region, shedding light on prehistoric human activities in the region. (CGTN)

## Beijing 2022: Enes Kanter Freedom urges athletes to boycott Winter Olympics

Three weeks before the opening ceremony in Beijing, the Boston Celtics player said athletes should choose "morals over money". (BBC Sports)

## Parliamentarians Dhondup Tashi and Gyaldhong Phurpa Dorjee meet Arunachal Pradesh's CM, Speaker, and other Dignitaries

After successfully completing the official visitation program in Miao Choepheling, Tezu Dhargye Ling, Tuting, and Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh, Parliamentarians paid courtesy visits to the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, the Speaker and other important dignitaries. (Tibet.net)

## Last Govt Official of Independent Tibet, Kungo Gyaltzen Choden la Passes Away

Kungo Gyaltzen Choden la, one of the oldest survivors of Tibetan national uprising passed away. His life encompassed history of Tibet from its painful struggles of invasion to exile. (Tibet.net)

## Office of International Religious Freedom expresses concern at PRC actions in Tibet.

Office of International Religious Freedom, US Department of state expressed concern at reports of escalating PRC actions against Tibetan Buddhists and urged PRC authorities to respect the right of Tibetans to practice their beliefs freely. (Twitter)



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#TIBET MATTERS

## @DossierTibet:

#China in 2021 increased its repression in #Tibet and #EastTurkestan, severely restricting freedom of religion and pursuing coercive assimilationist policies aimed at creating a single national identity, New York-based #HumanRightsWatch said in its World Report.

<https://twitter.com/DossierTibet/status/1481873475832889344>

## @PuteriZoey:

How did #CCP #China helped to killed innocent #Myanmar people? Thru \$\$\$, Weapons etc Here are the victims, even ethnic Chinese. For other Chinese supports China, you might ask yourself WHY? #Malaysia #Uyghur #Tibet #HongKong

<https://twitter.com/PuteriZoey/status/1481805492196638720>

## @thestranger515:

#CHINA'S TRUE FACE#Picking on those less powerful. Here it's the peaceful nation of #Bhutan. See also #Xinjiang and #Tibet and #Vietnam and India and the Philipines and Indonesia and #Lithuania and #Taiwan and Hong Kong and #Cambodia and #Myanmar

<https://twitter.com/thestranger515/status/1481804078757781505>

## @SaveTibetOrg:

It's been a month and a half since Lhoten, a young Tibetan from eastern #Tibet, was detained by the government of #China for criticizing its education system online

<https://twitter.com/SaveTibetOrg/status/1481735886551359491>



DID YOU KNOW?



Saka Dawa represents the holiest and most sacred days in Tibetan Buddhism.

Falling on the fourth month of the Tibetan Calendar, the religious festivities of Saka Dawa peak on the 15th Lunar Day when there is a full moon. This day is associated with three major events in the life of Shakyamuni Buddha – his birth, his enlightenment on a full moon night, and his parinirvana. In Tibetan, Dawa means "month" while Saka means the "name of the closet star to the earth" during the lunar month which is prominently visible. In Tibetan astrological calculations, Saka is one of the 28 known major stars.



TIBET WATCH

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

Watch His Holiness the Dalai Lama's teaching on "Introduction to Buddhism" for a group of Indonesian school students and Buddhist youth followed by a question-and-answer session online from his residence in Dharamsala, HP, India.