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TAR NEWS

TAR Party Secretary Convenes Religious Symposium in Lhasa

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TAR Party Secretary Wang Junzheng convened a symposium of religious representatives in Lhasa on December 30, 2025. The Chairman of the TAR People’s Government Karma Tsetan, presided over the symposium.

Addressing the symposium, Wang Junzheng described 2025 as an “extraordinary year” for the TAR and, highlighting Xi Jinping and the CCP Central Committee’s delegation to Lhasa and the central CCP leadership’s reception of reports from the TAR Party committee and TAR People’s Government, said it demonstrates the Party’s “concern and care.” He added that the over the past year, the TAR United Front Work Department (TAR) and the TAR Religious Affairs Department have at all levels intensively carried out and propagated the CCP’s policies on religious affairs, consolidated the ‘Three Consciousness Campaign’ and made sure that the religious figures, monks and nuns consciously implemented the ‘Four Standards’, and consolidated social harmony and stability in monastic institutions across the TAR.

Wang Junzheng urged the religious community in TAR to align their thoughts and actions with the decisions of the CCP Central Committee and the work of the TAR Party Committee, and urged them to politically consolidate their shared ideological and political foundations, culturally draw wisdom and knowledge from China’s “excellent culture”, and contribute to creating a communal sense of the Chinese nation within the TAR.

The TAR Party Secretary also urged officials and representatives of monastic institutions to implement Xi Jinping’s “important directives” on religious work, strengthening the rule of law-governance of religious affairs, and systematically advancing the sinicisation of Tibetan Buddhism. He stated that legal governance of religious affairs is essential to safeguarding

national sovereignty, security, and development interests, and to guiding religion's adaptation to socialist society. He urged all to earnestly respect, study, observe, and apply the law; to uphold the authority and dignity of the Constitution and laws; and to implement the Regulations on Religious Affairs and the Measures for the Administration of the Reincarnation of Living Buddhas of Tibetan Buddhism, thereby enhancing legal awareness and becoming staunch defenders of socialist rule of law to lay a solid foundation for social stability.

Wang Junzheng called for continued expansion and propagation of education on the "three consciousnesses" using accessible and appealing methods and plain language. He urged religious representatives to serve as exemplary/role model leaders in jointly composing a new chapter in the practice of Chinese-style modernization in Tibet. He called for steadfastly upholding patriotism, fostering love for the Party, the country, and socialism, resolutely opposing separatism, safeguarding national unity and ethnic solidarity, and exemplifying political reliability, religious accomplishment, moral authority, and the ability to act when necessary.

TAR Cultural Exchange Association participates in Global Youth Dialogue held in Singapore and Malaysia

January 7, 2026

The special Asian session of the "Diversity of Civil, Shared World" Global Youth Multi-Voice Dialogue was jointly organised by the China Foreign Languages Administration Cultural Exchange Center and the Tibet Autonomous Region Cultural Exchange Association from December 19-23, 2025. The sessions took place in Singapore and Malaysia and brought together more than 300 youth, academics, and cultural practitioners including experts, scholars and youth representatives from institutions such as the National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University and several Malaysian universities. Yu Dingfu, Vice Director of the China Foreign Languages Administration, delivered a video address at the session in Malaysia.

Liu Shizhong, Deputy Director of the TAR Publicity Department and Vice Chairman of the TAR Foreign Cultural Exchange Association, participated in the dialogue. Participants and officials from the China Foreign Administration Exchange Centre also attended.

The Singapore session convened under the theme “Young Generation Listening to the Voice of the Yarlung Tsangpo (Brahmaputra)” focussed attention on inter-generational perspectives and the cultural and ecological significance of the Yarlung Tsangpo region.

Wang Junzheng Visits Public Security Police Officers and Auxiliary Police

January 13, 2026

TAR Party Secretary Wang Junzheng visited the TAR Public Security Bureau and met public security police officers and auxiliary police personnel. During his visit Wang Junzheng met “outstanding police role models” from across the TAR. He emphasized that through concrete actions, police officers should guide officials and citizens of all ethnic groups to steadfastly listen to the Party, express gratitude to the Party, and follow Party leadership. Wang Junzheng stressed that Party committees and governments at all levels must prioritize public security work, implement concrete measures to care for and support police officers, address their practical concerns, and enhance their sense of honour, belonging, and pride.

In the Police History Museum, Wang Junzheng toured comprehensive displays featuring written records, authentic photographs, and historical artifacts documenting the development of public security work throughout the region. While examining exhibits and listening to explanations, he observed that the TAR’s public security force represents a team “loyal to the Party, while possessing strong combat effectiveness.”

Wang Junzheng presented awards to representatives of public security police officers and auxiliary police before examining performance report of the concerned officers.

Wang Junzheng also said that throughout the past year, public security organs at all levels and all ranks of police officers and auxiliary police have unwaveringly maintained the Party's absolute leadership and that police personnel had placed collective needs above personal interests and devoted themselves comprehensively to preventing risks, ensuring security, maintaining stability, and promoting development.

The Fourth Plenary (Enlarged) Meeting of the Tibet Military Command convened in Lhasa

January 15, 2026

The Fourth Plenary (Enlarged) Meeting of the 11th Tibet Military Command was held in Lhasa on January 13. TAR Party Secretary and First Secretary of the CCP Committee of the Tibet Military Command Wang Junzheng attended and delivered a speech. Wang Junzheng called for deeper study and implementation of Xi Jinping Thought on Strengthening the Military and for resolutely fulfilling the mission of securing the borders and stabilizing Tibet. He urged that revolutionary traditions, the pursuit of greater honour through hard work, and the making of greater contributions to Tibet's long-term stability and high-quality development be carried forward.

Wang Junzheng said 2025 was an “extraordinary year” for Tibet's development, noting that Xi Jinping led a CCP Central delegation to the celebrations marking the 60th anniversary of the founding of the TAR, listened to work reports from the TAR Party committee and TAR People's Government, and delivered “an important speech.” He said this had strengthened confidence and determination across Party, government, military, police, and civilian sectors in jointly building, prospering, and safeguarding border areas.

He cited the Dingri earthquake relief and subsequent recovery and reconstruction efforts as an example of coordinated action, saying cadres, the public, and officers and soldiers overcame severe cold, hypoxia at an altitude of 4,300 meters, and complex geological conditions to work in a scientific and orderly manner and realize the goal of “being affected by disaster and rehoused within the same year.” He said that over the past year the TAR Party committee had implemented Xi Jinping's ‘important’ instructions on Tibet-related work and the Party's strategy for governing Tibet in the new era, uniting and leading officials and the public to perform their duties and work diligently. He attributed these efforts to a more solid foundation for social stability, stronger commitment to the “Two Establishments” and the “Two Safeguards,” and steady progress in ecological protection including continued implementation of the North–South Mountain Greening Project, further strengthening of China's national security barrier, deepened initiatives to secure, develop, and enrich border areas.

Wang Junzheng said the Tibet Military Command had implemented the military strategic guidelines for the new era. He said it had carried out focused political rectification and training, strengthened grassroots units, and steadily advanced military–civilian joint construction and shared development. He said officers and soldiers had treated their postings as home and the people as family, demonstrated responsibility in defending the borders, and carried out urgent, difficult, and dangerous missions, contributing to a new chapter of military–civilian unity.

Wang Junzheng, said the tasks of reform, development, and stability facing Tibet in 2026, which was the first year of the “15th Five-Year Plan”, would be more demanding. He called on military units to adhere to political military-building, place loyalty to the Party above all else, intensify political rectification, strictly enforce political discipline, and rigorously correct conduct and discipline. He urged a sustained self-revolutionary spirit to eliminate remaining negative influences and accumulated shortcomings, curb unhealthy practices that affect officers and soldiers, and further purify the political environment to forge troops that are absolutely loyal and capable.

He also called for the use of local ‘red’ education resources to promote the “Two Routes” spirit and the Old Tibet spirit, advance projects to strengthen ideological foundations and sustain traditions, and guide officers and soldiers to carry forward ‘red’ legacies and inherit ‘red’ genes. He said it was necessary to serve the overall situation by coordinating troop deployment with public well-being, balancing border security with border-area development, and leveraging the combined strength of Party, government, military, police, and civilians to strengthen border defense.

He called upon Party committees and governments at all levels to strengthen national defense awareness, fully support troops in carrying out military tasks, and address practical concerns of officers and soldiers, including the resettlement of veterans. He mentioned the need for attention to employment for military family members and schooling for their children, so that service members face no concerns about future paths, family matters, or their children’s education. He said these measures would help foster a social atmosphere of caring about national defense, loving the military, and honouring service members, providing favourable conditions and strong support for building a strong military.

NYINGTRI (CH:LINZHI) NEWS

Nyingtri Launches Emergency Medical Command Center

January 05, 2026

The inauguration ceremony for the Nyingtri’s 120 Emergency Medical Command Centre took place at Nyingtri People's Hospital. Yuzhen, a Standing Committee Member of the Nyingtri Party Committee and Vice Mayor, attended the ceremony and unveiled the plaque for the 120 Command Center. During her visit, she toured the dispatch command hall, examined the

operation of the intelligent dispatch system, reviewed the configuration of call-taking stations, and assessed the layout of the emergency network.

Yuzhen characterized the 120 Emergency Medical Command Center as the "lifeline" safeguarding public health, the "command hub" for responding to public health emergencies, and an important livelihood project for Nyingtri's health sector.

She emphasized that Nyingtri should use the centre's launch as an opportunity to strengthen professional teams by building a highly skilled, swift-response, well-disciplined emergency medical force. Yuzhen called for refining joint response mechanisms by improving "medical-police linkage" and "medical-fire linkage" systems and forming a city-wide, rapid, and efficient emergency network. She urged enhancement of smart capabilities by leveraging the intelligent dispatch system to realize closed-loop management across call intake, dispatch, deployment, and treatment, thereby improving the precision and efficiency of emergency services.

Nyingtri's newly launched 120 Emergency Medical Command Center is equipped with multiple sets of intelligent dispatch devices and standardized call-taking stations, enabling 24-hour acceptance of emergency calls and the precise dispatch of ambulances from emergency stations citywide. The configuration effectively shortens the emergency service radius for both urban and rural areas.

Mainling conducts “One Report, Two Evaluations” on Cadres selection and appointment

January 9, 2026

Nyingtri's Mainling/Milin City convened its 2025 annual "One Report, Two Evaluations" meeting on cadre selection and appointment on January 8. The meeting was presided over by Yan Shihui, Party Secretary of the Milin Municipal Party Committee, and attended by Dawa Yangzom, Section Chief of the Cadre Education Section and Level-One Principal Staff Member of the Organization Department of the Nyingchi Municipal Party Committee.

Yan Shihui delivered a special report in which he noted that in 2025 the Standing Committee of Milin adhered to Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era and thoroughly implemented the general requirements for Party building and the organizational line in the new era. He added that the Standing Committee focused on selecting

personnel to serve major projects, staffed around preparations for township-level leadership transitions, and work towards selecting and training high-calibre cadres.

He noted that Milin city had introduced 12 measures to encourage cadres to assume responsibility, including an A/B post system and staggered leave model, and had explored the placement of agricultural and pastoral technical personnel at designated village collective economy projects. The city issued a notice to punish false accusations and had introduced efforts to clarify and restore reputations, and truly backed those who get things done while ensuring contributors have appropriate roles. Yan Shihui also said that Milin promoted a system in which cadres can be both, promoted and demoted and that it vigorously elevated outstanding cadres whose tenure periods had expired and who demonstrated strong performance and public recognition, establishing a clear orientation of "promoting the capable, demoting the mediocre, and eliminating the unfit."

Yan Shihui emphasized the need for a problem-oriented approach focused on building echelons which ensured a reasonable mix of senior, middle-aged, and young cadres, pushing young cadres to work at the grassroots front lines, and leveraging the A/B post system to pair young with senior cadres for mentorship. He called for targeted management and control by formulating detailed rules for managing cadres on long-term sick leave, establishing tracking mechanisms, and embedding routine supervision throughout all aspects of cadre management. He also urged a strong focus on humanistic care by building mental health service platforms, organizing counselling sessions, and formulating personalized workplace support measures.

Deng Xiaohong Elected Chair of Second CPPCC Linzhi Municipal Committee

January 16, 2026

The sixth meeting of the second Nyingtri Municipal Committee of the People's Political Consultative Conference (PPCC) held an elections on January 15, 2026. The delegates elected Deng Xiaohong as chairperson of the second PPCC of the Nyingtri Municipal Committee.

Tsewang Palden was also elected as Secretary-General of the second PPCC of Nyingtri Municipal Committee, placing him in charge of the committee's administrative operations and coordination functions. Additionally, Chung Tsering was elected as a standing member of the

second PPCC of Nyingtri Municipal Committee, joining the organization's core decision-making body.

(Comment: Deng Xiaohong (f) was born in August 1969 and is of Han ethnicity.)

Tender Announcement: Nyingtri Railway Station Area Comprehensive Transportation Hub Project (New Railway Station Interchange Project)

The Bayi District Transportation Bureau of Nyingtri issued an open tender for the Nyingtri Railway Station Area Comprehensive Transportation Hub Project, also designated as the New Railway Station Interchange Project. The project was approved by the Nyingtri Municipal Development and Reform Commission and is located in Bayi District. It involves constructing 2.08 kilometers of new interchanges and supporting traffic facilities, including a T-shaped grade-separated interchange featuring one-way single-lane ramps with a 9-meter roadbed and 40 km/h design speed, alongside two-lane connecting roads with a 14-meter roadbed and 40 km/h design speed.

The estimated construction cost is RMB 36.6769 million and construction is planned to be completed in 12 months.

LHOKA (CH:SHANNAN)

Lhoka People's Government holds seminar with Lhasa Customs Office

January 10, 2026

On January 9, the Lhoka (Ch:Shannan) Municipal People's Government convened a seminar with Lhasa Customs Office to exchange views and reach consensus on further expanding opening-up and deepening exchanges and cooperation. Samdup Tsering, Deputy Secretary of Lhoka Municipal Party Committee and Mayor presided over the seminar while Wang Honghan, Party Committee Secretary and Director of Lhasa Customs Office attended and delivered a speech.

Speaking on behalf of the Lhoka Municipal Party Committee and Municipal People's Government, Samdup Tsering expressed gratitude for the sustained guidance and strong support that Lhasa Customs had provided to Lhoka over the years. He emphasized that the symposium held significant meaning and substantial value, played an important role in Lhoka's

further expansion of opening-up, optimization of industrial structure, and promotion of economic development. He noted that Lhoka possesses profound cultural heritage and prominent geographical advantages, and is actively integrating into the TAR'S Lhasa-Lhoka development core and the construction of the Yarlung Tsangpo Economic Belt. He assured that Lhoka is steadily advancing the integration of Lhasa-Lhoka economies and fully developing foreign trade.

Wang Honghan stated that Lhasa Customs is confident in Lhoka's development of an open economy and looks forward to deepening cooperation and exchanges with Lhoka in areas such as facilitating internal and external connectivity networks, establishing cooperative frameworks between customs and local government, cultivating growth momentum in foreign trade, and strengthening secure opening-up safeguards. He committed to fully fulfilling the joint responsibility and mission of "jointly guarding the national border and jointly promoting development."

Lhoka's Phyongyal Dzong signs four major projects with Over 110 million yuan in Total Investment

January 13, 2026

Phyongyal Dzong/County of Lhoka (Ch: Shannan) recently held a centralized investment promotion and project signing ceremony, during which four major projects were officially concluded with a total planned investment exceeding 110 million yuan. The projects cover a range of sectors, including ecological agriculture, medical devices, food processing, and public services.

According to a report by the Lhoka Investment and Promotion Bureau, each of the signed projects features distinct development priorities. Tibet Hanzang Intelligent Ecological Technology Co., Ltd. plans to invest at least 10 million yuan to build an integrated aquaponics recycling agriculture project at Changga Ecological Park in Gyama Township. The project will apply modern techniques such as fish farming without water replacement and vegetable cultivation without chemical fertilizers, and aims to explore new models of plateau-based ecological agriculture. The Tibet Ark Medical Devices Co., Ltd. will establish a research, development, and manufacturing base focused on plateau pressurized oxygen cabins and intelligent oxygen supply systems, with the goal of developing specialized health equipment

tailored to high-altitude environments. Qiangqin Craft Brewing Company, in cooperation with Hubei Xiaogan Mipopo Company, will carry out technological upgrades and brand enhancement for the local highland barley wine industry. In addition, the Yingfu shared electric scooter deployment project will be implemented to improve the county's short-distance transportation system.

SHIGATSE (CH:XIGAZE) NEWS

Kyirong Announces Selection of Farmland Quality Testing Agencies for “High-Standard Construction Projects”

December 23, 2025

The Agriculture, Rural Affairs, Science, Technology and Water Resources Bureau of Kyirong Dzong, Shigatse, announced a comparative selection process to identify qualified farmland quality testing service agencies for two “high-standard” farmland construction projects. The bureau's objective is to identify a service provider with strong overall capacity, extensive experience, and reasonable prices for the state-funded agricultural development initiatives.

The selection covers two distinct projects with different scopes and locations. The 2024 High-Standard Farmland Construction "Work-for-Relief" Project focuses on renovation and upgrading 1,825 mu of farmland in Chana Village and Nailong Village with a total investment of RMB 5.834 million. The 2025 project involves both renovation of 317 mu and construction of 516 mu of new high-standard farmland in Jiamu Village and Tangguo Village, with a total investment of RMB 3.22 million. Both projects will receive funding through state investment channels.

The announcement stated the selected agencies must complete all farmland quality testing work within 20 days. Eligibility requirements include possession of valid corporate business licenses, appropriate farmland quality testing service qualifications from relevant authorities, and adequate personnel and technological capabilities maintain clean legal compliance records, and possess good social reputation.

The selection establishes maximum price limits of RMB 14,700 for the 2024 project and RMB 13,328 for the 2025 project, with joint applications or consortia explicitly prohibited. The People's Government of Kyirong County is the construction unit.

Party Secretary Dawa Tsering Chairs UFWD Leadership Group Meeting

January 6, 2026

On January 4, Dawa Tsering, member of the TAR Party Committee and Party Secretary of Shigatse Municipal Party Committee chaired a meeting of the Shigatse United Front Work Leadership Group to review work reports, examine relevant documents, and coordinate upcoming tasks. During the meeting, Dawa Tsering emphasized that all Shigatse Municipal Departments must elevate their political awareness and rigorously implement Xi Jinping's key directives regarding Tibet and the Party's strategy for governing Tibet. He stressed the necessity of comprehensively executing the Party's foundational policies on religious affairs while adapting approaches to local circumstances, concentrating efforts on critical sectors, and resolving pressing challenges. He particularly stressed the importance of methodically advancing the Sinicization of Tibetan Buddhism and proactively encouraging integration of religion into socialist society, ensuring that directives from the CCP Central Committee and requirements from the TAR Committee are realized with concrete outcomes.

The meeting addressed education and propaganda initiatives focused on the "three consciousnesses," campaign in monastic institutions. Dawa Tsering recommended that such campaigns become institutionalized, grounded in systematic understanding of underlying principles, and delivered through differentiated and targeted approaches.

Regarding the governance of religious affairs through legal frameworks, Dawa Tsering called for ongoing enhancement by maintaining steadfast commitment to protecting lawful practices, prohibiting unlawful conduct, suppressing extremism, preventing external interference, and combating criminal activities. He advocated establishing and perfecting monastic management systems, broadly implementing legal administration across the religious domain, and intensifying financial and tax oversight of monasteries.

Finally, Dawa Tsering stressed the importance of preventing and resolving emerging risks and potential vulnerabilities through constant vigilance, reinforcing preventive management practices, executing comprehensive risk assessments, and perfecting response strategies in a harmonious manner.

CHAMDO (CH:CHANGDU) NEWS

Chamdo's Gojo County Tax Bureau Assists in the Construction of Yerpa Thang Hydropower Plant

January 14, 2026

The Yerpa Thang Hydroelectric Power Station, located in the upper reaches of the Yarlung Tsangpo River at an average altitude of approximately 3,000 meters, is currently seeing steady progress in its construction. To support this project, the Tax Administration Bureau of Gojo County of Chamdo focused its efforts throughout 2025 on meeting the specific needs of large-scale infrastructure construction. The bureau has tailored its operations and prioritizing core work to facilitate the project's development.

Through the provision of one-stop services such as application reminders, data verification, and fast approvals, the Tax Administration Bureau has reduced the administrative time that enterprises spend on tax procedures. In addition to streamlining services, the Bureau has established a comprehensive risk prevention and control mechanism that involves advance notification, monitoring during implementation, and follow-up. By closely tracking tax-related data for the Yerpa Thang Hydroelectric Power Station project, the bureau claims to be able to identify and alert stakeholders to potential risks.

DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER TIBETAN AREAS OUTSIDE OF TAR

Dralho, Deputy Director-General and Research Fellow at the China Tibetology Research Center on “How to Advance the Building of a New Tibet through Chinese-Style Modernization?”

January 4, 2025

Dralho, Deputy Director-General and Research Fellow at the China Tibetology Research Center, said that advancing Chinese-style modernization in Tibet must align with the overall requirements of Chinese-style modernization and remain firmly grounded in Tibet's distinctive regional conditions while following an approach that is pragmatic, truth-seeking, and

innovative. He made the remarks in an exclusive interview with China News Service's "East-West Question," on January 1, where he discussed principles and pathways for promoting modernization on the Tibetan plateau.

Reflecting on the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Tibet Autonomous Region in 2025, Dralho said Tibet has experienced transformative change over the past six decades. It has moved from poverty alleviation and the achievement of a moderately prosperous society to joining the rest of the country in the new journey toward building a modern socialist nation in. He said Tibet's development has been faster and of higher quality by aligning with national strategies, and stressed that Tibet's modernization is an integral part of the broader cause of Chinese-style modernization. He called on all sectors in Tibet to strengthen enthusiasm, initiative, and creativity, and to combine general modernization requirements with locally tailored measures that reflect the Tibet's geographic, historical, and cultural characteristics at the heart of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau. He said work should concentrate on the four major tasks of stability, development, ecology, and strong borders while safeguarding long-term social stability and harmony.

Dralho mentioned the need to unite forces to advance modernization. He emphasized upholding the Party's centralized and unified leadership and implementing the Party's new-era strategy for governing Tibet to ensure correct political orientation, theoretical guidance, and a stable policy framework. He urged continued exchanges and integration among ethnic groups and the forging of a strong sense of community for the Chinese nation. This, he said, should be alongside systematic research, compilation, and publicity of historical narratives that "Tibet has been an inseparable part of China since ancient times and that ethnic groups have long interacted and integrated" and education on the history of Tibet's relations with the motherland."

He proposed guiding changes in public views on occupation and employment, encouraging college graduates to seek jobs nationwide and supporting cross-regional labour mobility to improve talent allocation. He called for improving rural governance by refining villages and encouraging local sages, returning college graduates, and community leaders to take part in rural governance and revitalization.

Dralho identified key directions for Tibet's development during the "15th Five-Year Plan" period. He said infrastructure should be accelerated to strengthen connectivity with the

hinterland, with sustained progress in railways, highways, airports, power grids, pipelines, and communications, continued reinforcement of infrastructure in agricultural, pastoral, and border areas, improved logistics links with central cities.

He also said prosperity and stability in border areas should be advanced in a coordinated way by combining border garrisoning with improvements to people's livelihoods and balancing border consolidation with border development. He called for refining the Party–government–military–police–civilian synergy mechanism for strong border defense, while improving industrial development and basic public services so that border residents can be better off and border defenses more secure. On common prosperity, he stressed consolidating poverty alleviation achievements, strengthening monitoring of those at risk of returning to poverty, preventing large-scale relapse, improving resilience to shocks such as disasters and disease, advancing rural revitalization, coordinating integrated urban–rural development, narrowing gaps in basic public services such as education, healthcare, and information, and enabling smoother flows of production factors—including land, capital, talent, technology, information, and data between urban and rural areas.

China Tibetology Research Centre Announces Procurement Agency Services Selection

January 4, 2026

The China Tibetology Research Center announced on January 4, 2026, that it seeks a single procurement agency to provide tendering and bidding services for the Centre's goods and service projects. The selected agency will have a one-year contract from the signing date, with potential for renewal for up to two additional years based on performance evaluation.

The China Tibetology Research Centre noted that eligible participants must be independent legal entities registered in China with capacity for civil liability, maintaining good commercial reputation, sound financial systems, and compliant tax and social insurance payment records.

The Centre stipulated strict personnel requirements mandating that tendering staff remain the same individuals committed during application and must be company employees with documented social insurance payments for three of the six months preceding the selection deadline. It said personnel changes during the contract term require purchaser approval, with unauthorized changes resulting in potential contract termination.

EXILE TIBETAN NEWS

Indian MP to propose setting up a Buddhist university at Dharamshala

January 15, 2026

Dr Rajiv Bhardwaj, member of the Lok Sabha from the Kangra-Chamba constituency, on January 12 said he would broached the idea in parliament of establishing a Buddhist university at Dharamshala. He made the proposal while visiting the Tibetan Parliament in Exile (TPiE) at Dharamshala. Dr Rajiv Bhardwaj's delegation included BJP state spokesperson Sanjay Sharma, district BJP president Sachin Sharma, state media co-in-charge Advocate Vishwa Chakshu and former Dharamshala Mayor Onkar Singh Nehria. Speaking at a meeting with the Standing Committee members of the TPiE, Dr Bhardwaj has described Dalai Lama as a global symbol of peace, compassion and non-violence. He assured the Tibetan leadership that he would advocate their concerns before the Central Government whenever assistance or support was required by them.

He also underlined that India–Tibet relations were rooted in human values, culture and spirituality. He noted that India has consistently extended respect, security and a sense of belonging to the Tibetan community. The TPiE leaders, in turn, expressed gratitude to the Government of India and the Indian people, stating that the survival and continued existence of the Tibetan community in exile has been possible due to India's support. They described India as a constant source of hope for Tibet.

Tibetans, diaspora communities rally in London against China's mega-embassy plan

January 19, 2026

Hundreds of Tibetans, Hongkongers, Uyghurs, and other Chinese dissidents and activists joined a major demonstration on January 17, at the site of China's proposed mega-embassy at Royal Mint Court in central London. They called for the UK government to reject the controversial plan. A decision on the embassy is expected on January 20.

The protest, according to reports, drew hundreds to possibly around a thousand demonstrators, echoing warnings that the sprawling diplomatic complex, which would be one of the largest Chinese embassies in the world, poses serious national security and human rights risks. Protesters chanted slogans and carried flags and placards denouncing the project as a strategic threat. Protesters also held placards with slogans such as “MI5 warned. Labour kneeled”.

Tibetan rights groups in the UK and beyond have been vocal in recent weeks, urging British authorities to reject the proposal on both security and human rights grounds. In a statement earlier this month, UK Tibet groups said allowing the mega-embassy to move forward would endanger not only national security but also exile communities, including Tibetans, Uyghurs, and Hongkongers, by giving Beijing a larger platform for intimidation and surveillance.
