

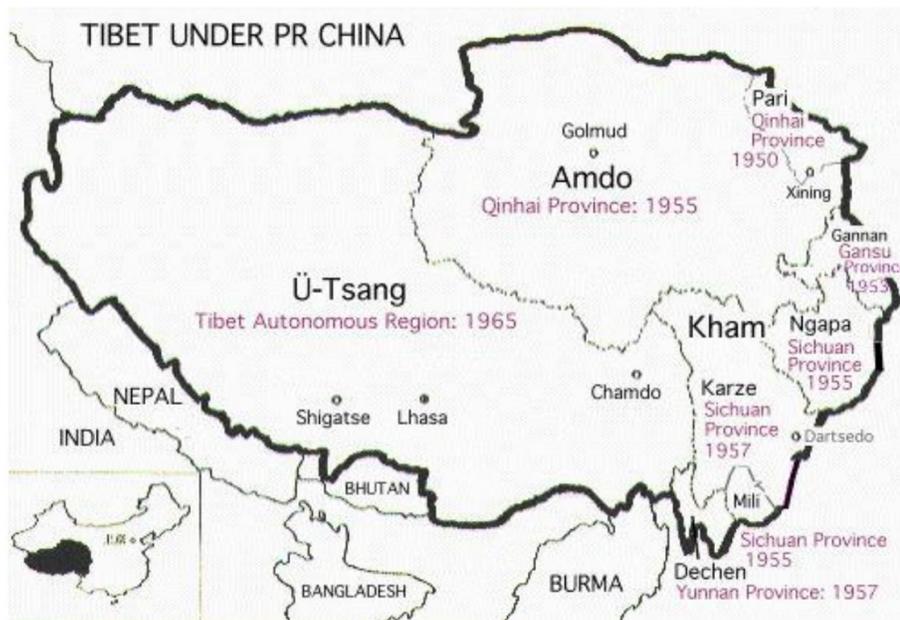
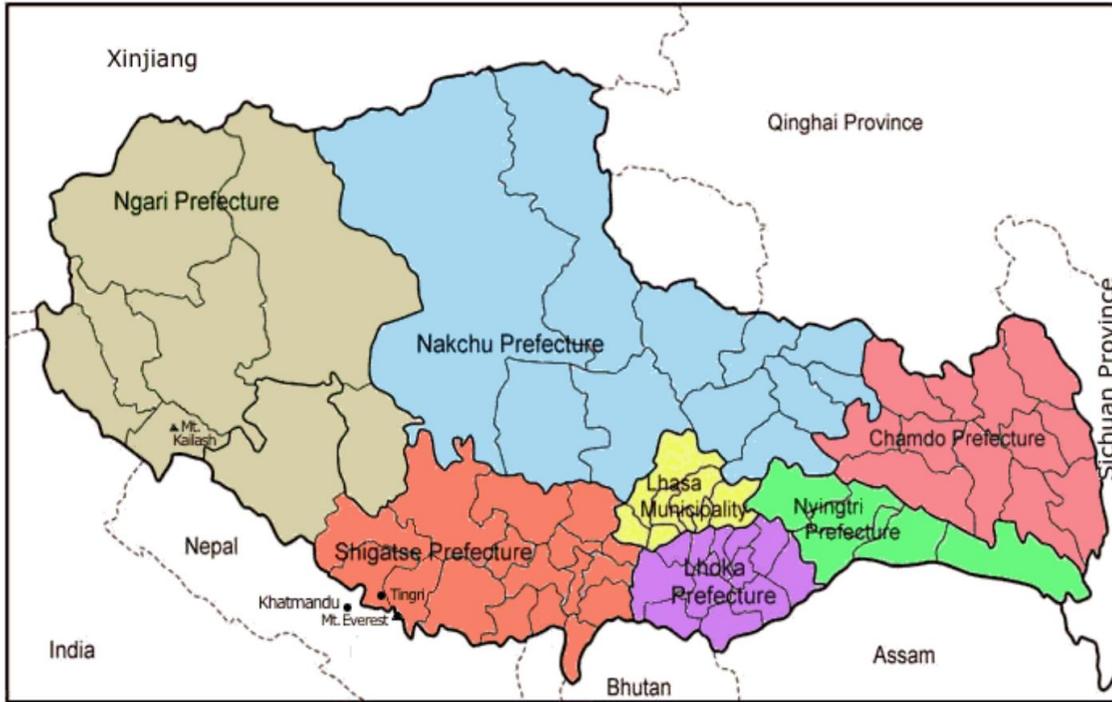


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TAR NEWS

Politburo member, Vice Premier and Head of the National Poverty Alleviation Census Leadership Group, Hu Chunhua visits TAR

Xinhua, August 03, 2020

Hu Chunhua, Politburo member, Vice Premier and head of the National Poverty Alleviation Census Leadership Group, visited the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR) on August 3, to inspect the on-site registration of the national poverty alleviation census. He emphasized that it is necessary to thoroughly study and implement the ‘spirit’ of General Secretary Xi Jinping's important instructions, follow the decisions and deployment of the Party Central Committee and the State Council, do a high-standard of on-site registration of the census, and complete various tasks of the census on schedule with high quality. He was accompanied by Ning Jizhe, Deputy Leader of the National Leading Group for Poverty Alleviation Census, Deputy Director of the National Development and Reform Commission, and Director of the National Bureau of Statistics and Li Xiaochao, Director of the Office of the Leading Group for the National Poverty Alleviation Census and Deputy Director of the National Bureau of Statistics.

Hu Chunhua travelled to the counties of Maldro Gongka (Tib: མལ་ལྷོ་གུང་དཀར་རྫོང་) and Takster Chu (Tib: ལྷག་ཅེ་ཆུས་) of Lhasa to visit the villages and inspect the census site registration work, sympathize with the poor households and personnel who have been registered by the census, and observe the process of census personnel using smart terminal equipment to collect census data. The production and living conditions of the poor, in-depth investigation of the progress of the census.

Hu Chunhua pointed out that the poverty alleviation census is an important basic work to comprehensively test the effectiveness of poverty alleviation. It will provide data support for the Party's Central Committee to announce victory in the poverty alleviation battle and build a well-off society in an all-round way. He stressed the necessity of carrying out censuses under laws and regulations, strictly implementing census plans and work rules and procedures, and doing a good job in data collection and reporting. He said it is necessary to organize and carry out follow-up

data processing and other tasks according to established time schedules and ensure that the census task is completed in batches and on time.

(Comment: Hu Chunhua last visited Tibet in October 2019 when he went to various counties of Nagchu such as Driru County, Seyne Chu County, Tringguan District (Ch: Chengguan), and Gonggar County of Lhoka to visit “poor people” in villages, learn about the "three guarantees" and drinking water safety, and inspect the progress in poverty alleviation and relocation of poverty alleviation.)

State Councillor and Minister of Foreign Affairs Wang Yi ‘inspects’ Tibet

August 15, 2020

China’s State Councillor and Minister of Foreign Affairs Wang Yi visited Tibet on August 14, and met TAR Officials including Party Secretary Wu Yingjie, Chairman of TAR People’s Government; Chedak la (Qi Zhala); Director of TAR Propaganda Department, Deputy Secretary of TAR PPCC, and Deputy Chairman of TAR Party Committee Danke; President of the TAR Party School Ding Yexian; Deputy Secretary of the TAR Committee, Deputy Secretary of the Party Group, Executive Vice Chairman of the TAR People’s Government, and Dean of the TAR School of Administration, Pema Wangdue; and the Party Secretary of Lhasa Municipality and Member of Standing Committee of TAR Party Committee and Secretary of the Politics and Law Committee He Wenhao, among other TAR Officials.

Foreign Minister Wang Yi briefed the officials on current international affairs and emphasized how Tibet has achieved economic and social development under the leadership of Xi Jinping at the core and by adhering to his thoughts on ‘socialism with Chinese Characteristics in the New Era’. He reiterated that “significant results have been achieved in terms of stabilizing and consolidating Tibet’s borders, foreign cooperation and the One Belt and One Road Initiative”.

Stressing that Tibet’s security and stability is fundamental to the overall development of the party and country, he urged TAR leaders to further strengthen propagation of the “four consciousness”, “Four Confidences” and “Two Safeguards” and ensure national security, long-term stability and

economic and social development of Tibet. During his visit, Wang Yi inspected Tibet's border areas to study progress on poverty alleviation, border infrastructures including construction of well-off villages.

(Comment: A visit by a Chinese Foreign Minister to Tibet is unusual and rare and has not been seen in decades. Wang Yi's visit comes amid rising military tension between India and China and he will have probably instructed the TAR officials to keep a stricter eye on Tibetans, those suspected of being sympathetic to the Dalai Lama and persons attempting to cross the border into TAR.)

CPPCC Vice-Chairman visits TAR

August 16, 2020

On August 16, another high-level Official from Beijing visited Tibet and met TAR Leaders including Party Secretary, Wu Yingjie. Wu Weihua, Vice Chairman of the CPPCC and Chairman of Jiusan Society and an Academician at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences was accompanied by Lai Ming, member of the CPPCC Standing Committee, Deputy Secretary-General and Deputy Director of the Proposal Committee and Vice Chairman of the Jiu San Society. They met Wu Yingjie and other TAR leaders like Ding Yexian, Executive Deputy Secretary of the District Party Committee and Secretary of the TAR CPPCC Party Group, Yan Jinhai, Deputy Secretary of the District Party Committee and Liu Jiang, Standing Committee Member and Secretary-General of the TAR Party Committee.

Wu Yingjie thanked the inspection team for their "support and care" and briefed them on the situation of the grassland ecology civilization. He said "since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, under the strong leadership of the Party Central Committee with Xi Jinping at the core, TAR has adhered to Xi Jinping's thoughts on socialism with Chinese characteristics in the New Era and have thoroughly implemented his exposition on his governing and stabilizing Tibet's borders." He added that with "improving people's livelihood as the basis, TAR authorities will resolutely maintain harmony, and stability, and strive to build a national ecological and security barrier to pave way for a secure and strong border defense".

Wu Weihua observed that “Tibet has seen rapid economic and social development, huge changes in the urban and rural landscape, and remarkable results in poverty alleviation projects and that he is deeply impressed and encouraged”.

CPPCC Vice-Chairman visits Tibet

August 24, 2020

Zheng Jianbang, CPPCC Vice-Chairman and Executive Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee of the Chinese Revolution and Vice-Chairman of the Soong Ching Ling Foundation visited Tibet. He was accompanied by Wang Min, Deputy Director of the CPPCC Foreign Affairs Committee, Yang Yanyi, member of the CPPCC Foreign Affairs Committee and former Head of the Chinese mission to the EU, and Zhou Li, member of the CPPCC Foreign Affairs Committee and former Vice Minister of the CCP Central Committee’s Department of External Relations.

TAR Party Secretary Wu Yingjie welcomed the CPPCC Foreign Affairs Committee and informed them that “since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, under the strong leadership of the Party Central Committee with Xi Jinping at the core, TAR has adhered to Xi Jinping’s thoughts on socialism with Chinese characteristics in the New Era and have thoroughly implemented his exposition on his governing and stabilizing Tibet’s borders.” He added that “improving people’s livelihood as the basis, TAR authorities will resolutely maintain harmony, and stability, and strive to build a national ecological and security barrier to pave way for a secure and strong border defense”.

Nyingtri opens a large cadre recuperation base

August 17, 2020

The Municipal Party School and the District Federation of Trade Unions of Nyingtri officially inaugurated the National Model Worker Recreation Base in Nyingtri city on August 15, 2020. The Nyingchi Cadre Recreation Base is one of the important projects carried over from the Sixth Central Committee on Tibet Work. It was described as fully reflecting the great importance of the

Party Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at the core and the care and love for Tibetan officials and workers.

The total investment of the project, which covers an area of about 435 acres with a total construction area of about 93,000 square meters, is approx.. 570 million Yuan. There are 19 main buildings including a teaching complex, graphic information center, academic exchange center, and expert (talent) apartment. There will be other facilities like health centers, swimming pools, gymnasiums, etc.. It can train 1040 people at a time and has the capacity for 840 people to recuperate. This construction, it is expected to play an important role in the education and training of Tibetan cadres, greatly improve conditions for the recuperation of cadres and employees of all ethnic groups in the region, and better protect the physical and mental health of cadres and employees, which is significant for promoting high-quality development and long-term stability in Tibet

Chinese appointed Panchen Lama tours Tibet and meets delegation from CCRP

August 10, 2020

The Chinese appointed Panchen Lama, Gyaltzen Norbu, who is also a member of the CPPCC Standing Committee, Vice-President of the Buddhist Association of China and President of the Tibet Branch of the Buddhist Association of China, visited Tibet from end of July till September 2020. He arrived in Tibet on July 30. During his stay, he visited the Ningsuan Technology Group Co., Ltd. in Newu New District in Lhasa, reported to be “world’s highest and Tibet's biggest” cloud computing data center, to learn about data cloud computing, big data, artificial intelligence services, smart cars and other technological projects, as well as the progress made by enterprises in helping alleviate poverty in Tibet.

On August 03, he attended a seminar organized for a delegation from the China Committee on Religion and Peace (CCRP). At the meeting, Guo Jun, Deputy Secretary-General of the CPPCC National Committee and a member of the CCRP, gave a briefing on the Committee and the works it has undertaken in recent years.

On August 6, the fourth Chairman's meeting of the 11th Council of the Tibet Branch of the Chinese Buddhist Association was held in Lhasa. Speaking at the meeting, Gyaltzen Norbu said the Tibet Branch of the Chinese Buddhist Association has consistently implemented the Party's guidelines on religious affairs and had particularly succeeded "in leading and uniting the monks, nuns and heads of the religious sects, to accept and listen to the leadership of the party, and to make them adhere to guidelines to sinicize Tibetan Buddhism and contribute to long-term stability". He also visited Sangpo Monastery in Toelung Dechen District, Ratoe Monastery in Chushul County and Ruba Monastery in Nyemo County to give sermons.

In Nyingtri, he visited to Renqingbeng Temple in Medog County, Dodong Temple in Bomi County, Demu Temple in Bayi District, Qiangna Temple in Milin County, and Balqude Temple in Lang County to carry out a series of Buddhist activities.

On September 15, he reached Xigatze, Tashi Lhunpo monastery and gave an audience to the monks on the same day. There he was said to have met with the monks and worshipped at Kargyur hall, Dolma hall, Jokhang. On September 25, he took a bus to Dungkar Temple, the lowest elevation in the county and met with monks in the main hall of the monastery.

On September 26, he reached Jiru Temple, which is situated more than 4700 meters above the sea level and gave teachings to the monks on 'three main paths' and also blessed the exhibition of Buddha's Thangkas.

On September 27, it said that regardless of fatigue, he drove to Riqiong Boduo Temple, located in Pali Town, Dromo (Ch:Yadong) County, more than 4,300 meters above sea level. There he met with monks in the main hall and also visited Jokhang and Dolma Lhakhang.

(Comment: This is the longest stay yet by the Panchen Lama in TAR. The CCRP comprises representatives from five major religions (namely Buddhism, Taoism, Islam, Catholicism and Protestantism and its objectives are "working on peace, friendship, safeguarding unity of the country and promotion of religious groups amongst others".)

Huge investment in Mapham Yumtso lake in Ngari

August 16, 2020

Located in Purang County of Ngari (Ch: Ali) and listed as a “National Wetland Nature Reserve” in 2017, the Mapham Yumtso or Lake Manasarovar has lately become a centre for investments as large as 29.9 million yuan, and also a “guardian of the reserve” in Pema. Ngari’s Burang County (borders Nepal in South-West and India’s Uttarakhand in West) reportedly applied for Wetland Protection and Restoration Construction Projects and subsequently, the County has built one Management Bureau for the lake, six Management stations and one Management point with one monitoring and inspection station each.

Pema, a villager from Shengpa village was appointed “Guardian of the Lake” and his responsibilities include patrolling and cleaning the lake, and to “observe changes in animal species, populations, and to prevent illegal fishing”. The County government pays him 2000 yuan a month. In addition to Pema, the County government hired 90 villages around the lake and assigned 20 guards at management and protection points.

Shigatse donates INR 2,7 million to Nepal’s Bharatpur

July 31, 2020

At a program held in Chitwan, the representatives of Tibet’s Shigatse and members of the Nepal Immigrant Chinese Association handed over medical equipment worth over 2.7 million Indian rupees to Gopal Krishna Neupane, the advisor to the Bharatpur Metropolitan City. The donated medical appliances include 1000 pieces KN 95 facemasks, 50,000 pieces surgical masks, 800 RDT kits, 100 PPE, 1,000 pieces medical face shields and 4,000 pieces of surgical hand gloves. Mayor of the metropolis Renu Dahal thanked TAR for the medical support and expressed gratitude to the Chinese side for providing support in the battle against COVID-19 in Nepal.

After exposing Chinese occupation of Rui Village, Balram Baniya found dead under mysterious circumstances

August 12, 2020

Balram Baniya, a Nepali journalist died under mysterious circumstances two months after he had reported that a border village of Nepal had become part of Chinese-ruled Tibet after the border marker had been moved without anyone in authority on the Nepali side noticing it. The body of 50-year-old journalist Balram Baniya was found near the Mandu Hydropower Project in Sisneri in Makawanpur, Nepal, on August 11. He was reported to have been interrogated by a police team in Balkhu on August 10 and informed them that he was going home. The Federation of Nepali Journalists, Freedom Forum, and Nepal Press Union have demanded a free and fair probe into the death of the veteran journalist. The report said Bir Bahadur Lama, the President of Chumubari Rural Municipality ward number 1, had conceded that even though the people of Rui had deposited their share of land revenue to the Nepal government, they had become Tibetans following the encroachment by China. The Nepal Press Union said the death of Balaram Baniya remained mysterious as deep cuts were found on his body. Baniya, a former secretary of the Federation of Nepali Journalists, worked for Kantipur Daily, and is survived by his wife, a son, and a daughter.

China relocates more Tibetans to strengthen border security in Tsona, Lhokha

August 11, 2020

Budo, Deputy Party Secretary and chief of Cona (Tibetan: Tsona) county, an important border county in Shannan (Lhokha) Prefecture, disclosed plans to relocate 3,222 people of 960 families to the weakly-controlled areas on the borders on a voluntary basis. He said the distance between the relocation destinations and LAC will be shorter than 2 kilometres in a straight line and 5 kilometres on the ground. “The India-controlled areas are just a mountain away” he said. The length of Tsona’s borders with India and Bhutan are respectively 213 kilometres and 55 kilometres, the Global Times report said.

The report highlighted that relocation of Tibetans and developing infrastructure is to boost both national security and quality of life. The relocation project was also meant to deal with the problem

of a weakening border force in Cona's Lebugou region caused by the outward migration of residents in the last decade. So far Lebugou has moved 134 people from 40 households in three other villages with harsh natural conditions to Mama Menba Township. The report said that including Lhunze and Cona, all four border counties in Shannan Prefecture were actively promoting the relocation project, which involved a total of some 6,000 residents. The prefecture also plans to relocate people from non-border counties to those at the border.

CCP holds the Seventh Tibet Work Forum Meeting

August 29, 2020

The CCP convened a two-day Seventh Tibet Work Forum meeting at Beijing from August 28 to 29. Li Keqiang, Premier of the CCP presided over the meeting and PBSC members Li Zhanshu, Wang Huning, Zhao Leji and Han Zheng attended it. Wang Yang made the concluding speech. Members of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, Secretary of the Central Secretariat, relevant leading comrades of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, state councillors, President of the Supreme People's Court, Chief Procurator of the Supreme People's Procuratorate, and relevant leading comrades of the CPPCC also attended the meeting. TAR party and government principal officials, in-charge of the party and government of various cities and towns of TAR, official in-charge of Sichuan, Yunnan, Gansu, and Qinghai provinces attended along with those relevant people's organizations, financial institutions, and state-owned enterprises, and military units attended the meeting.

Xi Jinping stressed 'the Party's long-term commitment to Tibet and building a new and modern socialist Tibet that is united, prosperous, harmonious and advanced culturally. He told to mobilise the public and provide more education and guidance in combating the separatist activities, and forge an ironclad shield to safeguard the stability in the region'

A frontier regiment of the Tibet Military Region organized an actual combat comprehensive exercise

August 31, 2020

A Frontier Defense regiment of the Tibet Shannan (Lhoka) Army Division recently organized a 17-hour practical and comprehensive exercise at an altitude of 4,500 meters to test the combat capabilities of multi-arms coordinated cooperation and joint strikes with multiple new weapons and equipment. Hu Zengwei, the Deputy Head in-charge of the exercise.

The National Political Coordination Research Group held a symposium in Nyingtri City

August 20, 2020

Qi Tongsheng, Deputy Director of the Ethnic and Religious Committee of the CPPCC, and former chairman of the Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region PPCC was accompanied by the Vice Chairman of TAR PPCC and Chairman of the District Federation of Trade Union, Nyingtri (in Chinese: Linzhi) and the National Political Coordination Research Group to Nyingtri. At the meeting, the Nyingtri Civil Affairs Bureau gave a briefing on the work of "building a common spiritual home of all ethnic groups and solidifying the consciousness of the Chinese nation's community". Qi Tongsheng emphasized that it is necessary to closely follow the main line of the consciousness of the Chinese nation community, strengthen the study of the history of the Chinese nation, continue to promote unity, and promote extensive exchanges, and in-depth integration of all ethnic groups in Nyingtri.

TAR Party Committee convenes meeting of TAR Security Committee

August 05, 2020

Ding Yexian, TAR Party Secretary and Director of TAR Security Committee, a branch of the CCP National Security Committee, convened a meeting in early August to analyse the current situation of security maintenance in the region. The meeting was attended by Chedak la aka Qi Zhala, Chairman of TAR People's Government; Wang Haijiang, Commander of the Tibet Military Region; and Members of the TAR Party Committee, Norbu Dhondup, Danke, Pema Wangdue and

Liu Jiang. TAR Party Secretary Wu Yingjie listened to reports on the current security maintenance situation in various regions and cities and acknowledged the “achievements” in TAR on epidemic control, economic development, consolidation of borders, and praised the public security police force, medical staff, the Party cadres stationed in monasteries and villages.

Among the points he made were:

1. He urged officials to carry out in-depth analysis and investigation of potential troubles/risks, and always be prepared for ‘danger even in times of peace’. He urged them to take proactive precautions and risks to prepare for the worst and detect problems early.
2. They must protect and safeguard national political security. He said “it is important to win against separatism, to profoundly expose and criticize the reactionary nature of the 14th Dalai Lama, and the Dalai Clique, and educate people (Tibetans) to listen to the party, follow the party, and to clearly draw a line between the 14th Dalai Lama and the Dalai Clique”.
3. He pointed out that the Security Committee should strengthen social management, and stability maintenance mechanisms in prefectures, counties, villagers.
4. The various campaigns such as “four consciousness”, “four loves” and instilling in people the feeling of “gratitude, and care” being “extended” by the government should be continued.
5. He emphasized the need to actively consolidate the “adaptation of Tibetan Buddhism to the Socialist society” and to strengthen the responsibilities of monks, nuns and heads/representatives of religious circles to maintain stability in their respective monasteries and nunneries, and to eliminate the “negative influence of the 14th Dalai Lama and his use of religion.”

Propaganda Campaigns in Monasteries across TAR

Lhoka (Ch: Shannan):

On August 21, the Monastic Management Committee of Nagartse County, Lhoka held the second meeting on the “Four Consciousness and four loves”

Nyingtri(Ch: Linzhi):

On August 20th, Gambu, Minister of the United Front Work Department (UFWD) of Nyingtri, along with his officials carried out a campaign on “Regulations on the Establishment of the Model

Area for National Unity and Progress in the Tibet Autonomous Region" and the "Administrative Measures for the Reincarnation of Living Buddhas of Tibetan Buddhism".

Nagchu(Nagqu):

Nagchu carried out an “educational campaign” early this week to deepen knowledge on "Complying with the Four Standards and becoming model monks and nuns” and Administrative Measures for the Reincarnation of Living Buddhas of Tibetan Buddhism”.

Shigatse (Ch: Xigaze)

On August 25th, the UFWD of Nyalam County organized an “exchange programme” for 20 officials of the County including Directors Monastic Management Cadres, monks and nuns with their counter-parts in Tashi Lhunpo Monastery. The Exchange Group reportedly exchanged knowledge on monastery management rules and regulations, shared propaganda brochures etc.

Ngari (Ch: Ali):

From August 26 to 27, Kelsang Dawa, member of Ngari Prefectural Committee and Minister of Ngari United Front Work Department inspected monasteries to oversee security maintenance and stability measures. He met Township officials, Monastic Management cadres, monks and nuns. Meetings were held to discuss the “four standards “to become exemplary monks/nuns, and “special training” were organized to teach on the Management of the reincarnation of the living Buddhas in Tibetan Buddhism”. The need to develop party building work by the Monastic Management Committees in the monasteries and nunneries were also discussed during the minister’s visit to monasteries.

(Comment: Such propaganda campaigns are a regular feature since the beginning of this year. These campaigns, which are generally spearheaded by the respective regional UFWD, centre on the spread of “knowledge” on “Administrative Measures for the Reincarnation of Living Buddhas of Tibetan Buddhism” and the “four standards” for monks and nuns to follow to become exemplary role models for the general public.)

Head of TAR UFWD on inspection in Shigatse

September 20, 2020

Danke, Head of the TAR UFWD was on a two-day inspection tour to Sakya Monastery in Shigatse, to conduct an “in-depth” investigation on the management of the Monastery. During the inspection, he pointed out how the Sakya monastery had a “long glorious tradition of patriotism, and its contribution to strengthen unity of the motherland”. He urged the monks of the monastery to “carry forward the legacy” by imbibing the “four consciousnesses”, “two safeguards” and build a “new, united and modernised Tibet”. Danke reiterated the “importance” of the Seventh Work Forum on Tibet and emphasised that the Forum was “personally planned and deployed” by Xi Jinping. He echoed Xi Jinping’s strategy of “governing Tibet” in the new era, and “new and deeper” tasks and deployment thereof, “anti-separatist” activities etc. Religious circles, he said “should act a prominent role in furthering the nation’s guidelines on sinicizing Tibetan Buddhism, to implement monastic management, to promote religious reforms, and strive to be politically reliable”.

Disciplinary Inspection Unit Officials of People’s Bank of PRC in Tibet

September 14, 2020

On September 11, Jiang Jie, member of the Standing Committee and Executive Vice Chairman of TAR Party Committee, met a visiting delegation from the Disciplinary Inspection Unit of People’s Bank of PRC headed by Xu Jia’ai. He applauded People’s Bank of China and other financial institutions for “being politically focussed, having a holistic approach and conscientiously implementing special and preferential financial policies granted to Tibet by the CCP CC and helping Tibet to fight poverty and develop stability”. The Executive Vice-Chairman also pointed out that the delegation reflects the “high-level significance and attention the CCP CC is attaching to the strategic importance of Tibet in the overall state of the party (???RECHECK???) and the country”. He hoped for more infrastructural development in Tibet, mushrooming of small and medium-sized enterprises and “solid border consolidation” for long-term stability and development in Tibet.

A delegation from CCP's National Ethnic Affairs Commission in Tibet

September 10, 2020

A delegation from the CPPCC National Ethnic Affairs Commission visited Tibet on September 8, to teach “how to build a sense of community for the Chinese nation”. Deputy Director Zhao Yong, member of the Party Leadership Group of the National Democratic Committee, delivered a speech. Meng Xiaolin, Vice Chairman of the Tibet Autonomous Region presided over the discussion. The visitors said that “since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, the entire Tibet region has thoroughly studied and implemented Xi Jinping’s thoughts on socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era and his important expositions on managing borders and stabilizing Tibet”. It urged concerned departments and officials of TAR to “earnestly study and implement the spirit of the seventh Work Forum on Tibet, and to foster consciousness and sense of community towards Chinese nation, maintain national unity with discipline, and contribute to the realization of long-term stability in Tibet”.

Monastic Management Committee of Tashi Lhunpo Monastery organizes national unity

September 25, 2020

In order to further “stimulate the sense of patriotism” of the monks of Tashi Lhunpo Monastery in Shigatse and to forge consciousness of the Chinese nation, the Monastic Management Committee of Tashi Lhunpo Monastery organised a meeting of 40 heads of the monastery and representatives of monks and discussed how to carry out various “ethnic unity and patriotic education” activities/campaigns. The meeting commemorated the 75th anniversary of the victory of the Chinese People’s War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and Anti-Fascist War and celebrate the 55th anniversary of the founding of the Tibet Autonomous Region.

The former Chinese Military attaché in South Asia says “to govern the country, we must first stabilise Tibet”

September 9, 2020

Chen Xizhong, the former Chinese military attaché in South Asia who have worked in India and Nepal for more than 20 years said “To govern the country, we must govern the border and we must first stabilise Tibet”. He further said “While working in the host country, I deeply felt that Tibet stability and development are of great significance to the security and stability of our surrounding areas and to the long-term stability of our country”.

He also discussed about how since 18th National People’s Congress, under the leadership of the Party Central Committee with Xi as the core, and the support of the masses brought together the cadres and masses of all ethnic groups in Tibet under one umbrella.

Together with all sectors of society, it has taken active actions, upholds science, and emphasizes prevention and control, which embodies patriotism, protection of the country, obedience to the overall situation, and mutual assistance. The precious spirit of Tibet has played a positive role in winning the battle against the epidemic, and it also reflects the current social status of Tibet, ethnic unity, religious harmony”.

He also emphasised on how Xi gave importance to the need to promote the construction of a number of major infrastructure and public service facilities around the Sichuan-Tibet Railway construction under the banner of ‘build more Unity Lines and Happy Roads’.

At present, the Sichuan-Tibet Railway, which is under construction, is 1,742.39 kilometres long, starting from Chengdu in the east and passing through Ya'an - Kangding - Qamdo - Nyingchi to Lhasa in the west, with a total investment of more than 300 billion yuan. It is of great significance to the development and construction of the frontier and ecological protection, especially for maintaining the stability of the frontier region and maintaining national security.

First youth police school opens in Lhasa, TAR

September 9, 2020

The first youth police school in Lhasa was officially inaugurated on September 23. The Jinzhu Police Station and the Lhasa Beijing Primary School carried out legal education, safety education, police school co-education and other activities to continuously improve the public's awareness of the rule of law and safety measures.

The Jinzhu Police Station plans to continue promoting the youth police school model in the remaining schools in its jurisdiction, so that the youth can grow to be the inheritors of safety construction, disseminators of safety culture, and guardians of fairness and justice.

Wangdui, Mayor and Party Secretary of Nyingtri inspects Lalin Railway line and Sanya resettlement

September 25, 2020

Wangdui, Party Secretary of the Municipal Party Committee and Mayor of Nyingtri led a team to the project site of the Nyingtri station, Gongga station and Milin station of Lalin Railway to listen to reports from relevant departments and construction parties on the progress of the project on September 25. He was accompanied by Nima Tashi, Deputy Mayor and member of the Municipal Government, and Wang Xiaosong, Deputy Secretary of the Municipal Party Committee.

Wangdui instructed workers to learn more about the municipal public infrastructure surrounding the stations, service support facilities, environment assessment and also reserve land for future development and construction. He said without compromising on the quality and safety measures, both the resettlement plans and sky road on the Lalin railway should be completed at the scheduled time. Wangdui also went to the "Sanyan" resettlement site in Sayu Village, Milin County, where he met relocated people and the local Party Secretary Apo. He told local cadres that people have inseparable feeling towards their homeland, and they may feel insecure and alien at their new home. He advised them to 'do everything within your capacity to make them feel warm, give them reassurance, let them integrate into the new environment as soon as possible and making to feel this as their home'.

Eighth Plenary Meeting of the 9th Committee of TAR

September 30, 2020

TAR Party Secretary Wu Yingjie presented the work report of the Seventh Plenary Session to the Eighth Plenary Meeting of the Ninth TAR Party Committee in which he stated that ‘since the Seventh Plenary Session of the Ninth Party Committee of the Tibet Autonomous Region, the Standing Committee of the TAR Party Committee has done a good job in maintaining social stability, consolidating the results of poverty alleviation, and winning the comprehensive well-off society’. He added that “Since the Sixth Central Tibet Work Symposium, we have focused on building a foundation for long-term governance, poverty alleviation and striving for a well-off society, improving people’s livelihood and gaining people’s hearts, building barriers around beautiful Tibet, strengthening borders and border defence”. Skills training for farmers and herdsmen have been continuously increased, 601,000 surplus labourers in farming and pastoral areas have been transferred, and an income of 4.34 billion Yuan has been realized. The tourism industry was the first in the country to achieve positive growth; the 3.793 billion yuan in aid to Tibet has been disbursed, and 467 projects have been implemented. In terms of accelerating development of the border and ensuring border security, he said subsidies have been set for border residents on the first and second borders. The subsidy for border residents on the first and second lines without demarcation has been increased to 6,000 yuan and 5,400 yuan per capita, and the per capita subsidy for border guards has reached 12,000 yuan per capita.

Wu Yingjie said that the Seventh Tibet Work Conference had opened up a new realm for the CCP in governing Tibet, stabilizing and rejuvenating Tibet, and opened a new journey of building a new socialist and modern Tibet; it confirmed the promotion of long-term stability and high quality in the Tibet Autonomous Region. The new development measures have pushed various workstations in the Tibet Autonomous Region to a new historical starting point. It is necessary to vigorously carry forward the "old Tibet spirit" and "two-way spirit" and insist on maintaining stability as the first task to ensure national security and long-term stability. According to the provisions of the "Party Constitution", the meeting approved Song Jun's resignation as a member of the Ninth Committee of the TAR and decided to replace Tsering Dhondup (Sire Dunzhu), Daboer, and Tsering Yangchen as alternate members of the Ninth Committee of the TAR.

DEVELOPMENTS IN TIBETAN ETHNIC AREAS OUTSIDE TAR

Tibetan Buddhism Living Buddha Reincarnation Special Exhibition" touring exhibition in Tibet

August 1, 2020

In order to promote in-depth education and practice the activities of "Complying with the Four Standards and Striving to Be Advanced Monks and Nuns" in TAR, the Tibet Culture Museum of the China Tibetology Research Center, the Tibet Branch of the Chinese Buddhist Association, and the TAR carried out various educational activities and a special exhibition on the 'Reincarnation of Living Buddhas of Tibetan Buddhism' in TAR. The exhibition included travelling to temples in the TAR and exhibiting pictures of the special exhibition and special audio-visual video recordings on "Reincarnation of Tibetan Buddhism Living Buddhas" produced by the Tibetan Culture Museum as well as educational activities of the Tibetan Buddhist Academy.

The exhibition also stated that the practice of reincarnation of living Buddhas was founded by the Kagyu Sect at the end of the 13th century, and it continued to grow and gradually become an important 'inheritance' of Tibetan Buddhism forming numerous living Buddha systems. It said "Special exhibitions are held to popularize knowledge of the reincarnation of living Buddhas in Tibetan Buddhism, explain the emergence and development of the reincarnation of living Buddhas, and promote the 'Administrative Measures for the Reincarnation of Living Buddhas in Tibetan Buddhism' and the religious rituals and historical customization of the reincarnation of living Buddhas in Tibetan Buddhism".

20th National Tibetan Language and Media Cooperation Conference was held in Qinghai

August 3, 2020

China Tibet Online News held the 20th National Tibetan Language and Media Cooperation Conference in Gonghe County, Qinghai. Nearly 100 people from Tibetan language newspapers and periodicals, radio and television, news websites, etc. participated. The theme of the conference this year was "Accelerating the development of media integration and build an all-media

communication pattern". The conference conducted "Media Convergence Development Experience Exchange" to enrich the Tibetan language media cooperation and conducted large-scale interviews under the title 'Tibetan media watching Hainan'. At the meeting, Wei Xinhua, Deputy Secretary of the Hainan Prefectural Party Committee and Minister of the Propaganda Department of Qinghai Province, said that for many years the Tibetan-language media from TAR and Tibetan provinces outside TAR 'have held high the banner of socialism with Chinese characteristics and correct political view, internet regulations and demonstrated the social responsibility of mainstream media in integration and innovation, create a good social public opinion ecology for the national unity, reform and development of Tibet, and win the fight against poverty'. He said they aim to strengthen the exchanges and cooperation and explore innovative ways of developing the Tibetan language mainstream media, actively spread the party's voice, and strive to tell the Chinese story. Another purpose of the conference is to vigorously promote the core values of socialism and create a good public opinion environment for the economic and social development of TAR and other key Tibetan area provinces.

National Social Science Fund bidding on "The Belt and Road and the Development of Tibetan Buddhism" was held in Xining, Qinghai

August 17, 2020

An expert symposium on the major bidding project of the National Social Science Fund "The Belt and Road and the Development of Tibetan Buddhism" was held in Hongjue Temple, Xining, Qinghai on August 15. The purpose and significance of the holding the symposium at Hongjue Temple is that it played an important role in the management of Tibetan Buddhism affairs by the Central Government. It was initiated by Prof. Zheng Dui, Director General of the China Tibetology Research Center and who also teaches at the Southwest University for Nationalities.

The symposium sought to comprehensively review the status quo, spread and development of Tibetan Buddhism at home and abroad, deeply explore the spread and adjustment of Tibetan Buddhism in the contemporary social context, and actively explore the development of Tibetan Buddhism in the process of transformation. It intends to give full play to the role of Tibetan Buddhism in the construction of national soft power and the construction of the "Belt and Road"

and provide intellectual support for guiding Tibetan Buddhism to adapt to the socialist society and adhering to the direction of Sinicization of Tibetan Buddhism.

Sichuan Hongyuan Airport opens Mianyang-Hongyuan-Lhasa route

August 27, 2020

On August 26, the TV9911 flight operated by Tibet Airlines landed at Hongyuan Airport in Ngaba (Aba), Sichuan with 76 tourists and cadres. This route is operated by Tibet Airlines and the aircraft type is Airbus A319. This was the first direct flight from Lhasa to Ngaba and 3 flights per week are planned.

Wang Yang visits Guluo Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture

September 16, 2020

Wang Yang, PBSC member and CPPCC Chairman recently visited Qinghai province where he emphasized that the Seventh Tibet Work Conference (???RECHECK???) is an important meeting held at the decisive stage of country's comprehensively building a well-off society and the new journey of building a socialist modern country is about to begin. 'We must learn and understand the spirit of General Secretary Xi Jinping's important speech, deeply understand the rich connotations of the party's strategy for governing Tibet in the new era, accurately grasp the new situation and tasks faced by Tibet-related work, proceed creatively from reality, and ensure that the Party Central Committee makes decisions. The deployment has been implemented to promote long-term stability in Tibet and Tibet'. He said 'It is necessary to carry out various forms of propaganda and lectures and be good at using the language that the masses are willing to hear and understand, and the way they like to hear and read, so that the spirit of the conference can be deeply rooted among the grassroots cadres and the masses.

Wang Yang added that it is necessary to 'highlight the strategic and overall position of ethnic and religious work in Tibet-related work, to seek long-term strategies, to consolidate the foundation, and to resolve the deep-seated contradictions and problems related to long-term peace and stability, so as to forge the consciousness of the Chinese nation community. We must insist on ecological

protection first, take the road of high-quality development, and steadily develop facilities for agriculture, river valley economy and tourism industry under the premise of ensuring ecological quality, consolidate the results of poverty alleviation, and let more people gradually embark on the road to prosperity'. During his stay in Qinghai, Wang Yang visited the CPPCC organs in Guoluo Prefecture, visited and expressed condolences to cadres and employees of the CPPCC, United Front, and religious work, and asked to jointly contribute wisdom and strength to promote the implementation of the spirit of the "Seventh Session".

You Quan visits Sichuan

September 16, 2020

You Quan, Secretary of the Secretariat of the CPC Central Committee and Head of the CCP CC's United Front Work Department visited Sichuan for inspection where he emphasized the need to thoroughly study and implement the spirit of the Seventh Central Tibet Work Forum and especially of Xi Jinping.

You Quan pointed out in a discussion with Sichuan provincial party and government leaders, that after the Seventh Tibet Work Forum, the Sichuan Provincial Party Committee quickly organized study and propaganda campaigns, and carefully studied deployment and implementation of the spirit of the forum. You Quan emphasized that the important speech of General Secretary Xi Jinping created a new realm of our party's theory of governing Tibet, stabilizing Tibet and rejuvenating Tibet, and drew a new blueprint for the development and progress of Tibet in a new era and the four provinces and counties in Tibet. It is necessary to firmly establish the consciousness of the community of the Chinese nation as the main line of national work and guide the people of all ethnic groups to continuously increase their identification with the great motherland, the Chinese nation, Chinese culture, the Communist Party of China, and socialism with Chinese characteristics.

"New Era Tibet-related Grassroots Governance Forum and Tibet-related Grassroots Religious Governance Work Promotion Meeting was held at Tongde County, Qinghai

September 21, 2020

The Qinghai Provincial Party Committee, United Front Work Department, the Provincial Party Committee of the Political and Legal Committee, the Provincial Civil Affairs Commission and Hainan TAP held "New era Tibet-related grassroots governance forum and Tibet-related grassroots religious governance work promotion meeting in Tongde County for two days on August 12 and 13. The forum decided to follow the important instructions on difficult issues in rural governance, important speech by Minister You Quan during his inspection in Qinghai, and the spirit of the Eighth Plenary Session of the 13th Provincial Party Committee, strive to solve the difficult problems of religious work in rural governance, and earnestly maintain harmony and stability in the Tibetan areas.

New appointment:

Yan Jinhai, member of the Standing Committee of the Qinghai Provincial Party Committee and Vice Governor, has been promoted and transferred as the Deputy Secretary of the TAR Party Committee. He is an Alternate Member of the 19th CPP Central Committee and representative to the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China.

Bio:

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- 1982.07--1984.11 Teacher, Huangnan Prefecture Nationality Normal School, Qinghai Province
- 1984.11--1990.02 Cadre of Huangnan Prefecture Education Bureau, Qinghai Province
- 1990.02--1991.06 Deputy Director of the Office of Huangnan Prefecture Committee of Qinghai Province

- 1991.06--1993.07 Director of the Office of Huangnan Prefecture Committee of Qinghai Province
- 1993.07--1996.04 Deputy Secretary-General and Office Director of Huangnan Prefecture Committee of Qinghai Province
- 1996.04--1998.06 Member of the Standing Committee, Secretary-General and Office Director of Huangnan Prefecture Committee of Qinghai Province
- 1998.06--2005.01 Deputy Secretary of Yushu Prefecture Committee of Qinghai Province
- 2005.01--2005.03 Deputy Secretary and Acting Governor of Haibei Prefecture Committee of Qinghai Province
- 2005.03--2008.02 Deputy Secretary and Governor of Haibei Prefecture Committee of Qinghai Province
- 2008.02--2008.04 Secretary of the Haibei Prefecture Committee and Governor of Qinghai Province
- 2008.04--2013.01 Secretary of Haibei Prefecture Committee of Qinghai Province
- 2013.01--2017.05 Deputy Governor and Party Leadership Group Member of Qinghai Provincial Government
- 2017.05--2020.07 Member of the Standing Committee of the Qinghai Provincial Party Committee, Vice Governor of the Provincial Government, and Member of the Party Leadership Group
- 2020.07-- Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee of Tibet Autonomous Region
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