

On 21 of September 2012 about 60 participants of the Tibetan community section Rapperswil/Jona and Uznach/Wattwil as well as section Geneva gathered in front of the headquarter of the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva on the occasion of the campaign "UN – send fact-finding mission to Tibet".

The program began already around 06.30 a.m. in Uznach where the participants boarded the car in direction to Jona, where around 07:00 a.m. all headed together for Geneva. During the almost 4-hour bus ride to Geneva, prayers ("Gyabdro Semkye", Sungngak) were recited mainly for the self-immolation victims as well as for all our Tibetan heroes and heroines. At this occasion also "Gonpo Tsepak me - Sutra" were recited and counted for the upcoming long life ceremony for H.H. the Dalai Lama offered by all Tibetans.

Just after the arrival in Geneva, a picture of each self-immolation victim with "Katak" and the Tibetan national flag was set up. After a short break, first a welcome speech in the name of both Thuemies was held followed by the Tibetan national anthem. Thereafter, we commemorated the victims of the self-immolation and recited prayers for them as well as „Gyalwe Shabten“ and Denzig Mönlam“ and shouted slogans.

Tenzin Samphel la of the Tibet Bureau Geneva and Ngakpa la, an auditor from India, gave a short welcome speech. Tenzin Samphel la has not only explained in depth the importance and the benefit of such actions as well as the current situation and the rules & procedure within the UN, he has also strongly appealed to us Tibetans. We must ensure to represent the hopes/wishes and beliefs of our brothers and sister inside Tibet and show them out of respect solidarity and support. If we did not do that, this would not be at all right and does not comply with our Buddhist belief in "Leh Gyumdre" (cause and effect). After this a short slogan shouting followed again. At the end of the event, „Denzig Monlam“ in melody form was recited and both Thuemis thanked all participants. A special thank you was addressed to both Geneva Thuemis, Triksom Sonam la, Kagya Samten la and the section members of Geneva for their numerous participation and the offering of tea.

A report over this action was made to Voice of Tibet (Norway) as below. Despite several attempts a reporting to Voice of America Tibetan Section remained unfortunately unsuccessful.

On 30 May 2011, this 2-year campaign was launched on the occasion of a large event with over 500 participants. On 18 June 2012, a rally was held in front of the headquarter of the UN Human Rights Commission and in front of the UN offices in Geneva marking the end of the first year of this campaign. This campaign was launched based on a decision by the 14th Thuemi legislation of the Tibetan Community in Switzerland and Liechtenstein and is currently being continued and lead to end by the 15th Thuemi legislation. Today was the 3rd action in the 2nd campaign year.

The reason why it is important to have such actions in front of the UN offices in Geneva and the headquarter of the UN Human Rights Commission is:

The Chinese government spends enormous amount money for propaganda purposes, in order to spread worldwide lies about the Happiness and Freedom of Tibetans inside Tibet. Therefore, we do demand the sending of an independent UN fact-finding mission and international media to Tibet in order to prove themselves on site, if this is true or not.

In these actions, we try to inform in detail about various topics, such as freedom of religion, equality of nations, situation of political prisoners, Tibetan women – torture and forced sterilization and abortion, human rights, freedom of speech, the immediate and unconditional release of the Panchen Lama and all political prisoners.

This campaign also complies with the official demand by the Tibetan cabinet to send an independent UN fact-finding delegation and international media to Tibet, in order to find out the truth on site by themselves.

In this 3rd action, we tried to inform as good as possible about following topics:

- Respect the Tibetan School Children
- The current dramatic situation of self-immolations in Tibet

In spite of lies from the Chinese Government, there is in reality no peaceful situation in Tibet. Above all, the situation in the region of Kham and Amdo has drastically changed for the worse. To make it short the entire region of Tibet has become a prison and war zone. If Tibetans really live in peaceful harmony and Happiness in Tibet, why have already 51 people burned themselves, out of which already 41 have died? These are all acts of pure desperation as they do not see another choice than to sacrifice themselves by putting themselves on fire in protest for the Tibetan cause and freedom for Tibetans.

Everywhere in Tibet, arrests of intellectual, artists, and male and female are taking place and in many cases there is no information about their whereabouts. Moreover, there are various reports over mistreatment and torture in the prisons and at interrogation sessions.

The reason of the non-happiness of the Tibetan people and the protests lies in the failed policy of the Chinese Government. What Tibetans want is freedom of movement, freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom to preserve the Tibetan language and culture.

We ask the UN to support our demands:

- Immediate termination of the plans to make Chinese Mandarin the primary language in Tibetan schools
- Immediate end to the crackdown on Tibetan schools, and release of all Tibetan teaching staff as well as students from detention
- Discuss within the UN the issue of Tibet based on the resolutions that it has passed in 1959, 1961 and 1965, and continuously make efforts to fulfill the substance of these resolutions
- Send an independent fact-finding mission with unhindered access to Tibet