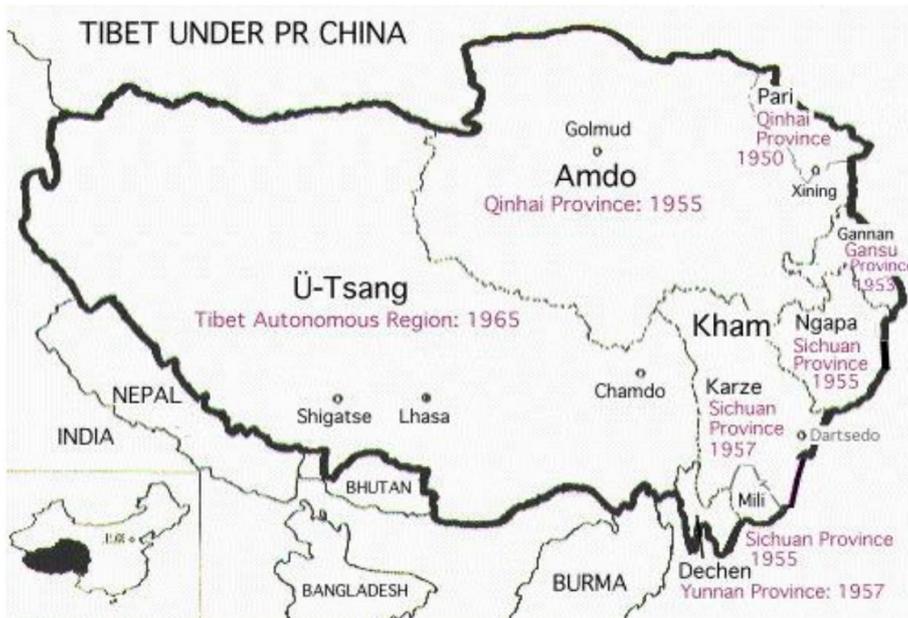
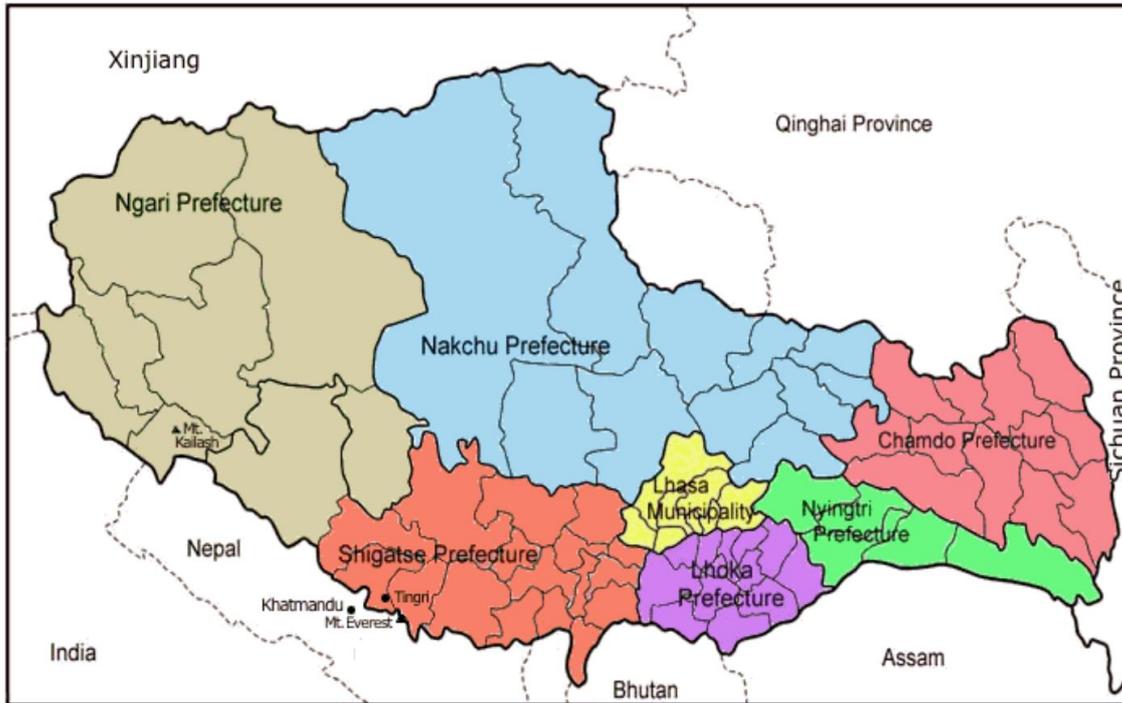




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Civil Aviation ‘Aid to Tibet’ Conference held in Lhasa

May 31, 2021

On May 28, Feng Zhenglin, Secretary of the Party Leadership Group and Director of the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) met the top TAR leaders including Wu Yingjie, (Party Secretary of TAR), Chedak/Qizhala, (Chairman of TAR People’s Government, Executive Deputy Secretary of TAR Party Committee and Secretary of TAR PPCC), Zhang Yuan, (Standing Committee Member of TAR Party Committee and Secretary-General), Liu Jiang, (Standing Committee Member of TAR Party Committee and Minister of TAR Organization Department) Chen Yongqi, Dong Zhiyi, (CAAC Deputy Director), presided over the meeting.

Wu Yingjie pointed out that since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, General Secretary Xi Jinping has personally planned the layout of Tibet related works including making “important speeches and instructions and solved many problems that were difficult to solve otherwise”. Reiterating the spirit and proceedings of the sixth and the seventh work forums on Tibet, Wu Yingjie complimented the Civil Aviation Administration of China for providing their manpower, material resources, financial resources and technology. He stressed that developing the civil aviation industry of Tibet is akin to implementing the Party’s strategy of governing Tibet in the new era and is related to national security and consolidation of the border. He assured that the TAR Party Committee and TAR People’s Government will improve political judgment, political understanding and political execution of abilities, and take new tasks in the field to civil aviation to a “historic stage”.

Feng Zhenglin pointed out in his talk that since the sixth Tibet Work Forum, the Civil Aviation Administration has provided resources and contributed to the promotion and development of civil aviation in Tibet. He added that based on an in-depth understanding of the new era, the CAAC has made good decisions which were necessary for the overall strategy of the party.

The Civil Aviation Administration of China and the TAR People’s Government signed a “Strategic Cooperation Agreement on Promoting high-quality Development of Civil Aviation in Tibet” at the meeting. Wang Yong, Vice Chairman of the TAR People’s Government,

officers of the Tibet Military Region and officials of the Lhasa Airforce base, Tibet Regional Bureau of Civil Aviation, Civil Aviation Flight Check Center, Civil Aviation Administration, China Aviation Oil, Air China and Tibet Airlines attended the meeting along with representatives from the United Front Work Department.

National Chief Inspector of Education and Vice Minister of Education of CCP Central Committee visits Tibet

June 1, 2021

Zheng Fuzhi, Vice Minister of Education, Member of the CCP CC's Leading Group on the Ministry of Education and National Chief Inspector in the Ministry of Education, visited Lhasa at the end of May (exact date not mentioned) and discussed "advancing high-quality Tibetan education" with TAR officials. He urged further reform and development of the education system in Tibet, asked them to continue rigorous efforts and investments in optimising and adjusting the current system. He urged them to make good use of multimedia classrooms and resources through the cloud platform for primary and secondary schools, and said ideological responsibilities must be implemented to ensure safety and stability in the education system.

Zhang Yuan, Executive Deputy Secretary of TAR Party Committee, Secretary of TAR PPCC and Head of TAR Propaganda Department, represented the Party Committee and TAR People's Government. He assured TAR's commitment to implementing 'Xi Jinping's thoughts on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics in the New Era', the Party's strategy of governing Tibet in the new era, and the Ministry of Education's guidance on 'who to train, how to train and for whom'. He said TAR will increase focus on instilling nationalism and work hard for cultivating the moral, intellectual and physical aspects of students and strive to promote long-term stability.

The Supervision and Inspection Team led by Zheng Fuzhi inspected the Head Office of Lhasa Experimental Primary School, Lhasa Beijing Experimental Middle School, Tibet University and some other educational institutions.

Monastic Management Committee of Drepung Monastery organises vaccination drives for monk

Lhasa Daily, June 3, 2021

The Monastic Management Committee of Drepung monastery carried out a vaccination drive for the residents in June. As of June 2, 580 people, or 90% of the residents, including monks, students under the Buddhist branch of the monastery, cadres and staff had been vaccinated with Sinovac. The Lhasa Municipal Party Committee and Lhasa Municipal People's Government under "special instruction" of the Municipal United Front Work Department completed the vaccination drive.

As part of the drive, 13 medical professionals from different departments were assigned for the vaccination programme. To encourage the monks and students of the monastery to get vaccinated, the Monastic Management Committee increased publicity about the "efficiency and safety" of the Sinovac and dispelled concerns. In addition to mobilisation and publicity, the Monastic Management Committee held special meetings with 'eminent and senior abbots/monks' and urged them to encourage residents of the monastery to get vaccinated. Executive Deputy Director of the Monastic Management Committee, Khenpo(Abbot) Jamphel Lobsang and Executive Director of the monks, Ngawang Choezin were told to lead by example and motivate people to get vaccinated.

Regional United Front Work Department in Chamdo carries out propaganda activities on religious and ethnic policies

June 3, 2021

United Front Work Department of Tengehen County, Chamdo carried out a series of propaganda activities recently on religious and ethnic laws. As of June 3, a total of 15 propaganda activities were carried out in the county and more than 2000 people "educated" on patriotism, religious and ethnic laws. The concerned officials also went to cordyceps collection points in various Towns. The spirit of the fifth plenary session of the Communist Party of China, Seventh Work Forum on Tibet, Regulations on Religious and Ethnic Affairs, Regulations on the reincarnation of the living Buddhas in Tibetan Buddhism and the Regulations on ethnic unity were propagated by the responsible officials. In addition, examples of individuals including eminent monks were highlighted to persuade people to follow suit.

Monastic Management Committee of Tashi Lhunpo organises legal awareness conference

June 1, 2021

The Monastic Management Committee of Tashi Lhunpo Monastery in Shigatse (Ch: Xigaze) organised a conference on May 29, on legal awareness to mark the first anniversary of the promulgation of the Civil Code of the People's Republic of China in the city. Officials from the Municipal Public Security Bureau's Network Supervision Office and Legal experts from Samdrubtse County of Shigatse were invited to the conference as speakers.

The Vice-Chairman of the Shigatse People's Political Consultative Conference (PPCC) and the first Director of the Tashi Lhunpo Monastery, Sonam Phuntsok as well as the Secretary of the Party Group and Director of Tashi Lhunpo Monastery, Nyima were present at the conference which was attended by more than 500 people, including cadres of the Monastic Management Committee, Public Security Bureau Officers and monks of the monastery.

The legal experts spoke in easy-to-understand language on the Constitution of the People's Republic of China, Civil Code, 20 Prohibitions on Internet Communications, and the prevention of telecommunication fraud and "other" related laws and regulations. The conference was aimed at strengthening legal awareness among the monks in the monastery to encourage them to abide by the laws and become patriotic.

Sonam Phuntsok, Vice Chairman of Shigatse People's Political Consultative Conference (PPCC) and the first Director of the Tashi Lhunpo Monastery expressed the hope that monks of the monastery will abide by the laws and also, thoroughly expose and criticise the "reactionary nature of the 14th Dalai Lama and the Dalai clique" and strengthen and safeguard national unity.

Nyang County of Nyingtri investigates monasteries

June 4, 2021

Investigations of monasteries by officials from the respective regional United Front Work Departments are taking place regularly in TAR. In Nyingtri, a few days ago, Migma Dhondup a member of the Nyang Municipal Party Committee and Minister of the United Front Work

Department (UFWD) of Nyingtri (Ch: Linzhi) inspected Buchu monastery. He was accompanied by Sonam Dorjee, Party Secretary of Nyang County and Director of Buchu Monastery.

The Monastery is about 28 km south of Bayi County and was built in the 7th century at the command of King Songtsen Gampo, the 33rd King of Tibet. During the inspection, Migmar Dhondup inspected and was briefed on 'stability maintenance' in the monastery and oversaw party-building measures. He interacted with monastic officials and monks and asked them to strengthen their ideological beliefs and abide by the rules and regulations issued by the party's religious affairs. The Inspection Team also looked at fire protection measures and facilities analysed "hidden dangers" and investigated the presence of foreigners and unregistered vehicles.

(Comment: Since 2011, 133 Tibetans, of whom a large number were monks and nuns, in Tibet (TAR and other parts of Tibet) have self-immolated to protest China's repression. Because of the fear of self-immolations, the TAR authorities installed fire extinguishers at every convenience police station and in monastic institutions. Fire safety drills are also occasionally held in monasteries and crowded places).

Nyingtri organizes Special Counselling Report meeting on Ant-Separatism

June 3, 2021

On June 2, the United Front Work Department (UFWD) of the Nyingtri Municipal Party Committee organized a special counselling report meeting on anti-separatism. Dawa, Standing Member of Nyingtri Municipal Party Committee, Director of Nyingtri UFWD and Deputy Secretary of Nyingtri People's Political Consultative Conference (PPCC) presided over the meeting. Dorjee Tsering Associate Professor at the TAR Party School presented the special report. About 204 party members and cadres of various party units under the Nyingtri Municipal Party Committee attended the meeting.

At the meeting, Associate Professor Dorjee Tsering analysed the "complex and severe" problems being faced in Tibet especially considering Tibet's strategic position. He said that the separatist activities being carried out by "the Dalai Lama and the Dalai Clique" and their attempts to call for Tibet's independence needs to be exposed and criticised. He added that the

Central Committee's policies on the "Dalai Group" and the TAR Party Committee's measures on maintaining stability and ethnic unity must be reflected in Nyingri.

The meeting reiterated the need to deepen measures against problems caused by "separatism", the need to adhere to the CCP CC's policies on fighting against the "Dalai Clique", and the need to respond properly to "challenges and dangers". In-depth educational exchanges and discussions on the fight against secession and the responsibilities of the Party Committee thereof in facilitating these events were also raised at the meeting.

The Ninth Steering Group of the Central Committee of Party History Study and Education Conducts Guidance Work in Tibet

June 11, 2021

From June 7-9, Yu Xiaoming, team leader of the 9th Steering Group of the Party History Learning and Education of the Central Committee carried out 'guidance work' in various grassroots units across TAR. He promoted the importance of party history learning and education in TAR. He was accompanied by Wang Haizhou, Standing Member of TAR Party Committee and Minister of TAR Propaganda Department.

The Inspecting Team visited the TAR Party History and Education Leading Group Office for the first time to conduct field investigations. The team also visited the TAR Transport Department, TAR Taxation Bureau, TAR Cultural Relics Bureau's Potatal Management Office and the Dongkar Community in Toelung Dechen District of Lhasa to understand the development work and guide implementation of various key tasks.

Yu Xiaoming urged concerned units and grassroots party organizations in TAR to concentrate on service targets while carrying out the party history and learning education programme. He acknowledged the progress made in the programme by TAR thus far, and pointed out that TAR had thoroughly implemented the programme by considering it an important political task. He urged TAR to further study and implement Xi Jinping's speeches at the Party History and Education Mobilization Conference, improve political and ideological stance, and use the developments of "new Tibet" to tell the party's achievements.

Special meeting held to evaluate preparatory for the ‘Global Promotional Event for Tibet’

June 11 2021

Executive Vice Chairman of TAR People’s Government and Standing Committee Member of TAR Party Committee, Jiang Jie convened a special meeting recently to evaluate and advance Preparatory works for the “Global Promotional Event on Tibet by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs”. The meeting aimed to arrange and apportion tasks related to the event. Wang Haizhou, Standing Committee Member of the TAR Party Committee and Minister of the TAR Propaganda Department also attended and spoke at the meeting.

A preparatory meeting of all the leading groups from various Departments was held on May 10. Jiang Jie acknowledged the progress thus far and said: “This special event is a first of a kind and showcases the importance the CCP Central Committee, the State Council and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs attach to Tibet”. He urged all concerned preparatory departments and leading groups to improve their political stance, unify thoughts and ideological understanding in line with the party, and urged them to realise the “special care and concern of the Central Committee”.

He suggested the use of artistic expressions in the form of publicity films, exhibitions, etc to display the “new image of Tibet’s self-confidence, openness and tolerance”. He also stressed the need for good overall planning, including optimising exhibition design plans using “vivid facts to present the new life in new Tibet, and refute overseas rumours through a rational, powerful and modest manner”.

Wang Haizhou reiterated that “quality-driven and meticulous publicity should be presented through exhibitions to showcase harmony and beauty of the new socialist and modern Tibet.”

(Comment: This ‘Global Promotional Event on Tibet’ is in its preparatory stages and is to coincide with the celebration of the 100th Founding Anniversary of the CCP, and the 70th Anniversary of the so-called liberation of Tibet. The exact date or details of venue etc have not yet been divulged.)

TAR Party Secretary meets Chairman of National Energy Group of China in Lhasa

June 12, 2021

TAR Party Secretary Wu Yingjie met Wang Xiangxi, Secretary of the Party Leadership Group and Chairman of the National Energy Group of China, on June 11 in Lhasa. Liu Jiang, Standing Committee Member of the TAR Party Committee and Secretary-General of TAR Party Committee and Zhang Yongze, Vice Chairman of the TAR People's Government also attended the meeting with Wang Xiangxi, who was visiting from Beijing.

Wu Yingjie acknowledged the National Energy Group's nine batches of cadres for aid work in Nyanrong County of Nagchu and said the cadres had helped with the local economy and social development. Wu Yingjie said that since the beginning of 2021, TAR has always adhered to Xi Jinping's thoughts on socialism and implemented the spirit of the 19th Party Congress, the spirit of second, third, fourth and fifth plenary sessions of the CCP CC; and the seventh Work Forum on Tibet. He said in conclusion that he hoped the National Energy Group will continue to support Tibet in the development of clean energy and use their strategic cooperation with the China University of Geosciences and help the Tibet University.

Wang Xiangxi in his speech commended TAR for their achievements in recent years and said "doing a great job in Tibet is important as it is an important political task entrusted by Xi Jinping". He assured that the National Energy Group will implement the spirit of the seventh work forum on Tibet, work on key tasks assigned and planned in the 14th Five Year Plan and increase their support to Nyanrong County in its development of clean energy.

DEVELOPMENTS IN TIBETAN ETHNIC AREAS OUTSIDE TAR

Chinese President Xi Jinping on Qinghai tour

June 8, 2021

Chinese President Xi Jinping visited (June 7-9) Qinghai Province, a mineral-rich territory made up of most of the traditional Tibetan province of Amdo and the Yulshul part of historical Tibet's Kham Province. He visited a residential community in the provincial capital Xining "to learn about its efforts to strengthen Party building, improve community-level governance and

advance ethnic unity and progress”. He called the province a ‘model of national unity’ and told local officials to uphold the party’s policies on governing Tibetan and other minority areas.

He highlighted the province’s importance for maintaining order in neighbouring Xinjiang and the Tibet Autonomous Region, and told local officials to adhere to Beijing’s ethnic policies and continue the ‘sinicization’ of religion. Xi Jinping also visited Kangtsa County of Haibei Prefecture, where most residents are ethnic Tibetans, and used the Tibetan greeting “Tashi Delek” to wish the locals luck. He also met some local families.

(Comment: The province is the birthplace of the Dalai Lama.)

Tibetan Private Language Schools Closed Down in Sichuan

June 3, 2021

Quoting sources Radio Free Asia (RFA - June 3) reported that authorities in Sichuan province are closing private Tibetan schools offering classes taught in the Tibetan language, forcing students to go instead to government-run schools where they will be taught in Chinese. The move is being pushed in the name of promoting uniformity in the use of textbooks and instructional materials.

RFA said a source in Sershul (in Chinese, Shiqu) county in the Kardze (Ganzi) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture had said there were formerly many private schools in the Dzachukha region of Sichuan where the Tibetan language was taught. However, by the end of 2020, these schools were all forced to close down and the children forced to go to government-supervised schools. The parents of the affected children and other local Tibetans are deeply concerned over the imposition of this new law. They feel that young Tibetans are purposely being kept away from their culture and language.

A resident of Sershul’s Dza Wonpo township, the scene of frequent Tibetan protests against Chinese rule, said that life in the township remains tightly controlled, with the possession of photos of exiled Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama considered a serious offence. “Communicating with the Tibetan exile community has also become very difficult in recent times, and people will end up in prison if the Chinese authorities catch them doing this”.

China sets up a centre to develop technologies for a critical section of its Sichuan-Tibet Railway

May 31, 2021

A National Sichuan-Tibet Railway Technology Innovation Center was inaugurated on May 30, in Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province, to develop core technologies and promote major innovations in the construction of China's strategic second railway line in Tibet. President Xi Jinping had earlier called for speedy and qualitative construction of the Sichuan-Tibet Railway due to its strategic importance, but the geological challenges in the Sino-Tibet border area have proved insurmountable thus far. While the China section of the Sichuan-Tibet Railway is already operational and the Tibet section will open this year, the third section that links China with occupied Tibet has proved to be a tough with existing technologies.

The report said the centre will promote major scientific and technological innovation and key technical solutions with a full-supply chain service system that includes big data intelligent support, inspection and testing, and consulting and training.

EXILE TIBETAN NEWS

EU and US call China a systemic rival on human rights, Tibet

June 16, 2021

In a joint declaration at the end of a summit in Brussels on June 15, the European Union and the United States underlined their shared concerns about China's human rights violations in Tibet, Xinjiang and Hong Kong. While the EU was represented by the President of the European Council Charles Michel and the President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen, President Joe Biden represented the US.

The declaration spoke of "our respective similar multi-faceted approaches" to Beijing, which include "elements of cooperation, competition, and systemic rivalry." The International Campaign for Tibet (Washington - June 17) quoted Von der Leyen as saying at a press conference after the summit "When it comes to human rights and human dignity we are systemic rivals. We have to speak out on that and it is very clear that it is the main issue that divides us."

Exiled Tibetan MPs sworn in amid Political Controversy

June 16, 2021

During the oath-taking ceremony, 21 MPs took their oath of office from a temporary Speaker of the parliament while 22 took their oath before a portrait of Tibet's exiled spiritual leader the Dalai Lama and under the Tibetan Charter. All had been elected in the April 11 election held in Tibetan communities worldwide that saw former parliamentary speaker Penpa Tsering voted in as the political leader, or Sikyong, of the India-based Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) of the Tibet government-in-exile in Dharamsala. This group is still refusing to take its oath before the pro-tem speaker, Dawa Tsering, on the ground that Tsering had taken his oath of office before a formerly ousted Chief Justice which is unlawful.

Speaking on June 15 in an RFA TV talk show, Dawa Phunkyi -- a member representing Tibet's historical region of U-Tsang -- who took his oath before the pro-Term speaker Dawa Tsering said that a solution to what is now being called a constitutional crisis in the Tibetan exile community remains uncertain. Also speaking to RFA, newly elected MP Dorji Tsetan, who took his oath of office before the portrait of the Dalai Lama, called the current disagreements among the MPs typical of the controversies that can arise in functioning democracies.

On March 25, the government-in-exile's Chief Justice Minister Sonam Norbu Dagpo and two other justice commissioners, Karma Damdul and Tenzin Lungtok, were dismissed by the previous parliament following accusations that the trio had interfered in the internal proceedings of the legislature.

Tibet's new political leader, Penpa Tsering, replaced Lobsang Sangay, a Harvard-trained scholar of law, who had served two consecutive five-year terms as Sikyong, an office filled by candidates elected since 2011 by popular vote. The May 14, election results also named 45 members of the unicameral parliament-in-exile for its 17th session, with 10 candidates representing each of Tibet's three traditional provinces -- U-Tsang, Kham, and Amdo -- and two representatives from each of Tibet's four major schools of Buddhism and the pre-Buddhist Bon religion.