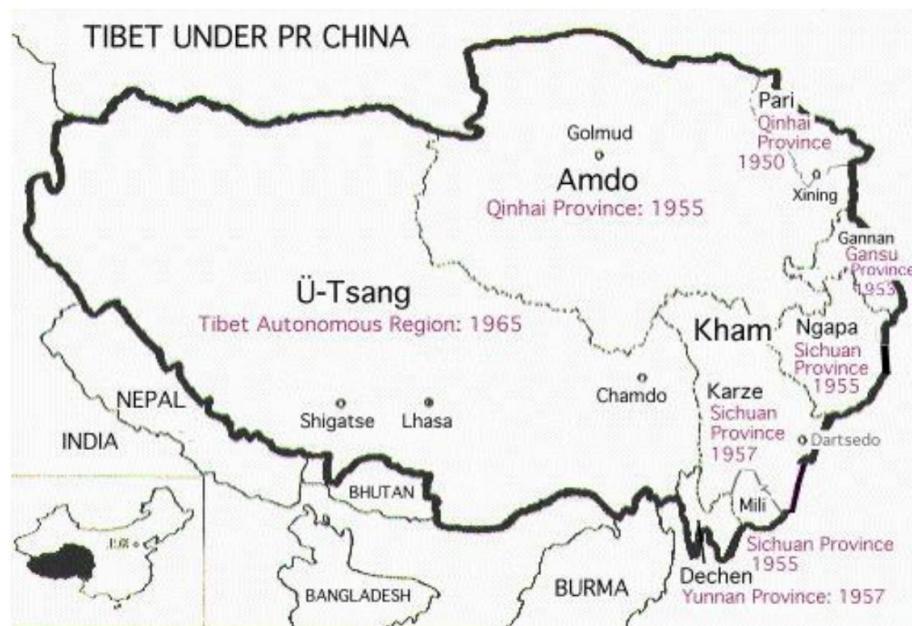
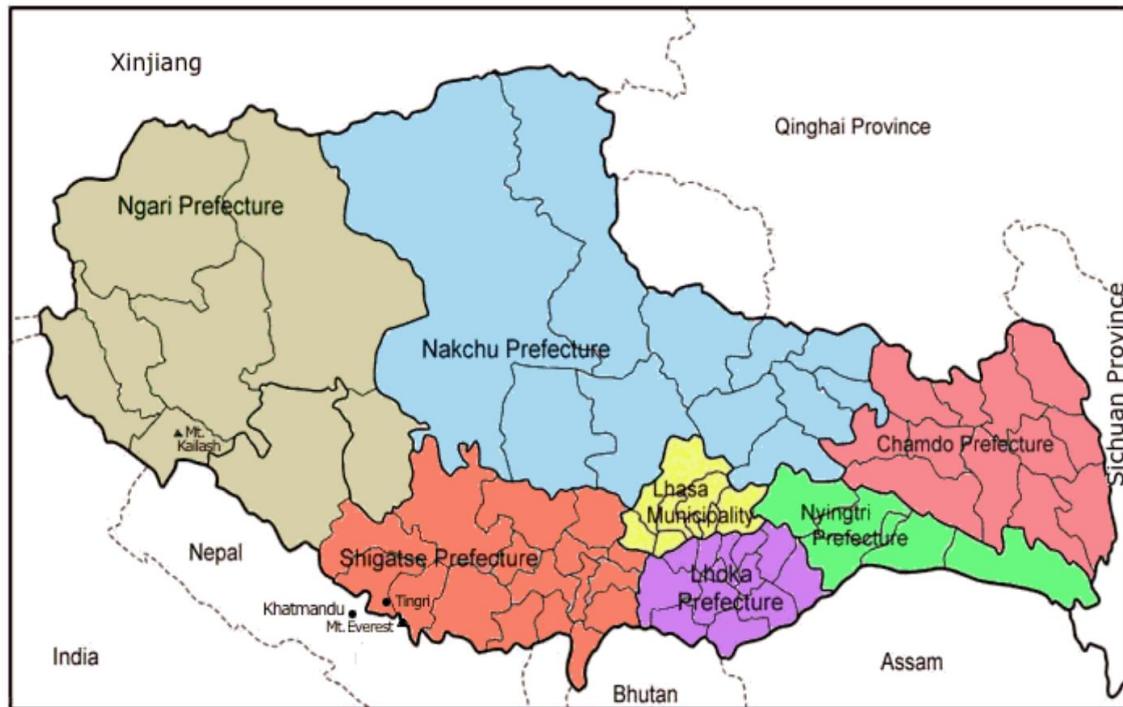




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TAR NEWS

TAR Public Security Bureau held Legal Awareness activities on Public Safety Day

April 16, 2018

The TAR observes every ‘15th April’ as the National Public Safety Day and organizes various ‘educational’ and publicity activities on that day. This year on National Public Safety Day, the Legal Affairs Corps under TAR Public Security Bureau organized an exhibition cum publicity/legal awareness event themed “Tough actions on crimes that endanger/destabilize national security.”

Ding Yexian, Member of TAR Standing Committee, Party Secretary of District Political Consultative Conference and Vice Chairman off TAR Party Committee, and Liu Jiang, Director of TAR Public Security Bureau and Deputy Secretary of TAR Political and Legal Committee visited the event. The TAR anti-terrorism office, Department of Political Affairs, Logistic Service Centre, National Security Corps, Economic Investigation Corps, Public Security Corps, Criminal Investigation Corps, Special Anti-Terrorism Investigation Team, Cyber Security Corps, Traffic Control Bureau, and Legal Corps etc. organized booths and various activities.

The Event published posters, banners, free information material, promotional boards help desks etc. and distributed 4000 publicity materials and provided 200 legal consultations to the public to create legal awareness campaigns and safeguard social stability.

TAR Public Security's training of Cadres

April 23, 2018

The TAR Public Security Bureau (PSB) and TAR Organization Department held rigorous training sessions for their cadres and officers on April 12, 13, 16, 17, and 18th. 147 PSB cadres participated.

Liu Jiang, Director of TAR Public Security Bureau and Deputy Secretary of TAR Political and Legal Committee organized the training and listed its specific requirements.

A leading Group to be headed by Hong Li, Member of TAR Party Committee, Director of TAR Political Department, was set up to study and implement the spirit of 19th Party Congress, and to lead the PSB cadres in studying the same.

At the inaugural session, Hong Li explained the purpose of the special training, its aims and objectives etc. During the training, five Professors from the TAR Party Committee, Shi Yungeng, Ping Cuo, Song Xiongwei, Mao Qi and Tashi Dorjee were invited to speak on ‘Xi Jinping’s Thoughts on socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era’ and on the Party Constitution. The Professors also spoke on the advancement of the national governance system, Xi Jinping’s outline for China, on building a modern socialist country, etc.

All participants agreed that the theoretical study and in-depth special training was “profound political counseling and vivid party education”. All unanimously stated that by participating in the training, they had further strengthened their core consciousness, further strengthened ‘theoretical arming’, further clarified their orientation, and further optimized their thinking and measures. They said the ‘spirit’ of the Nineteenth National Congress of the Communist Party runs through ‘all links’ and the whole process of the work of public security. ‘It does not forget the beginning of the heart and remembers its mission and strives to write a new chapter in the work of public security in Tibet in the new era’.

(Comment: A new drive to impart ideological political education has got underway in China after the 19th Party Congress with an additional hours ‘study sessions’ on Marxism etc. for all Party members.)

First Minority Sports Competition held in Toelung Dechen County

April 25, 2018

Toelung Dechen County of Lhasa is paying close attention to economic development, cultural and sports undertakings to improve ‘social harmony and stability’. The county

held its first ever-National Minority Sports Competition over four days from April 20 to 24, 2018, which included a competition for differently abled people. A total of 19 teams representing towns, party and government agencies, factories and mines participated. The Sports Competition was held to show that the peasants, herdsmen and cadres in the County are “happy, healthy and full of vitality”. Sports included basketball, football, table tennis, badminton, chess, swimming, cycling, tug of war as well as Chinese national games.

Shigatse Public Security Bureau’s Volunteer Visits Detention Centers

April 28, 2018

Shigatse Public Security’s Supervision Committee invited a volunteer Community Supervisor to visit Shigatse’s detention centres and help strengthen and ensure strict and civilized law enforcement. A seminar was also held at the Detention center and explanations sought for issues that had not been addressed or implemented so far. The Supervision Committee and authorities of the Detention Centre reiterated their responsibilities and also appointed a Supervisors Volunteer society and issued appointment letters.

Job fair in Lhasa for college graduates

April 27, 2018

On April 25, a job fair for college graduates was held in the square of the Lhasa Public Service Centre. More than 200 enterprises offered 3,980 posts including those of secretary, accounting, salesperson, architect, cook, cashier etc. Many of the jobs were reported to be suitable for college graduates and are well paid. Many companies clarified that work experience is not necessary and they are willing to give new graduates a chance.

The TAR government advocates market employment and hopes that the graduates will know more about enterprises and pay more attention to the market. The job fair aims to provide a good platform for graduates to communicate with enterprises. More than 6,000

job seekers attended the job fair where more than 1,500 resumes were received. 1,300 college graduates reached agreements of intent with employers and more than 800 copies of publicity materials were distributed free.

Tibet in the eyes of a Tibetan

April 18, 2018

As part of the effort to project the improved living conditions in Tibet, China Tibet Online published a 2-page opinion piece by Wensang Jigya, a young Tibetan born in the 1990s entitled ‘Tibet in the eyes of Tibet’. It said her article described “The current Tibet as the most authentic Tibet” and that to her “to her Tibet is neither a mysterious land nor a paradise”. She also denied the recent accounts of researchers and journalists who, she thinks, ‘defy’ and ‘demonize’ the real Tibet. She said Tibetans are not only adapting to the new development but their living standard is also better now. She claimed a friend had posted on WeChat the photograph of a Tibetan who was poor, dirty, unhygienic and wearing shabby clothes. She said she couldn’t understand why this was the popular image of a Tibetan as “appreciating hygiene, maintaining the bare minimum of one’s appearance, surely is a common trend of all mankind. In the past this wasn’t possible, and a high standard of living was limited in every aspect.”

Two monks arrested for posting illegal online material

April 18, 2018

Tibet Watch reported on April 18, that two Tibetan monks were arrested by Chinese police from Tsang monastery in Bazong, Tsolho Prefecture on charges of posting illegal online material. According to the report one of the monks, Woechung Gyatso of Deden Village in Malho Sogdzong is in detention while the other has been released.

(Comment: Tsang monastery is under the close observation of Chinese authorities as it has a history of active resistance during the 2008 disturbances when over 500 monks hoisted a Tibetan national flag on the monastery roof and held a peaceful protest carrying the Dalai Lama’s picture. Chinese authorities had arrested monks from this monastery in

2015 for posting images of the Tibetan flag and the Dalai Lama on WeChat.)

TAR sends Tibetan cultural delegation to Mexico City

China Daily

China participated in the 10th Mexico City International Cultural Expo, which was held at the Archbishop of Mexico City Museum in Mexico, where it held an exhibition on Tibet with the theme of “Chinese Tibet”. Tibetans performed dances and songs projecting ethnic clothing and ornaments. There was a photographic display of the sights of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau and how the lives of people had changed accompanied by lectures on Thangkha painting.

Dhela Tseten from the School of Art, Tibet University said, “There are many similarities between Tibetan and Mexican culture and both has long history of art and adore art”. The Chinese Ambassador to Mexico, Qiu Xiaoqi said “Visitors to the exhibition will not only be able to witness the richness of Tibetan culture first hand but also welcome the people of Mexico to visit the Tibet if they have chance and experience one of world’s most unique sights.”

The Chinese Embassy of Mexico, the People’s Government of Tibet Autonomous Region, and the Chinese Culture Centre of Mexico jointly hosted the exhibition. (Comment: The Dalai Lama along with Hollywood actor Richard Gere had visited and opened an exhibition in Mexico in 2011 with the theme “Tibet: Memories of a Lost Nation”).

China’s Former Tibet Boss Likely to face U.S Sanctions for Xinjiang Atrocities

21, April 2018

Chen Quanguo, former Party Secretary of the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR) and currently a member of the 19th CCP CC Politburo and Party Secretary of Xinjiang, is likely of face sanctions from the United States on charges of “mass atrocities and

detention of the Uyghur people including six journalists”, of whom four are U.S citizens and two are permanent residents of the U.S.

China Responded to the United States’ Annual Human Rights Report on Tibet 24

24 April 2018

Reacting to the United States’ annual country report on human rights on China issued by the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, which as usual has separate coverage on Tibet, Hong Kong, and Macau.

Chinese Foreign Ministry’s spokesperson Lu Kang described it as ‘biased’ and an attempt to interfere in China’s internal affair, which is ‘doomed to fail’. According to him the report is not only devoid of facts but also heavily biased. The Information Office of the State Council issued a report titled ‘Human Rights Record in the United States in 2017’, which blamed American-style democracy as severely flawed and accused the US of seriously infringing their own citizen’s civil rights and interfering in human rights issues in other countries.

US Senate resolution on Tibetans right to identity reincarnation

26, April 2018

On the 29th birthday of Panchen Gedun Choekyi Nyima, the U.S Senate passed a unanimously passed a bill under Resolution 429 in support of human rights and religious freedom. The resolution specifically mentions the right of Tibetans to identify their reincarnate lamas without interference from the Chinese government. It states “Any attempt by the Government of the People’s Republic of China to identify or install its own candidate as a Tibetan Buddhist religious leader, including a future 15th Dalai Lama, is invalid interference in the right to religious freedom of Tibetan Buddhists around the world, including in Tibet as well as the United States and elsewhere”. It additionally recognizes March 10, 2018 as Tibet Rights Day.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said, “The resolution reflects that some people in the United States have always been inexplicably ignorant and arrogant”. She emphasized that a ‘living Buddha’s’ reincarnation is a unique inheritance system that has to follow integrated religious rituals and historical conventions and China’s laws and regulations and should not be interfered by anybody or any foreign country.

Mount Everest Nature Reserve Adjusts Protection Range

18th April 2018

It is reported that Mount Everest National Nature Reserve in Tibet Autonomous Region will adjust its coverage area for better-balanced protection and development.

The reserve's administration confirmed that China's national authorities recently approved the plan. To strengthen the protection of rare wildlife, the reserve will be extended to include a wetland area at the source of Yarlung Zangpo, Docha Lake, and surrounding areas into its coverage area.

Meanwhile, some areas such as the government seats of four counties and 26 townships, and the highways already built in the reserve will be removed from its scope.

Mount Everest National Nature Reserve was set up in 1988. Covering an area of more than 33,800 square kilometres, it is home to one of the world's most vulnerable ecosystems. The reserve is officially reported to have seen an increase in the rate of forest coverage from 14.85 percent to 17.3 percent.

Tibet's New National Nature Reserves

3 April 2018

Out of 17 new national nature reserves announced by China's State Council, two nature reserves (Mapham Yutso wetland and Mitika wetland) are located in TAR. The newly announced reserves are situated in seven provinces (Heilongjiang, Zhejiang, Jiangxi, Hubei, Sichuan, Shanxi and Gansu) and two autonomous regions (Tibet Autonomous Region and Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region).

Mapham Yutso wetland, located in Purang County of Ngari, TAR, is bounded on the southwest by India. With a total area of 101,190 hectares, the core zone covers about 67,791 hectares. Mapham Yutso wetland is home to a variety of wildlife species such as Tibetan antelopes and black-necked cranes.

Mitika wetland is situated in Lhari County, Nagchu and covers about 88,052 hectares. Mitika has diverse vegetation. It is a major migration passage and breeding colony for rare birds. Mitika wetland plays a vital role in the conservation of water and soil, and the prevention of seasonal flooding.

According to the related statistics, over the past five years, among the 47 nature reserves in Tibet, 11 have been designated national nature reserves. The region has spent a total of 25.4 billion yuan (\$ 4 billion) on eco-compensation. The establishment of Mapham Yutso wetland and Mitika wetland will ensure the regional ecological security and protect biological diversity.

Tibet Aims to open highways to all townships and villages in next three years

Xinhua News Agency, 21st, April, 2018

The TAR Ministry of Transportation has said that in the next three years Tibet will intensify implementation of the project of unimpeded access to rural roads, and strive to achieve road connection to all townships and villages by the end of the “Thirteenth Five-Year Plan” period.

According to Yonggyal, Director of the TAR Ministry of Transport, TAR will focus on the “Four Good Rural Road” to promote the rural road network in the next three years. It will build smooth roads to every township and township-level villages and border well-off villages. At the same time, it will accelerate coordinated development of rural transportation, and by 2020, will achieve 100% bus services in every township and 80% in every administrative village.

In recent years, Tibet have promoted rural highway projects and the mileage of rural roads has increased from 53,244 km in 2012 to the current level of 60,421 km. In 2017 alone, 1,374 rural highway construction projects were planned with investments of 42.243 billion yuan. 6,887 km of new rural highways were connected to 40 villages and towns. By the end of 2017, other than Metok, all the counties, and towns in Tibet had 99.71% of bituminous road access and 99.52% villages had basic vehicle road access.

In 2018, TAR will focus on the implementation of regional development strategies, speed up construction of the ‘well-off village’ highway and focus on construction of rural roads in poor and impoverished areas. 13 townships and 1,152 village-level ‘difficult-road’ projects will lay a solid foundation for the realisation of “100% townships and 80% through difficult-roads” by 2019.

Tibetan athletes’ Success in China National Youth Olympic Games selection competition

22 April, 2018

Tibetan athletes have accomplished remarkable success in 2018 National Track and Field Grand Prix and the 3rd National Youth Olympic Games Selection Competition recently held in Zhuzhou City of Hunan Province.

On April 14, Pema Choedon won first place in the women's 10 Km youth group walking final. Topgyal won the men's 5000 meter race and later again Tobgyal won the men's 10,000-meter championship. Long-distance runner Lobsang Choegyal broke the 1,500-metre record set by Tobgyal in Jinan, Shandong in June 2011. Lobsang Choegyal, who joined the TAR middle-distance runner team two years ago, had trained in Ethiopia earlier this year.

The 2018 National Track and Field Grand Prix (Zhuzhou Station) and the Youth Olympic Games trials were held in Dubai province, Zhuzhou city from April 14th to 19th. 2,237

athletes from 37 provinces, cities and autonomous regions across the country participated.

SHIGATSE NEWS: (CH:XIGAZE)

Shigatse Announces 2,633 Key Projects

18 April, 2018

The Shigatse City Development and Reform Commission has announced major plans for investment in development projects in 2018. Shigatse City has planned 2633 key projects, with a total investment of 119.456 billion yuan. This includes an annual investment plan of 53 billion yuan, continued construction of 20.135 billion yuan, 32.868 billion yuan for new construction projects, and 45 billion yuan for investment in key projects and 8 billion yuan for investment promotion.

It is reported that out of the 2,633 key projects in Shigatse City, the transportation projects plan to invest 10.081 billion yuan with the focus on projects such as the Lhasa-Shigatse Airport Highway, the G219-line lateral access, border defence highways, and rural roads construction. 1.241 billion yuan is planned investment for energy projects, including the Zangzhong-Ngari power connection. A 2.162 billion yuan is for the water conservancy project focusing on the Lalo Water Control Project and its supporting irrigated areas, the Xianghe water conservancy hub for supporting irrigation areas, and urban flood control. Agricultural and animal husbandry project plans will see an investment of 718 million yuan. The forestry project (ecological protection) will have an investment of 922 million yuan, focusing on Shigatse airport-to-urban rapid-pass greening projects, forest sieges, etc. The poverty-relief agricultural project plans to invest 3.491 billion yuan with the focus on industrial poverty alleviation, relocation, High-altitude relocation, etc.

An investment of 1.648 billion yuan is planned for port and circulation projects mainly focusing on Kyirong border areas, such as port infrastructure and other projects. Urban

construction project plans to complete an investment of 5.208 billion yuan. An investment of 908 million yuan for education project. Village construction project plans to invest 8.785 billion yuan. Investment projects including health, civil affairs, cultural, radio and television, affordable housing, other social security, and the standardisation of activity venues at the village level with an investment of 8 billion yuan.

At the same time, according to the target of Shijiazhuang's civil investment growth rate of not less than 7% in 2018, Shigatse City Development and Reform Commission is determined that the target for private investment this year is 3.891 billion yuan, with a year-on-year increase of 20%.

Lobsang Gyaltsen Inspects Shigatse

23 April, 2018

Lobsang Gyaltsen, Deputy Secretary of TAR Party Committee, Chairman of the Autonomous Region People's Congress and Leader of Rural Work Group of the District Party Committee visited Shigatse from April 17 to 19. He inspected Xiangchu Water Control Project in Namling county, Lalo Water Control Project in Sagya County, Ploughing and Machinery Workshop in Samdup Ze county and Organic Fruit and Vegetable Production Field in Pamam County. Lobsang Gyaltsen inaugurated the Lalo Water Control and Irrigating Project on June 8, 2014. It is the largest investment project in the history of Tibet's water conservancy, and it is also a key water conservancy project of the National Twelfth Five-Year Plan. On April 18th he visited the site and observed the construction progress and over all water levels in dams. Fifty percent of the dam project and eighty percent of the irrigation area projects have been completed. He also visited Samdup Ze county to inspect the cultivator machines and seed drillers' on field practical demonstrations.

During his visit to the Panam he acknowledged the progress made in the Panam Organic Agriculture Industrial Park. It is reported with the assistance from counterparts in Shandong Province, Panam's vegetable industry has been expanding in scale each year .

Panam county has become the largest plateau greenhouse vegetable base in the region. During his inspection, Lobsang Gyaltsen stressed that this is the first year for the full implementation of the ‘spirit’ of the 19th Party Congress. It is the beginning of the implementation of the strategy for the ‘rejuvenation’ of villages and is also the key year for the eradication of poverty. He urged departments at all levels in Shigatse City to adhere to the guidance of Xi Jinping’s socialist ideology with Chinese characteristics in the new era, follow the “three rural issues” ideology of General Secretary Xi Jinping, earnestly strengthen “four consciousness’s” and firm “four confidences” to emancipate the mind. He exhorted cadres to clarify their thinking, combine the fight against poverty with implementation of the rural revitalisation strategy and form a government-led, market-driven, and mass-involvement mechanism for creating a development environment.

LHOKA NEWS: (CH:SHANNAN)

Chonggye County Received 186,100 Tourists in 2017

19 April, 2018

Last year 186,100 tourists visited Chonggye county in Shannan generating about 8.67 million yuan in tourism revenue. It was an increase of 22 percent over the previous year. Chonggye County, located in Lhokha prefecture of southwest Tibet Autonomous Region, is known for the tombs of Tibetan King and as a former capital of Tibet along with a long history and rich culture. In recent years, Chongye County regards tourism industry as one of its main strategies. Since 2017, Chongye county accorded importance to promoting the tourism industry and invested 3.85 million yuan this year. Among the many tourism sites under development, with the help from the aid-Tibet team more than 30 million yuan will be invested in the construction of tourist attractions, building nine public convenience places at tourist sites in three villages and one town, constructing a new theatre and a conservation project on Sholkhang manor at a cost of 9 million yuan has begun. Construction of the Tibetan King's Tomb Museum will begin this month with investment of 34.17 million yuan.

By the end of the 13th Five-Year Plan, more than 500,000 foreign and domestic tourists are expected to visit Chongye, generating 150 million yuan in tourism revenue.

NYINGTRI NEWS: (CH: NYINGCHI)

National Intangible Cultural Heritage exhibition kicks off in Nyingtri

2 April, 2018

The National Intangible Cultural Heritage exhibition featuring over one hundred Thangka pieces started at Nyingtri Mass Art Centre in Nyingtrion March 30. The tour exhibition will later open in other cities of Ngari, Nagchu, Chamdo, Lhasa, Lhokha and Shigatse. The exhibition will last till December 2019 and its last leg will be shown during the Mount Everest Cultural Festival before the end of 2019.

The Highest Mountain Bike Race to Kick Off in Nyingchi

18 April, 2018

The 6th Basum Co mountain bike race started in Nyingchion April 30. This event held by Tibet Sports Bureau and Nyinchi government lasts for three days. This race will be hosted in Basum Co national forest park, which is a 5A-level scenic area in China.

NGARI NEWS: (CH:ALI)

800 New Soldiers Arrived in Ngari (Ali)

6 April, 2018

Between April 2 to 6, more than 800 new ‘fighters’ from the Ngari Military Sub District in Tibet finished their basic training during the last six months in Yecheng, Xinjiang and arrived back at Ngari in nine groups. The report stated that in the past,

after the new recruits finished their basic training in Xinjiang, they could only rely on transport by road, which entailed a five-day long journey to reach the plateau border stations. Today, they travel the same distance via a combination of cars, trains, and flight, which reduces the distance by 4 days. Soldiers now take three hours by train from Yechang to Kashgar. At Kashgar, they are taken to Kashgar military base for a night's stay. The next morning they travel by civilian charter flight from Kashgar to Ngari and within 90 minutes arrive at Ngari Gunsa Airport and are then taken to the main station. In next few days they will be sent to the respective border stations.

NEWS OUTSIDE OF TAR

Construction of Qinghai-Tibet Plateau Human Genetic Resources Sample Database

April 16, 2018

Qinghai University in collaboration with Tibet University, Xizang Minzu University, Chinese Academy of Sciences University and Fudan University launched its national project for construction of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau Human Genetic Resources Sample Database on April 12, in Silling (Xining). The database is divided into two 'entity' databases (a Xining database and Lhasa database), a backup database (Xianyang database), and an information database (Xining database). It is planned to be completed by the year 2020.

The project aims to create China's first human genetic resources sample database platform for people on the Qinghai-Tibet plateau and share the information with the Management Platform of Human Genetic Resources of China. It will provide resource support for the protection, management and research of unique human resources for people on the plateau. It will also provide support for the analysis of genetic characteristics of highland populations and be significant for researching and conducting the prevention and treatment of different highland diseases.

Five Natural Oil Reserves Discovered in Qinghai

April 19, 2018

Qinghai Oil Field Industry after many years of investigation discovered five natural oil reserves on April 18, 2018 in Qinghai (Tsamang Tsehu) worth millions of tons of oil. According to local sources, the search for oil started in the 1950s and continued till 1970s when they succeeded in discovering oil fields like Ga si (尕斯) Se Bei (涩北) and Cold Lake (冷湖). Due to the harsh climate, altitude and lack of technology it was not possible to continue the survey for the last 30 years. However, from 2007 onwards to secure the crude oil sources, around 1000 specialized personnel were employed for research and mining.

Fire breaks out in Karze

26, April 2018

A major fire in Yukhok Wutha village, Tawu, Karze around six in the morning on April 24 caused massive property loss to the residents. Almost 30 houses were burnt and more than 50 families incurred property losses. Fortunately, most of the villagers are nomads and had moved out to the mountains to hunt caterpillars (yartsa gunbu). (Comment: The cause of fire is likely to be electric short circuit. Local authorities promptly dispatched more than 40 fire brigade buses. According to China's population census, there are 15,921 residents in the locality.)

ACTIVITIES OF TIBETANS INSIDE AND ABROAD

Estonian lawmaker visits exile Tibetan administration

April 26, 2018

The head of the Estonian Parliamentary Tibet Group Yoko Alender, accompanied by Roy Strider, Coordinator for Tibet Support-related activities in Estonia and her husband Priit Juurmann, met the Speaker of the Tibetan Parliament in Exile and President of the

Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) during her visit to Dharamshala on April 23 and 24.

CTA President Dr Lobsang Sangay was reported to have briefed the visitors about the CTA and the situation in Tibet under Chinese rule. He called for international pressure on China to allow independent journalists to investigate the situation in Tibet.

Speaker Khenpo Sonam Tenphel on April 23, briefed her about the Middle Way Approach.

30th Task Force meeting begins

May 01, 2018

The Tibetan task force unit formed for helping find a solution to the Tibetan issue through negotiations with Chinese leaders began a three-day meeting on Sino-Tibetan negotiations at Asia Health Resorts, Dharamshala. Presided over by Tibetan PM Lobsang Sangay it will review the prospects of the dialogue process in the light of the prevailing situation in the world, especially with the recent positive developments in the Korean Peninsular. The meeting was closed to the non-official media. Sangay said the next three-four years would be crucial for Tibet as it could determine the resumption of Sino-Tibetan dialogue with the Chinese side. He expressed his opinion that the internal political situation inside “China could turn volatile from 2021 due to the abolition of China’s presidential term limits and other factors such as upcoming fresh leaders who could pursue more hard line policies on the issue of Tibet.”

(Comment: The Task Force on Negotiations was set up in 1999 to assist the Dalai Lama’s envoys in the dialogue process with the Chinese government.)

US Ambassador calls on the Dalai Lama

May 04, 2018

US Ambassador to India Kenneth Juster called on the Dalai Lama at the latter’s residence on May 4, 2018. He later said “I was very inspired by his presence. We had a

discussion on a broad range of subjects. It will be terrific if he were able to travel to America at some point of time.”

The Kashag hosted an official dinner reception followed by cultural performances at the Tibetan Institute of Performing Arts for Juster. The US Ambassador was accompanied by a four-member delegation consisting of Anood Taqui, Special Assistant; Derek Westfall, Deputy Political Minister Counselor; Thomas Kress, USAID, and Raj Marwaha, USAID.

Representative of Bureau of His Holiness the Dalai Lama in New Delhi, Ngodup Dongchung accompanied the delegation.

