



Tibetan Community in Switzerland & Liechtenstein

Tibeter Gemeinschaft in der Schweiz & Liechtenstein

**5th action of the second year of the Tibetan Community in Switzerland and Liechtenstein
for a 2-year campaign since May 30, 2011:**

**UN to send an independent fact-finding mission to Tibet now!
“Dialogue” and “Flame of Truth Torch arriving in Geneva”**

**The 5th action of the second year will take place at the Place des Nations
on November 4th from 13.00 pm to 4 pm.**

Commencing May 30, 2011, Tibetans and their supporters have started a 2-year campaign to appeal to the UN to send an independent fact-finding mission to Tibet.

Tibetans and their supporters will welcome the Flame of Truth Torch in Geneva that is currently travelling through 30 countries on five continents, underlining their demands for an independent international fact-finding delegation to be sent to Tibet and an immediate start of a serious dialogue between the Peoples' Republic of China and Tibetans as the only meaningful way to resolve the situation in Tibet.

Over the last sixty years since the Communist China's brutal occupation of Tibet, Beijing has never changed its hard-line policies on Tibet. This has resulted in China exploiting not only Tibet's rich natural resources but also killing, torturing, imprisoning and harassing the Tibetan people continuously. However, we have thus far persistently held onto to our unique culture, spiritual tradition and identity to struggle for the truth. Since 2008 the Chinese security forces have particularly cracked down hard on Tibetans leading to numerous deaths and countless tortures. Instead of addressing the core issues over Tibet, the PRC government has been reacting with utter violence against all manifestations of discontent or demands for freedom and democracy inside Tibet. The situation is getting worse each day. Consequently, the Tibetan people have been setting themselves on fire one after another to demand a peaceful resolution of the Tibetan issue, return of His Holiness the Dalai Lama to Tibet and to let the UN and the international community know about the Tibetan people's aspirations and the sorrows hidden deep within their hearts. Tibet today is like hell on earth.

Launched by the Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile on 6 July, the birthday of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, the Torch has travelled to 48 regions in India. The second leg has been launched on 2 September, with the Torch travelling in North America, Europe, South-East Asia, Africa and Australia. The relay will be concluded on 10 December with submission of appeal letters and signatures collected during its course, simultaneously to the UN Headquarters in New York City, UN Human Rights Council in Geneva and UN information office in New Delhi, to support our demands:

- The United Nations must discuss the issue of Tibet based on the resolutions that it has passed in 1959, 1961 and 1965, and continuously make efforts to fulfil the substance of these resolutions.
- An independent international fact-finding delegation must immediately be sent to investigate the on-going crisis in Tibet 3.
- The United Nations must take special responsibility to ensure that the basic aspirations of the Tibetans inside Tibet are fulfilled.
- A serious dialogue between the Peoples' Republic of China and Tibetans as the only meaningful way to resolve the situation in Tibet has to start immediately.

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