



Tibetan Community in Switzerland & Liechtenstein

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Office of the United Nations
High Commissioner for Human Rights
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Your Excellency,

The Tibetan Community in Switzerland & Liechtenstein has learnt with deep sadness and concern about the latest self-immolation and death of an 18-year-old Tibetan monk in Ngaba in northeastern Tibet yesterday at noon local time. The total has now risen to 45 since 2009 and we fear there is no end in sight. As in all previous incidents the teenage monk is believed to have also raised slogans against the wrong policies of the Chinese government in Tibet and the continued repression in Tibet. He was heard shouting many unclear slogans. He succumbed to his burns and passed away at the site of his protest.

“His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the Central Tibetan Administration have always discouraged such drastic actions. However, despite our pleas, Tibetans continue to self-immolate. Fault lies squarely with the hardline leaders in Beijing, so does the solution”, said Dr Lobsang Sangay, the Prime Minister of the exile-government on 10th March.

We insistently urge the Chinese leadership to address the underlying grievances of the Tibetan people through dialogue and remove its military occupation of Tibet, particularly in the beleaguered region of Ngaba.

Your Excellency, we have already been alerting you to the manifold aspects of human rights violations in Tibet through our regular actions on the Place des Nations, and we have also alerted you to the first cases of self-immolation through various memos. **We urge you to support our case by sending a fact-finding mission with unhindered access to Tibet.** Please let us also reiterate the demands of our previous memoranda demanding your support and urgent action:



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- Immediate withdrawal of all security forces from Kirti and Nyitso monasteries where the acts of self-immolations occurred;
- Full freedom of movement for all monks, nuns and lay people within and around these monasteries;
- Disclosure of the whereabouts of the 300 monks of Kirti Monastery who were deported and their immediate release from confinement;
- Immediate end to all actions that inhibit the freedom to exercise religious activities at Kirti, Nyitso and all other Tibetan monasteries;
- Initiation of a meaningful dialogue with His Holiness the Dalai Lama or representatives for a peaceful and sustainable resolution of the Tibet issue.

In addition, we strongly demand that full and unrestricted medical care is provided to those who have survived their acts of self-immolation with serious injuries.

Unfortunately, we did not receive any replies to our previous demands. We urge you to send us a reply this time, to send a fact-finding mission to Tibet and to take immediate action. The situation in Tibet is alarming and deteriorating every single day. Tibet is dying. Help stop the genocide!

Yours sincerely

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