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TAR NEWS

Head of the TAR United Front Work Department speaks at the Tibet Buddhist College, urges Sinicisation of Tibetan Buddhism

April 01, 2024

At a symposium held by the Tibet Buddhist College on March 28, apparently to commemorate “the 65th anniversary of the liberation of millions of serfs in Tibet under the theme of “I grew up under the national flag”, the Head of the TAR United Front Work Department (UFWD), Karma Tsetan spoke and emphasised on the Sinicization of Tibetan Buddhism, integrating it into Chinese national identity, and also urged diligent study of the Chinese language and increased determination to fight against “separatism.” Karma Tsetan outlined the key principles that the Tibet Buddhist College must adhere to, including supporting the “two establishments” and achieving the “two maintenances,” focusing on political and Buddhist establishment, “reform and development” in the Buddhist institutions. He emphasized the importance of aligning with the Party’s political ideology, participation of the monks and nuns in studying and practicing the party’s principles, and told the Buddhist College to cultivate “outstanding monks and nuns”, who are patriotic, law-abiding, and dedicated to both study and practice, contributing to the sinicization of Tibetan Buddhism and the long-term peace and stability of Tibet.

Prior to the symposium, Karma Tsetan, Head of the TAR UFWD and Zhukhang Thupten Khedup, Vice Chairman of the TAR PPCC and President of the Tibet Buddhist College, inspected the curriculum and cultural courses for monks and nuns at the college.

TAR Party Secretary Wang Junzheng meets Foreign Minister of Nepal

April 02, 2024

Narayan Kaji Shrestha, the newly appointed Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nepal who is on a nine-day visit to China reached Lhasa on March 29, 2024 and met TAR Party Secretary Wang Junzheng and the Chairman of TAR People's Government, Yan Jinhai. The Nepalese Ambassador to China, Bishnu Purkar Shrestha, and leaders of the TAR including Chen Yongqi and Dawa Tsering were present at the meeting.

Speaking at the meeting, TAR Party Secretary Wang Junzheng said that China and Nepal are connected by mountains and rivers, have cultural exchanges, and have been friendly for generations. In recent years, the two countries have maintained close high-level exchanges and continued to deepen practical cooperation in various fields. Wang Junzheng described Xi Jinping's visit to Nepal in 2019 as "historical" and having pushed China-Nepal bilateral relations to a higher level. He referred to Nepalese Prime Minister Prachanda's official visit to China in September 2023 and said that the Prime Minister and Xi Jinping had reached "important consensus" on furthering China-Nepal relations. Wang Junzheng assured the TAR's willingness to work with Nepal to implement those "important consensus" and work on the 'Belt and Road Initiative' to achieve more fruitful results, and continuously promote China-Nepal strategic cooperation for ever-lasting friendship oriented towards development and prosperity. The TAR Party Secretary recounted his own visit, along with a delegation, to Nepal last year to exchange practical cooperation between the two sides in various fields. Wang Junzheng added that the TAR will fully implement Xi Jinping Thought on Diplomacy, conscientiously implement the foreign policies of the CCP Central Committee, take advantage of TAR's regional, geographical and cultural leverages, closely integrate Tibet's development and opening up with the promotion of the prosperity of China-Nepal relations, and continue to increase friendly exchanges and cooperation with Nepal. The meeting discussed close economic and trade exchanges, strengthening infrastructure interconnection, accelerating the construction of border trade markets, implementing more aid projects in Nepal; increased people-to-people and cultural exchanges, deepening cooperation with sister cities, and strengthening cooperation in tourism, and carrying out promotional activities of cultural tourism resources.

The TAR Party Secretary concluded with the hope that the Nepalese Foreign Minister and his delegation will visit Tibet oftener and “introduce a more beautiful, prosperous and open Tibet of China to the Nepali people and the international community in a comprehensive, objective and true manner, so that the world can better understand it.”

Shrestha responded that Nepal and China have traditional friendship and dependence on each other, and have always respected and supported each other. Nepal firmly adheres to the one-China principle, attaches great importance to developing friendly and cooperative relations with China, and attaches great importance to exchanges with various regions in China. He said Tibet is an important gateway for exchanges between China and South Asian countries and that Nepal cherishes its friendly relations with the Tibet Autonomous Region and is willing to actively participate in the joint construction of the "Belt and Road Initiative", further strengthen exchanges, and promote economic and trade, investment, agriculture, tourism, and port construction.

Special Counselling Report Meeting held on "Building a Strong Communal Consciousness of the Chinese

April 04, 2024

The Working Committee of the TAR-level agencies held a special Counselling report meeting on "Building a Strong Communal Consciousness of the Community of the Chinese Nation" for district-level agencies and the “ Party Building Lecture Hall of TAR Government Agencies” on April 3. More than 160 people, including full-time (part-time) deputy secretaries of the party committees of various units under the TAR People’s Government and some party members, listened to the report.

Wu Qingjun, Vice Chairman of the Tibet Social Sciences Federation and member of the TAR Propaganda Team, was invited to give a “special guidance” report entitled "Focusing on building a strong sense of the Chinese nation and striving to create a national model area for national unity and progress." The special Counselling aimed to further enhance the ideological consciousness, political consciousness, and action consciousness of the party members and cadres in the TAR-level agencies to build a strong sense of the Chinese nation (to instil Chinese nationalism among the Tibetans).

Wu Qingjun spoke of the need to learn and understand Xi Jinping's "important thoughts" on strengthening and improving ethnic work, especially his expositions on forging a strong sense of the Communal sense of the Chinese Nation, to accurately grasp the logical connotation of the "four major events" and "four creations", as well as the stability and creation of the TAR as a model for national unity and progress. He spoke on the need to conscientiously implement Xi Jinping's instructions on work in Tibet and the Party's strategy for governing Tibet in the new era, the need to closely integrate the Party's policies into the work and effectively carry out various tasks to build a communal sense of the Chinese nation and actively promote the TAR as a national model for unity and progress.

The Communist Youth League of TAR holds second plenary session

April 04, 2024

The second plenary session of the 11th Communist Youth League of the TAR convened in Lhasa, and focussed largely on Xi Jinping's thoughts and the Party's strategies of governing Tibet. The plenary session also reflected on the past year's activities and the formulation of objectives for 2024.

The plenary session also decided on the retirement and replacement of Youth League Committee Members and the key areas of focus for the Tibet Communist Youth League in the upcoming year. It stressed strengthening ideological and political guidance for young people, ensuring that the party's theories resonate with them, and consolidating the Party's leadership in this regard. Measures to support youth, including employment assistance and rights protection, were highlighted. Attention to internal organizational development and coordination with other youth-focused organizations was also discussed.

TAR Party Secretary meets Mayor and Delegation of the Shenzhen Municipal Party Committee, the delegation visits Nyingtri

April 06, 2024

From March 28 to 30, the Deputy Secretary of the Shenzhen Municipal Party Committee and Mayor Qin Weizhong led a team to Nyingtri and Lhasa, for inspection and study, to coordinate 'counterpart' assistance to Tibet, and to deepen closer exchanges and cooperation between the two in various fields. TAR Party Secretary Wang Junzheng and Standing Members of the TAR

Party Committee, Dawa Tsering and Ren Wei, met Qin Weizhong, Deputy Secretary of the Shenzhen Municipal Party Committee and Mayor of Shenzhen and his delegation. During the meeting, Wang Junzheng highlighted the strategic importance of Tibet's work in the overall national agenda and the immense potential for cooperation between Tibet and Shenzhen. He urged both sides to strengthen exchanges and cooperation, leverage respective strengths, and achieve mutual development. He stressed the need to cultivate emerging industries, enhance scientific and technological innovation, promote industrial transformation, strengthen cultural exchanges, develop tourism resources, and support talent development. Wang Junzheng said central and state agencies, Guangdong Province, Shenzhen City, and central enterprises had contributed in implementing Xi Jinping's directives on Tibet and the Party's strategy for governing Tibet.

Qin Weizhong, on behalf of the Shenzhen Municipal Party Committee and Shenzhen Municipal People's Government, expressed gratitude for Tibet's support for Shenzhen's development. He pledged to implement Xi Jinping's instructions on Tibet work and counterpart assistance diligently. He said Shenzhen aims to complete various tasks of assistance to Tibet comprehensively, including livelihood, industrial, talent, cultural, and educational support. Qin Weizhong emphasized the importance of cooperation in clean energy, agriculture, tourism, smart cities, and other fields.

Qin Weizhong and his delegation visited Nyingtri (Ch:Linzhi), visited the Supercharging Station in Bayi District of Nyingtri city, Gala Village, International Auto Camp, etc. to conduct on-site inspections to learn about the economic and social development of Linzhi and the construction and operation of counterpart support projects. The Mayor and the delegation witnessed the signing of relevant projects between Shenzhen and Nyingtri, and met Shenzhen 'Tibet aid' cadres. Whilst speaking to the cadres, Qin Weizhong emphasized the need to enhance ideological consciousness, political consciousness, and action consciousness in aiding Tibet, take active actions, work hard and contribute, and increase efforts to "help Nyingtri and Zayul.

Nyingtri leaders Ao Liuquan and Bata, Guangdong Provincial Aid to Tibet Team Leader Wu Gengdan, Shenzhen Municipal Government Party Committee Member Lu Wenpeng, China General Nuclear Power Group, OCT Group, China Resources Power, Shenzhen Energy Group,

Shenzhen City Group, Huawei Digital Energy, etc. with Shenzhen enterprise leaders participated in the meetings.

TAR holds Special Seminar on “In-depth study and implementation of the National Security Concept

April 13, 2024

On April 12, the Academy of Social Sciences of the TAR (Social Science Federation) held a special seminar on in-depth study and implementation of the overall national security concept. It held in-depth discussions on the connotation and significance of the overall national security concept, analysed the current security challenges faced by TAR, and proposed corresponding countermeasures. The seminar recommended promoting cross-field exchanges and cooperation, exploring and promoting the building of Tibet national security think tanks, and promoting the modernization of national security systems and capabilities.

At the seminar, 14 leaders, experts, scholars and professional staff in the field of national security in the TAR exchanged and discussed their understanding and experience of the overall national security work from different perspectives such as legislation, ideology, public security, energy security, and biosecurity. They put forward specific opinions and suggestions on how to promote overall national security work in Tibet in the new era. All those attending felt that the seminar was of great significance for further deepening the understanding of the overall national security concept, doing a good job in national security work, and deepening the research and interpretation of the overall national security concept.

Sun Xiangjun, Deputy Director of the TAR Propaganda Department and Secretary of the Party Leadership Group of the TAR Academy of Social Sciences, presided over the event. More than 100 relevant experts, scholars and staff from 24 units including the Propaganda Department, the United Front Work Department, and the Political and Legal Affairs Committee of the TAR attended the seminar.

TAR delegation attends the 4th Consumer Exposition in Hainan Province

April 15, 2024

The 4th China International Consumer Goods Expo with the theme: "Sharing Open Opportunities and Creating a Better Life" opened in Haikou City, Hainan Province on April 13. Gyare Lobsang Tenzin, Vice Chairman of the TAR People's Government, led a delegation to participate and conduct a research tour of the Tibet Exhibition Hall.

The TAR delegation studied the arrangement of exhibitors' products and interacted with different companies to learn more about the innovation and use of exhibitors' products.

Lobsang Tenzin called the Consumer Expo a great opportunity to promote and recommend Tibet and said "everyone should make full use of the Consumer Expo and make good use of both domestic and international markets." He said the Expo is an opportunity for Tibet to display its achievements in all aspects, allowing more people to know, understand and invest in Tibet, further enhance the influence and brand awareness of Tibetan products, and promote more products to go nationwide and to the world.

SHIGATSE (CH:RIKAZE) NEWS

Dromo County of Shigatse put into operation its first micro Fire station

April 01, 2024

The Chunpi Village Micro Fire Station, in Dromo (Ch: Yadong) County, Shigatse City, has been completed and is operational. This initiative significantly bolsters the village's firefighting capabilities, enabling quicker response times and enhanced evacuation procedures during emergencies. It addresses various fire safety concerns such as wooden houses, exposed wires, aging gas hoses, and scattered cigarette butts prevalent in the village.

The project was planned and executed by the village work team of the TAR Taxation Bureau, in collaboration with the village "two committees." The fire station, renovated from houses provided by villagers, is fully equipped with necessary systems, personnel, and equipment to strengthen the village's fire prevention and extinguishing capabilities. Professional fire rescue

forces were engaged to provide offline fire safety training and emergency drills for fire station personnel and party members.

Kyirong Entry-Exit Border Inspection Station awards Medal to the Immigration Management Police

April 05, 2024

On April 2, the Kyirong (Ch:Jeelong/Gyirong) Entry-Exit Border Inspection Station in Shigatse, Tibet, held a border guarding commemorative medal awarding ceremony at Kyirong Port. 20 immigration management police officers were awarded 'bronze border guarding commemorative medals'. At the ceremony, the leader of the station read out the decision of the "National Immigration Administration" to award the border guard commemorative medal, and the leaders present at the meeting awarded the commemorative medal to the recipients. The awardees stayed at their posts for decades, "endured hardships, and guarded the border loyally." In addition, recipients of the station's organizational commemorative medals also renewed their oath of joining the police while facing the police flag at border post No. 48 on the China(Tibet)-Nepal border, further strengthening their determination to take root in the border and make contributions to border areas.

"Border Vigilance: Dromo County's Cultural Outreach Promotes National Security Awareness"

April 08, 2024

In early April, Dromo Yatung (Ch:Yadong) County of Shigatse (Ch:Xigaze) organized the third phase of its "three rural visits" program, focusing on cultural, scientific, technological, and health initiatives, coinciding with "National Security Education Day." Jointly organized by various county departments, the event aimed to promote national security awareness among border villagers through a series of "educational and recreational activities."

The event commenced with the recognition of "Five-Star Households" in border well-off (xiaokang) villages boosting local morale and commitment to safeguarding their homeland. Cultural performances, including the "Fifty-Six Ethnic Groups Dance Together," entertained the audience with songs, skits, and dances.

Interactive sessions, including lectures and quizzes on topics such as the Party's directives, legal knowledge, and safety practices, were conducted. Volunteer teams provided “educational outreach” on national security concepts and community building, using accessible language and relatable themes.

Alongside the cultural presentations, volunteers offered services like free clinics, haircuts, appliance repairs, and policy education, demonstrating care and support for the community while receiving appreciation in return. The event effectively combined entertainment, education, and community services to promote national security consciousness and improve the well-being of border residents. 65 volunteers were officially stated to have participated in this event, distributed more than 800 promotional materials, provided more than 150 free clinics, haircuts and other services, distributed various medicines and items worth more than 6,000 yuan, and benefited more than 450 people.

LHOKA (CH:SHANNAN) NEWS

Lhoka’s Sangri County begins training of “key informants”

April 02, 2024

The ‘2024 Organizational System Information Work Promotion Conference’ and the opening ceremony of the "New Youth of the Era" backbone information staff training class was launched in Sangri County. The event aimed at enhancing the skills and capabilities of “key informants”, or information workers and emphasized the importance of integrating information work into daily operations, maintaining high standards of quality and responsibility, strengthening organizational guidance and coordination, enhancing professionalism and skill development, and demonstrating value and image building through effective information service. It also aimed to improve information management capabilities and communication strategies to enhance social governance in Sangri County. In addition, the training highlighted the following:

- to integrate news network publicity and information work into daily business operations for consistent and comprehensive communication strategies. This approach, according to the training, ensures that information dissemination becomes an integral part of organizational functioning rather than an isolated task

- call for informants to cherish their positions, take responsibility, and produce "high-quality masterpieces"
- need for a coordinated approach towards information submissions and information management to "superiors" so as contribute to "informed decision-making processes"
- trainees were told to improve their professionalism and skill development including research and writing skills; and
- they were told to enhance the positive image of Sangri County through effective shaping of public perception and trust in governance institutions

Dranang County carries out "anti-terrorism" training drill

April 03, 2024

Dranang County of Lhoka (Ch: Shannan) recently conducted an anti-terrorism, explosion prevention and fire safety training exercise. The training exercise emphasised the following:

- **Explosion-Proof Equipment Demonstration.** The training explained the usage of various explosion-proof equipment such as shields, crutches. Demonstrations showed how to effectively utilize these tools for personal protection during such situations
- **Interception Techniques and Teamwork Drills:** Training sessions involved practicing interception techniques and teamwork drills to handle "anti-terrorism" scenarios effectively. The importance of coordinated efforts in ensuring public safety during emergencies was stressed
- **Anti-Terrorism Simulation Drills:** Simulation drills that replicated real-life anti-terrorism scenarios were conducted to prepare participants for potential threats. The drills aimed to develop necessary skills and mindset to respond calmly and efficiently in high-pressure situations
- **Group Self-Rescue Demonstrations:** The exercise conducted public demonstrations on how to use explosion-proof equipment for safe self-rescue in groups
- **Fire Safety Education:** the structure and usage of dry powder fire extinguishers and other firefighting equipment was explained.

The training exercises were conducted for enhancing response capabilities in the face of potential threats like "terrorism", explosions, and fires.

NYINGTRI (CH:LINZHI) NEWS

Nyingtri Party Secretary emphasises “loyalty” as the cornerstone of political character from the newly appointed officials

April 4, 2024

On April 3, Ao Liuquan, Party Secretary of Nyingtri (Ch:Linzhi), convened a meeting for newly appointed cadres where he emphasised that “loyalty” should serve as the cornerstone for political character. He stressed the need for prioritizing national political security, prioritizing the welfare of the people, aligning actions with the directives of the CCP Central Committee and upholding socialism with Chinese characteristics. He also emphasised on continuous learning, especially regarding Xi Jinping Thought and the Party's strategies for governing Tibet.

First identity should be a party member of the CCP and first duty should be to serve the Party, says Party Secretary of Bayi

April 11, 2024

Tenzin Lhamo, Vice Chairman of the Nyingtri Municipal People’s Political Consultative Conference (PPCC) and Party Secretary of Bayi District in Nyingtri (Ch:Linzhi), attended the opening ceremony of the 2024 spring semester at the Party School of the Bayi District Committee of the Communist Party of China on April 10. The event focused on the theme of strengthening faith, loyalty to the party, and striving for a Chinese-style modernization of the Bayi District. She emphasized the importance of maintaining loyalty to the CCP Central Committee and taking proactive measures to address various challenges faced by cadres and workers. In her speech to the students, Tenzin Lhamo emphasized “we must stick to our original aspiration and mission, forge a strong sense of loyalty, practice "two safeguards" in the continuous improvement of the "three political forces", and always keep in mind that our first identity is a Communist Party member and our first duty is to serve the party.”

Du Xiaohua, the Minister of the Organization Department and President of the Party School, emphasized the significance of the party school as a platform for ideological strengthening and urged students to study diligently, adhere to discipline, and apply their learning effectively.

Officials from Commerce Department of Nang County inspects Bayi District

April 12, 2024

On April 10, a team led by Zhuang Yujun, Executive Deputy Secretary of the Nang County of Nyingtri, along with officials from the Lang County Commerce Bureau and County Party Committee Office, conducted inspections in Bayi District. They were accompanied by Wang Kun, Member of the Standing Committee of the Bayi District Committee and Deputy District Governor, as well as the Director of the District Commerce Bureau.

During the visit, the team inspected various projects in Bayi District, including the Jincheng Huafu Residential Community construction project, the production base construction project of Nongfu Spring Drinking Water Co., Ltd., and the Overseas Chinese Town Auto Camp. The visits provided insights into investment opportunities, housing prospects, and discussions on attracting major enterprises for investment services. Additionally, the team explored the correlation between cultural tourism and industrial development.

The team also visited Bayi District Urban and Rural Supply and Marketing Co., Ltd., Qianxian Yibu Warehouse Supermarket, and Gongbutian Street Super Charging Station, engaging in discussions on supply and marketing company supervision, supermarket construction and operation, and Huawei's ultra-fast charging piles.

NGARI (CH:ALI) NEW

Highlights from Ngari Public Security Department's Management Conference for 2024

April 3, 2024

On April 1, the Ngari (Ch: Ali) Public security department convened a region-wide public security management work conference. Yuan Fuguo, member of the Ngari Prefectural Party Committee and Secretary of the political and legal Committee, presided. The meeting summarised the achievements and challenges of public security management in 2023 and the work for 2024.

Police officers, departmental leaders, and station heads attended the conference. Following the meeting, the personnel visited various sites, including educational institutions and border

police stations, to observe and study initiatives such as the "School Security Park" and "Grassroots Governance System."

TAR holds investment promotion meeting in Nanjing, signs agreement for large scale lithium extraction from salt lakes in Ngari

April 09, 2024

The TAR People's Government held an investment promotion conference on new energy and lithium industries in Nanjing on April 8. Key topics included the status and trends of new energy development, the distribution of lithium resources in Tibet, and investment opportunities. The participating officials and representatives discussed investment policies, lithium resources, industry development plans, and economic advantages in the Ngari Prefecture. One of the outcomes was the signing of an agreement between Ruthog County of Ngari (Ch: Ali) and Tibet Shenergy Zhongkai New Energy Co., Ltd., for a large-scale lithium extraction project from salt lakes, in Ngari primarily using wind power with an investment of 11.25 billion yuan.

Purang County of Ngari holds Chinese language speech contest

April 08, 2024

On April 2, the Organization Department of Purang (Ch: Pulan) County in Ngari (Ch: Ali), organized a "National Common Language Speech Contest" on the theme "Changing with Each Passing Day, Keeping in Mind the New Chapter of the Party's Grace and Seeking a New Chapter."

Over 80 individuals from various county departments and grassroots organizations, including the Organization Department, Propaganda Department, United Front Work Department, Party History and Tibetan Language Compilation Centre, county education bureau, and local village committees, participated. Authorities of the Organization Department told rural leaders and party members to see the contest as a chance to improve their understanding of politics and language, and emphasised the enhancement of the study of the national standard language for border development and rural revitalization.

Ruthok County of Ngari organizes themed party activities

April 09, 2024

On April 4, Ruthog (Ch: Ritu) County, located in Ngari (Ch: Ali), organized a series of ‘themed Party day’ activities under the banner of "Remembering Heroes and Martyrs and Building Border Fortresses." All party members and cadres from various party branches in Ruthog County participated in these events. The activities included a visit to the "Clear Love Only for China" Red Station at Pangong Lake, where participants paid tributes to the sacrifices of their ancestors, particularly inspired by figures like Qi Fabao, and pledged to uphold patriotism and defend the nation.

At the Party Spirit Physical Examination Centre, family letters of those “Heroes and Martyrs” were read out, and the Village History Museum was reported to have instilled patriotic feelings among the party cadres and members.

Veteran Affairs Bureau of Gertze County sends condolences to military families

April 10, 2024

On April 8, 2024, the Gertze County of Ngari’s Veterans Affairs Bureau and Armed Forces Department organized a condolence visit event to “honour military families.” The Veterans Bureau and the Armed Forces Department stated that the initiative aimed to uphold the tradition of supporting soldiers and their kin while fostering pride and joy among them. The event included the presentation of commendations and symbolic gestures like white scarves and ribbons. At veteran Chodak's home for instance, officials from the Veteran and Armed Forces Department conversed with the family. The county has plans to sustain its efforts in supporting soldiers and their loved ones to foster a culture of respect and admiration for military service.

Ngari to reward “outstanding grassroots organizations” for party building and “border revitalization” work

April 12, 2024

The Organization Department of the Ngari Prefectural Committee, recently issued "Measures for the Assessment and Rewards of Outstanding Grassroots Party Organizations in Leading and Demonstrating Party Building in the Ngari." The measures outlined things that will be

rewarded and how the rewards will be determined. Officials said the evaluation and reward system in Ngari will be a ‘great’ way of recognizing and incentivizing contributions on party building and border revitalization work across 147 villages. Each year, individuals who demonstrate “outstanding leadership” in areas such as grassroots governance, income generation, ecological conservation, and border security are identified and rewarded. The contributions are categorized with the first, second, and third-place winners receiving varying cash prizes ranging from 50,000 to 150,000 yuan. The individuals can also receive multiple awards for their ongoing efforts. The evaluation process is conducted annually, with results typically finalized before May of each year.

One aspect of the process is the commendation ceremony held during the Zhangshung Culture and Art Festival, where “exemplary village communities” are celebrated for their role in strengthening the border and promoting regional stability. The allocation of reward funds is divided, with 50% directed towards village cadres and the remainder invested in community development projects, improving living standards, strengthening governance, and supporting party members facing hardships, thereby contributing to the overall security and prosperity of the border region in the Ngari area.

Zhao Sanwen, Deputy Secretary of the Ngari Prefecture Government Working Committee, emphasized that implementing the "Measures" empowers village party organizations to strengthen national unity, foster prosperity, ensure stability, defend borders, and combat separatism.

DEVELOPMENTS IN TIBETAN ETHNIC AREAS OUTSIDE OF TAR

Gansu Province issued bans on activities related to the Dalai Lama’s passing

April 10, 2024

The Dalai Lama, Tibet's exiled spiritual leader, recently stated that he is in good health and confident about living to the age of one hundred. However, the Chinese government is taking preemptive measures regarding the eventual passing of the Dalai Lama. Gansu province, has issued bans on activities related to the Dalai Lama's passing, such as displaying his photos and engaging in what it deems as "illegal religious activities and rituals." Gansu province

encompasses the historical northeastern Tibetan province of Amdo, particularly the Kanlho area (Gannan prefecture), which houses numerous Tibetan Buddhist monasteries.

The manual distributed to Tibetan monasteries in Gansu province outlines 10 rules for the Buddhist clergy to follow, including prohibitions on activities that could disrupt the Chinese government-led process of recognizing the Dalai Lama's reincarnation. It forbids monks from engaging in actions deemed detrimental to national unity or social stability, such as cooperating with separatist groups outside the country. It also prohibits "illegal organizations or institutions" from entering monasteries and bars the promotion of separatist ideas or propaganda through various media channels.

Copies of the manual were distributed throughout Kanlho prefecture, home to approximately 415,000 Tibetans, comprising just over 50% of the local population, with nearly 42% being Han Chinese according to China's 2000 census.

(Comment: It is unclear when exactly the manual was published or distributed.)

China sacks, delicenss Tibetan for teaching mother tongue to his students

April 18, 2024

China sacked Dhonyoe, a veteran Tibetan language and history teacher in Sichuan province's Tibetan area. Dhonyoe was removed from his teaching position and had his license suspended for advocating greater use of Tibetan language in schools, which was deemed to violate the policy promoting Mandarin Chinese as the "national common language". Despite being interrogated multiple times, Dhonyoe continued his efforts to promote Tibetan language and history education. The Meruma Central Primary School, where Dhonyoe taught, used Tibetan as the medium of instruction until 2018, when the government imposed Mandarin Chinese, marginalizing the childrens mother tongue. Dhonyoe's expulsion disappointed many students and families who valued his dedication to preserving Tibetan language and history.

China's tightening restrictions on Tibetan language teaching, including the closure of privately-run Tibetan schools and the ban on mother tongue teaching, raise concerns about the survival of Tibetan cultural identity. Recent measures include prohibiting Tibetan children from attending informal language classes or workshops during winter holidays. A notice issued by

the Chinese government's Education Department in January 2024 reiterated these bans and called for intensified supervision and disciplinary action against violators.

EXILE TIBETAN NEWS

Bill mandating US Government help to resolve Tibet's legal status set for full Senate vote
April 17, 2024

A bill urging the US government to pressure China into negotiating with the Dalai Lama or Tibetan representatives on Tibet's legal status has advanced to the Senate. The bill recognizes Tibet as “occupied” and requires countering China's propaganda. Named the "Resolve Tibet Act," it advocates peaceful resolution based on international law, rejects China's historical claims, and empowers US diplomacy against disinformation. It calls for multilateral efforts and acknowledges Tibet's broader territorial definition.
