

1. Name: Lobsang Tashi (AKA Tapey)

Age: 20

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk at Kirti Monastery, Ngaba County, Ngaba, Amdo, Eastern Tibet

Date of Self-Immolation: 27 February 2009 (Early Afternoon)

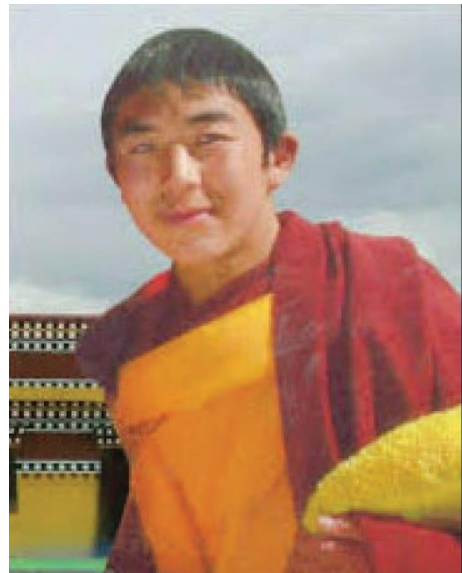
Location: Ngaba County Town, Ngaba County, Amdo

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Alive but whereabouts unknown

His slogans: Unreported.

#### HIS ACTIONS; HELD ALOFT THE BANNED TIBETAN NATIONAL FLAG AND A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE DALAI LAMA

In 2008, when spontaneous protests against Chinese rule erupted across Tibet, Ngaba Prefecture suffered bloody and fatal crackdowns by the local authorities and PLA (People's Liberation Army) paramilitary forces. A year later, on 2 February 2009 - the third day of the Tibetan New Year after prayer ceremonies were cancelled at his monastery, Tapey ran into the town's streets and lit his already gasoline-soaked robes. From within the flames he raised a Tibetan flag and a portrait of His Holiness the Dalai Lama (Both the flag of Independent Tibet and images of the Dalai Lama are illegal under Chinese law). He was immediately shot and felled by the military police. Eyewitnesses report that paramilitary People's Armed Police personnel extinguished the flames and instantly removed his body.



Tapey was first transported to Ngaba County People's Hospital and then to Chengdu's West China Hospital of the West China Medical School. Bullets had incapacitated his legs and penetrated his right arm, which he was unable to lift. Extensive burns on his face and right arm left deep scars. It is reported that the hospital in Chengdu intended to amputate the injured limbs to destroy any evidence of military firing, but Tapey's mother intervened and saved his limbs.

In 2011, he was back in the military hospital of Ngaba Prefecture's capital city, Barkham, unable to neither leave nor receive relatives - except his maternal uncle - or fellow monks.

With Ngaba region under lockdown, in early 2013 his condition and whereabouts were unknown.

Apart from his 45-year-old mother, Tapey has an older brother, Tsebo, and a younger sister, Tsering Kyi.

2. Name: Lobsang Phuntsok

Age: 20

Sex: M

Profession: Monk at Kirti Monastery

Date of Self-Immolation: 16 March 2011 at around 04:00 PM (Local time)

Location: Ngaba County, Amdo, Eastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased at 03:00 AM, 17 March 2011

His slogans:

“LONG LIVE HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI  
LAMA” AND “ALLOW HIS HOLINESS TO  
RETURN TO TIBET”

Lobsang Phuntsok set himself ablaze on 16 March 2011 at around 4pm. It is widely believed that this action was to commemorate the March 2008 uprisings, which swept across Tibet, protesting against China's illegal and detested occupation since 1950.



At the same time as extinguishing the flames, the armed police assaulted Lobsang. Lay Tibetans intervened and rushed him to Kirti Monastery. When the rescuers tried to transfer him to hospital, Phuntsok was still alive. But the hospital refused to admit and treat him without prior government permission.

Phuntsok died at Kirti Monastery the next day in the early hours.

3. Name: Tsewang Norbu

Age: 29

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk at Tawu Nyitso Monastery, Kandze County, Kham, Eastern Tibet

Date of Self-Immolation: 15 August 2011 around 12:30 PM (Local time)

Location: Tawu County, Kandze, Kham

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His slogans:

“WE TIBETAN PEOPLE WANT FREEDOM”  
“LET THE DALAI LAMA RETURN TO TIBET” AND  
“LONG LIVE THE DALAI LAMA”

Around noon on 15 August 2011, 29-year-old monk Tsewang Norbu of Tawu Nyitso Monastery, drank petrol and doused him in it. For 10 minutes he was heard shouting slogans before setting himself alight. He carried out this protest near a bridge in front of local government buildings. He had earlier scattered flyers with similar messages on Chume Bridge in the centre of Tawu County.

When his fellow monks carried his charred body back to the monastery to perform the last Buddhist rites and rituals, armed Chinese troops attempted to take the body away from them by force. But monks at Nyitso Monastery refused to surrender Tsewang's corpse.



#### **TWIN SELF-IMMOLATION**

4. Name: Lobsang Kunchok  
Age: 18  
Sex: Male  
Profession: Monk at Kirti Monastery  
Date of Self-Immolation: 26 September 2011 around 10:30 AM (Local time)  
Location: Ngaba County Town, Ngaba, Amdo, Eastern Tibet  
Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Reportedly alive but legs amputated and whereabouts unknown



5. Name: Lobsang Kalsang

Age: 18

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk at Kirti Monastery

Date of Self-Immolation: 26 September 2011 around 10:30 AM (Local time)

Location: Ngaba County Town, Ngaba, Amdo, Eastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased



Their slogans:

“LONG LIVE THE DALAI LAMA” AND  
“WE WANT RELIGIOUS FREEDOM”

As monks Lobsang Kalsang and Lobsang Kunchok set themselves on fire in the market of Ngaba County's central town, they were reportedly waving the banned Tibetan flag and

shouting slogans. People's Armed Police (PAP) and Public Security Bureau (PSB) personnel tried to douse the flames and remove them from the scene.

Lobsang Kalsang is the brother of Lobsang Phuntsok - the second monk from Kirti Monastery to self-immolate. According to unconfirmed but reliable sources, Lobsang Kalsang is reported to have passed away while Lobsang Kunchok is reported to have been hospitalized in Ngaba County. Although there are no reports of anyone having met him, it is rumoured that Lobsang Konchok's legs and arms have been amputated. In an undated propaganda film created by Beijing to discredit the self immolations, Lobsang Kalsang can be seen talking on camera.

6. Name: Kalsang Wangchuk

Age: 17

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk at Kirti Monastery

Date of Self-Immolation: 3 October 2011

around 02:00 PM (Local time)

Location: Ngaba County Town, Ngaba, Amdo, Eastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Uncertain.

Sustained a head injury from beatings by police at the time of his detention, rendering him permanently disabled.

His slogans:

OPPOSED THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT  
AND HE WAS CARRYING A PICTURE OF  
THE DALAI LAMA.



In the early afternoon of 3 October 2011, Kalsang was seen carrying a photo of the Dalai Lama and shouting slogans against the Chinese government as he ignited himself near the vegetable market along Ngaba County Town's main street.

Eyewitnesses reported that the security personnel first extinguished the fire and then beat Kalsang with weapons - including an iron rod - before dragging him away to an unknown location. Kalsang's whereabouts are still unknown, although early reports said he was held in the county hospital under close surveillance. Sources added that he had sustained a head injury as a result of the beatings by police. Reports at the time indicated that Kalsang had suffered severe burns on his torso.

A Tibetan female picked up the picture of H.H the Dalai Lama, which fell from Kalsang's hand as he burned, but some men on a motorcycle grabbed it from her.



Shortly after this repeated number of self-immolations by Kirti Monastery monks, the security forces already deployed across Ngaba County town and surrounding Kirti Monastery were substantially stepped up.

According to monks from Kirti Monastery's branch in exile in Dharamshala, North India, a few days after Kalsang's fiery protest, flyers and posters were distributed and displayed around Kirti Monastery, and at the town's market place, stating that if the current security crackdown in the area continues "...many more people are prepared to give up their lives" in protest.

Lobsang Gendun, a senior monk at Kirti Monastery in his forties, was detained for two months in relation to Kalsang Wangchuk's action in attempts by the authorities to implicate him.



## **TWIN SELF-IMMOLATION**

7. Name: Khaying

Age: 18

Sex: Male

Profession: Former monk of Kirti Monastery

Date of Self-Immolation: 7 October 2011 around 11:30 AM (Local time)

Location: Ngaba County Town

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased on 8 October around 01:00 PM (Local time)

8. Name: Choephel

Age: 19

Sex: Male

Profession: Former monk of Kirti Monastery

Date of Self-Immolation: 7 October 2011 around 11:30 AM (Local time)

Location: Ngaba County Town

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased on 11 October 2011 around 02:00 PM (Local time)

[Their slogans:](#)



## CALLING FOR TIBET'S FREEDOM AND THE RETURN OF THE DALAI LAMA

On 7 October 2011, Laymen Khaying and Choephel set themselves ablaze in Ngaba County. While engulfed in flames, their hands were pressed together in gestures of prayer while they raised slogans calling for Tibet's freedom and demanding His Holiness the Dalai Lama's return to Tibet. The People's Security Bureau militia who arrived on the spot started to beat Khaying and Choephel violently while putting out the flames. Khaying was seen raising a fist in the air even while being dragged away.

The following day, Khaying passed away at a government hospital in Barkham. His last words were, "I have no regret giving up my life for the sake of my country Tibet. Please do not be sad and worry about this". The Chinese authorities had refused to hand over Khaying's body to his family and instead cremated the corpse at an undisclosed location in Barkham County. Citizens were ordered not to express any grief or offer condolences to his family. In defiance of these decrees, residents of Ngaba County observed three days of mourning by shutting all shops and restaurants.

On 11 October 2011, Choephel also passed away at a government hospital in Barkham. Prior to his self-immolation, he had reportedly told his friends, "The current atmosphere of repression is unbearable." It is also reported that Choephel's body was not handed over to his family; they were therefore limited to performing his last rites at home and only five monks were permitted to attend by the local authorities.

9. Name: Norbu Damdul

Age: 19

Sex: Male

Profession: Former monk at Kirti Monastery

Date of Self-Immolation: 15 October 2011 around 11:50 AM (Local time)

Location: Ngaba County, Amdo, Eastern Tiber

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased on 5 January 2012 in a Chinese Military Hospital in Barkham.

His slogans:

“FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE FOR TIBET, THE LAND OF SNOW AND HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO TIBET”.

Norbu Damdul set himself on fire in Ngaba town market while shouting patriotic slogans. Ngaba County PSB police personnel reportedly beat him at the same time as dousing water to put out the fire. He was then thrown into a jeep and taken away to an unknown location. A large crowd of Tibetans who had gathered at the scene was dispersed at gunpoint by security personnel, according to the sources.

At the time of his detention by Chinese security, a witness-informant reported that, "Although badly burnt, Damdul appeared to still be alive". For three months, his exact whereabouts remained unknown. However, information later confirmed that he passed away on 5 January 2012 in a Chinese Military Hospital in Barkham. It was also reported that Norbu Damdul's family was denied the right to perform his last rites. The Chinese authorities cremated the body and delivered the ashes to Damdul's family.

10. Name: Tenzin Wangmo

Age: 20

Sex: Female

Profession: Nun at Mamae Dechen Choekhorling Nunnery, near Ngaba County Town

Date of Self-Immolation:

17 October 2011 around 01:00 PM

(Local time)

Location: Sumdo Bridge, Ngaba, Amdo, Eastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

Her slogans:

**CALLED FOR THE RETURN OF HIS HOLINESS  
THE DALAI LAMA TO TIBET AND RELIGIOUS  
FREEDOM IN TIBET**

On 17 October 2011, Tenzin Wangmo set herself on fire near her nunnery and reportedly died on the spot. According to an eyewitness account, "Tenzin Wangmo was engulfed in flames as she marched for nearly seven to eight minutes shouting slogans calling for the return of His Holiness the Dalai Lama from exile and demanding religious freedom in Tibet." The Chinese authorities threatened to confiscate Tenzin's body if the nuns did not dispose of it that day. The





nuns complied and cremated her body the same evening.

11. Name: Dawa Tsering

Age: 38

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk at Kandze Monastery, Kandze County, Kham

Date of Self-Immolation: 25 October 2011 around 09:30 AM (Local time)

Location: Kandze, Kham, Eastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Reportedly alive and residing at home

His slogans:

DEMANDED THE RETURN OF HIS  
HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA AND  
FREEDOM FOR TIBET

Dawa Tsering poured kerosene on his body and set himself alight during a masked Lama Dance festival (Tibetan: Cham) in Kandze County. While still alive, Dawa is reported to have shouted slogans calling for the return of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Freedom for Tibet. Chinese Security Personnel, who have been stationed at Kandze Monastery since the 2008 Pan-Tibet uprisings, arrived at the scene and doused the flames. According to a source in exile, "When the Chinese police tried to remove Dawa Tsering, he cried and pleaded not to be taken away."



Monk bystanders who had assembled there for the religious festivities tried to extinguish the flames and rushed him to Kandze People's Hospital. Reportedly his chances of survival were slim so he was returned to Kandze Monastery.

According to eyewitnesses, Dawa Tsering refused medical attention and was described as in a critical condition with severe burn injuries. Until he was transferred to his home, the situation in and around the monastery was reportedly tense with monks protecting Dawa Tsering and armed Chinese security guards surrounding the monks and the monastery.

12. Name: Palden Choetso

Age: 35

Sex: Female

Profession: Nun at Genden Jangchup Choeling Nunnery, Tawu Country, Kandze, Kham

Date of Self-Immolation: 3 November 2011 at 12:40 PM (Local time)

Location: Tawu, Kham, Eastern Tibet

Current whereabouts / wellbeing: Deceased

Her slogans:

“FREEDOM IN TIBET”, “LONG LIVE H.H. THE DALAI LAMA” AND “LET THE DALAI LAMA RETURN TO TIBET”

Palden Choetso set herself on fire at a road near the Namgyal Stupa in Tawu, Kandze Country. She reportedly died the same day. In a short clip that was clandestinely smuggled out of Tibet, Palden can be seen standing upright near a busy street while her entire body is engulfed in flames, showing no signs of physical pain. Tibetans in the background can be heard chanting prayers. A young woman dressed in Chupa (Tibetan traditional dress) walks up to her burning body and throws a khatak( Tibetan ceremonial scarf) towards her.

Palden Choetso’s self-immolation coincided with the two-day G-20 summit in France which opened the same day. At the time, Tibetan and Tibetans supporters in more than 60 cities in 35 countries across the world were urging world leaders to raise the urgent issue of self-immolations in Tibet with the then-Chinese President, Hu Jin Tao, at the G-20 summit.



According to a source in exile in India, “After Palden Choetso’s self-immolation the nuns carried her to their nunnery, and she died soon afterwards. The nuns then made prayers for her. The local authorities have locked down the area, closing the major road in Tawo and deploying troopsfor thesurveillance of the nunnery.”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HaQxgF9krHk&feature=related>

13. Name: Rongtsa Tenzing Phuntsok

Age: 46

Sex: Male

Profession: Former monk at Karma Gon Monastery in Chamdo Township

Date of Self-Immolation: 1 December 2011  
Location: Chamdo, Kham, Tibet  
Current whereabouts / wellbeing: Deceased  
Slogans: Not reported

Tenzing self-immolated in Chamdo and was hospitalized in Chamdo Hospital with fatal injuries. Sources report that Chamdo Township was then under lockdown and intensive Military surveillance following rumors of a bomb blast at local government building on 26 October 2011.

Tenzing Phuntsok reportedly died on 6 December 2011. According to exile sources, even three days after his death his family members had not given his body to conduct the final Buddhist rituals. Phuntsok's wife, Dolma, went missing after the police detained her following Phuntsok's self-immolation. There is no information on Dolma's wellbeing and whereabouts. She is left with two sons and a daughter.

On 8 December, exile Tibetans received a document including a will left by Tenzing Phuntsok in which he wrote:

“If Khenpo Lodoe Rapsel, Namsey Sonam and all the monks and nuns of Karma Gon Monastery, the true and unmistakable practitioners of Buddhist dharma, have to endure torture and imprisonment like this, then it is better for all of us at Karma Gon Monastery to die. I, the despicable Tenzin Phuntsok, wrote this with loyalty.



“Brothers and Sisters don't be sad and don't lose your courage. My Dharma friends think about our two Khenpos and the monks and nuns who are holders of the Dharma practice. How can we believe in these rules that restrict the freedom of religion?  
I, Tenzin Phuntsok, wrote this. :

DHARMA FRIENDS IN KARMA GON MONASTERY, IT IS USELESS JUST TO LIVE  
THINKING ABOUT OUR BELOVED KHENPOS AND, THE MONKS AND NUNS.  
STAND UP! CLINGING TO THE TASTE OF THE EIGHT WORLDLY CONCERNS,  
BEINGS RUN AWAY FROM THESE AS THEY WOULD FROM THEIR ENEMIES, I  
BOW BEFORE THE BUDDHA, WHO CANNOT BE PLACATED BY SMALL  
PLEASURES. I, THE SORROW-FILLED, LOATHSOME MAN CALLED TENZIN  
PHUNTSOK WROTE THIS.

“WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE SUFFERING  
THROUGHOUT TIBET AND ESPECIALLY THE  
PAIN AT KARMA GON MONASTERY, THERE IS  
NO WAY THAT I CAN GO ON LIVING.”

(Translated from Tibetan by Bhuchung D.Sonam)



## TWIN SELF-IMMOLATION

14. Name: Tennyi

Age: 20s

Sex: Male

Profession: Former monk of Kirti Monastery

Date of Self-Immolation: 6 January 2012

Location: Ngaba County Town, Amdo, Eastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/ wellbeing: Deceased on 6 January 2012

15. Name: Tsultrim

Age: 20s

Sex: Male

Profession: Former monk of Kirti Monastery

Date of Self-Immolation: 6 January 2012

Location: Ngaba County Town, Amdo, Eastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased on 7 January 2012



Their slogans:

"HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA MUST  
RETURN TO TIBET" AND "MAY HIS HOLINESS  
IM DALAI LAMA LIVE FOR 10,000 YEARS"

Tennyi and Tsultrim set their bodies ablaze on 6 January at around 02:40 PM (Local time) in the tense Ngaba region of Eastern Tibet, an area which has seen the most number of self-immolations since 2009. Eyewitness accounts said that the two, a monk and a layman, were together when they ignited themselves.

With folded hands they faced towards Kirti Monastery and raised a number of slogans amongst which the audible ones called for the Long life of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and his return to Tibet eyewitnesses report.

According to a release by the exile base of Kirti Monastery in Dharamshala, Tennyi succumbed to his burns shortly after Chinese security personnel arrested him on 6 January. Tsultrim passed away a day later during the night of 7 January. This action led to the region suffering increased security restrictions by the Chinese authorities.

"Following their self-immolations, all the Tibetan shops and businesses were closed as a mark of respect and to show solidarity with the family of the two deceased," the release said. "However, as in earlier instances, local Tibetans were barred by the Chinese authorities from visiting the families of the deceased to offer their condolences and prayers."

16. Name: Sonam Wangyal (popularly called  
Sopa Rinpoche)  
Age: 40s  
Sex: Male  
Profession: Monk at Dungkyob Monastery,  
Darlag County, Golog  
Date of Self-Immolation: 8 January 2012  
Location: Darlag County, Golog, Amdo,  
Northeastern Tibet  
Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased on  
8 January



[HIS LAST TESTAMENT WHICH WAS TAPE-RECORDED CALLED FOR  
TIBET'S FREEDOM AND THE LONG LIFE OF HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI  
LAMA](#)

On 8 January 2012, Sopa Rinpoche — a well-respected religious figure in Darlag County — drank kerosene and set himself on fire in front of Darlag County police station. Eyewitnesses reported that he shouted slogans calling for Tibet's freedom and the long life of His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

Sopa Rinpoche passed away the same day. His cremation service attracted thousands of followers from around the Golog region of Eastern Tibet. And elsewhere in Golog, hundreds of Tibetans took out a day-long peaceful protest carrying photos of the Dalai Lama and the



Karmapa in Amdo Golog Pema district from 9 AM until 5 PM in the evening. The demonstrators were raising slogans for the return of the Dalai Lama and freedom in Tibet. Chinese security personnel had reportedly allowed the demonstration to continue while taking photos and videos of the demonstrators.

In a message he recorded before his self-immolation protest, Sopa Rinpoche stated:

"TO ALL THE SIX MILLION TIBETANS INCLUDING THOSE LIVING IN EXILE — I AM GRATEFUL TO PAWO THUPTEN NGODUP, AND ALL OTHER TIBETAN HEROES, WHO HAVE SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES FOR TIBET AND FOR THE REUNIFICATION OF THE TIBETAN PEOPLE. THOUGH I AM IN MY FORTIES, UNTIL NOW I HAVE NOT HAD THE COURAGE LIKE THEM BUT I HAVE TRIED MY BEST TO TEACH ALL TRADITIONAL FIELDS OF KNOWLEDGE TO OTHERS, INCLUDING BUDDHISM.

THIS IS THE 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY, AND THIS IS THE YEAR IN WHICH SO MANY TIBETAN HEROES HAVE DIED. I AM SACRIFICING MY BODY BOTH TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THEM IN FLESH AND BLOOD, AND TO SEEK REPENTANCE THROUGH THIS HIGHEST TANTRIC HONOUR OF OFFERING ONE'S BODY. THIS IS NOT TO SEEK PERSONAL FAME OR GLORY

I AM GIVING AWAY MY BODY AS AN OFFERING OF LIGHT TO CHASE AWAY THE DARKNESS, TO FREE ALL BEINGS FROM SUFFERING, AND TO LEAD THEM — EACH OF WHOM HAS BEEN OUR MOTHER IN THE PAST AND YET HAS BEEN LED BY IGNORANCE TO COMMIT IMMORAL ACTS — TO THE AMITABHA, THE BUDDHA OF INFINITE LIGHT. MY OFFERING OF LIGHT IS FOR ALL LIVING BEINGS, EVEN AS INSIGNIFICANT AS LICE AND NITS, TO DISPEL THEIR PAIN AND TO GUIDE THEM TO THE STATE OF ENLIGHTENMENT. I OFFER THIS SACRIFICE AS A TOKEN OF LONGLIFE OFFERING TO OUR ROOT GURU, HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA, AND ALL OTHER SPIRITUAL TEACHERS AND LAMAS.

I AM TAKING THIS ACTION NEITHER FOR MYSELF NOR TO FULFILL A PERSONAL DESIRE NOR TO EARN RECOGNITION. I AM SACRIFICING MY BODY WITH FIRM CONVICTION AND A PURE HEART JUST AS THE BUDDHA BRAVELY GAVE HIS BODY TO A HUNGRY TIGRESS TO STOP HER FROM EATING HER CUBS. ALL THE TIBETAN HEROES TOO HAVE SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES WITH SIMILAR PRINCIPLES. BUT IN PRACTICAL TERMS, THEIR LIVES MAY HAVE ENDED WITH SOME SORT OF ANGER. THEREFORE, TO GUIDE THEIR SOULS ON THE PATH TO ENLIGHTENMENT, I OFFER PRAYERS THAT MAY LEAD ALL OF THEM TO BUDDHAHOOD.

MAY ALL SPIRITUAL TEACHERS AND LAMAS INSIDE TIBET AND IN EXILE LIVE LONG. ESPECIALLY, I PRAY THAT HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA WILL

RETURN TO TIBET AND REMAIN AS TIBET'S  
TEMPORAL AND SPIRITUAL LEADER."  
[LAMA SOEPA THEN RECITES THE LONG-LIFE  
PRAYER FOR THE DALAI LAMA.]  
(Translated from Tibetan by Bhuchung D. Sonarn)



17. Name: Lobsang Jamyang  
Age: 22  
Sex: Male  
Profession: Former Monk at Andu Monastery  
and a Leader in promoting Tibetan language  
in his village  
Date of Self-immolation: 14 January 2012  
Location: Ngaba town, Amdo, Northeastern

Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased on 16 January 2012

His slogan:

“LONG LIVE HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA AND FREEDOM IN TIBET”

On 14 January 2012, Lobsang Jamyang asked for a ride into town from a Tibetan neighbor and asked him to stop at Andu Monastery where he made a circumambulation. Lobsang Jamyang said no one knew what he was going to do. He had not told anyone. He also talked about the Tibetan Language Program he had set up and said that people should be more united and put more effort into this. When they reached Ngaba town, he told his neighbor that he was going to have some vegetarian food and then went to the toilet. This was at around 01:30 PM (Local time).

Lobsang had apparently already doused himself in kerosene at an intersection in Ngaba town and when he emerged from the toilet he was already in flames. He then marched a few yards at the center of the town, faced Kirti Monastery, and shouted slogans calling for Tibetan independence from China and for the return of the Dalai Lama. In the already heavily-militarized town, the nearby police immediately pounced on him. As can be seen at the start of the YouTube footage of his immolation, the flames have died down and armed police and Special Forces have closed in on him as Tibetans gather around. Armed police can be seen using a pushcart to knock Lobsang to the ground. As he falls, police on either side can be seen kicking him brutally. This was corroborated by witnesses. The authorities then covered him with a white cloth as if dousing the flames — but continued to beat and stomp on him according to bystanders.

Sources reported that bystanders stood up to the armed security personnel unable to bear the sight. They completely disregarded the consequences of resisting the official and demanded that his body be handed over to them. The Chinese police started firing, teargas and shot at the massed crowd and a scuffle ensued. At least two were shot although no information on their condition could be relayed. A Tibetan man was apparently severely wounded in the neck by a spiked weapon. According to sources, a Tibetan woman in her 40s died after she was hit in the eye with iron chains during the standoff between the police and the crowd.

Almost 700 Tibetans had gathered to protest the police actions and at least 10 were arrested. The crowd tried their best to block the path of the police as they began to take Lobsang's body away. Lobsang Jamyang subsequently died; reliable sources state that he may have survived until 16 January but this could not be confirmed as he was in police custody. Security personnel visited Lobsang Jamyang's family and demanded compensation for fire damage to police uniforms, which were described as "State property".

A monk in childhood at Andu Monastery, Lobsang later joined Bontse Primary School in Ngaba County to complete his education. A Tibetan now in exile who knew him said that "when he was very small, he used to be quite self-sufficient and he would play for hours with a small thing, like just one blade of grass. After being a monk as a child, he went to school and learnt Tibetan and Chinese. His family is not well-off and they depended on him, so he continued life as a layman.

"I hadn't seen him for some time but I heard that after 2008 he became more nationalistic and was inspired by the actions of other Tibetans. He said that Tibetans couldn't remain as they were under such conditions. In 2011, Lobsang became a leading member of a popular association in his village for the promotion of Tibetan language called Pure Land Program for which he was being constantly targeted and harassed."

Lobsang Janyang's mother, Lacham said she did not regret his death and was proud of her son who had "sacrificed his life for the Tibetan cause".

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N4OxBMeNhs>

18. Name: Rinzin Dorjee (aka Rikpe)

Age: 19

Sex: Male

Profession: Former Monk at Kirti Monastery

Date of Self-Immolation: 8 February 2012

Location: No. 2 Primary School in Ngaba County, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased on 21 February 2012

His slogans: Not Known

In the evening of 8 February 2012, Rinzin Dorjee self-immolated at a primary school in Ngaba County town. At the time he was swiftly taken away by the police he was believed to have been alive but on the verge of death." He was first taken to the Ngaba County Hospital and then to a hospital in Barkham (capital of Ngaba). On 21 February 2012 Rinzin Dorjee passed away. Two monks from the vicinity were also detained.

Rinzin Dorjee came from a nomadic area of Meruma Township in Ngaba County. He left his monastery in 2010 and had been living with his family since then. The youngest of six children, Rinzin used to enjoy looking after the birds that lived around the monastery. One of his relatives, now living in India, said, "He was a humble and kind person, and a hard and persistent worker."

19. Name: Sonam Rabyang

Age: 42

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk

Date of Self-immolation: 9 February 2012  
around 01:00PM (Local time)

Location: Triwang Town, Yushul, Kham,  
Eastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Unknown

His Slogans: Not Reported



On 9 February 2012, a monk, Sonam Rabyang from Lab Monastery in Tridu County, Jyekundo set himself on fire on the main road of Lab Township. It was reported that at the time he was removed from the scene by security personnel, he was alive, but in a serious condition and his legs may have been amputated.

No additional information has been received on his condition or subsequent whereabouts. Following the incident, the Chinese authorities reportedly detained senior monks from Lab Monastery.



20. Name: Tenzin Choedon

Age: 18

Sex: Female

Profession: Nun at Mamae Dechen  
Choekhorling Nunnery in Ngaba

Date of Self-immolation: 11 February 2012 at  
06:00 pm (Local time)

Location: Sumdo Bridge, Ngaba, Amdo  
Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased on  
13 February 2012

Her slogans were:

FOR THE RETURN OF TIBET'S LEADER,  
HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA FROM  
EXILE AND FREEDOM IN TIBET



When Tenzin Choedon self-immolated in the early evening of 11 February 2012 she chose the same location for her action as nun Tenzin Wangmo: the Sumdo Bridge area below their nunnery.

Eyewitnesses reported that Chinese security personnel immediately drove her away towards Barkham. Reports on China's official State media said that she died on the journey to hospital. However, in a release the Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile based in Dharamshala said Tenzin Choedon passed away at a Chinese military hospital in Barkham in the morning of 13 February. It further said that Tenzin Choedon's father had been told that her body would not be handed back to the family for the last rites.

In the wake of this second self-immolation by a nun in the vicinity of Ngaba town, the PRC's armed forces surrounded their nunnery, Mamae Dechen Choekhorling and sealed it off. Tenzin Choedon was originally from Raruwa Village in Ngaba County.

21. Name: Lobsang Gyatso  
Age: 19  
Sex: Male  
Profession: Monk at Kirti Monastery  
Date of self-immolation: 13 February 2012  
around 02:30 PM (Local time)  
Location: Ngaba town, Ngaba, Amdo,  
Northeastern Tibet  
Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Not known  
His slogans: Not reported





While already engulfed in flames, monk Lobsang Gyatso shouted slogans of protest against the Chinese government on the main street of Ngaba town. An armed security contingent rushed to the scene and removed him to an undisclosed location. They were witnessed beating him viciously while extinguishing the flames.

The eldest of four siblings, he was described as being “one of the best and brightest students in his monastic class.” At the time of his detention, two unidentified Tibetan youths were also severely beaten by Chinese security personnel.

Lobsang Gyatso was originally from Badzritsang house, Naktsangma in Cha Township.

22. Name: Damchoe Sangpo

Age: 38

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk at Bongthak Monastery,  
Tsonub, Amdo

Date of Self-Immolation: 17 February 2012

Location: Themchen County, Tsojang, Amdo,  
Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His slogans: Not available



Damchoe Sangpo, who self-immolated at Themchen County town on 17 February 2012, was a member of his monastery's Democratic Management Committee (DMC). These Beijing government-imposed administrations control all monasteries in today's Tibet. He was the first monastic official to self-immolate. Damchoe reportedly died at the site of his protest.

According to Radio Free Asia Tibetan Service, citing an India-based senior Tibetan monk, Lama Shingsa, "After the Tibetan New Year, which in Qinghai's Amdo region coincides with the Chinese New Year, Chinese officials banned the [monastery's] Monlam religious gathering and sent armed security forces there. Damchoe objected to this and told the Chinese officials that if they didn't withdraw their troops from the monastery, the monks should not be held responsible for any incident that might follow."

Other informants corroborate that Damchoe had opposed the draconian "Patriotic Education" campaign inflicted on Bongthak Monastery.

As a result of Damchoe Sangpo's action, three monks from his monastery were subsequently arrested and sentenced for alleged involvement in his death.

"The Director of Bongthak Monastery, Venerable Jamsem, was sentenced to nine years, while his subordinates Khendup and Samgyal were sentenced to 11 and 10 years, respectively," said a resident of the area, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

In addition, the source said, a layman named Damchoe was re-arrested by police for organizing a campaign to collect signatures from Tibetans in the Bongthak area calling for the release of eight monks detained in the aftermath of Damchoe Sangpo's self-immolation.



Damchoe, from Kharma in Themchen County, was previously arrested for allegedly instigating Damchoe Sangpo's self-immolation, but was released after a Chinese lawyer successfully led his defense.

The source reports that the majority of Bongthak's monks had left the monastery following increased Chinese pressure, and another 10 young monks are still detained in Themchen County; the police said they would only be released if they agreed to disrobe.

"Currently, two monks loyal to China have been put in charge of Bongthak Monastery, while another monk was pressured to take a high-level position there, but disrobed to evade the appointment promotion."

(Democratic Management Committees and Patriotic Education campaigns were introduced throughout Tibet by Beijing in 1996 to force nuns and monks to denounce the Dalai Lama and pledge allegiance to the Communist Party).

23. Name: Nangdrol

Age: 18

Sex: Male

Status: Layperson

Date of Self-Immolation: 19 February 2012 around 02:00 PM (Local time)

Location: Dzamthang County, Ngaba, Amdo

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

Layman Nangdrol self-immolated in front of Dzamthang Jonang Monastery and succumbed on the spot. His body was then taken to the monastery where traditional Buddhist rituals were carried out for him. According to sources, the monks defied and resisted orders by the armed police to hand over his body, and during the evening of his immolation a crowd of more than

1000 gathered to hold a vigil. According to local Tibetans in contact with Tibetans in exile, Nangdrol cared passionately about Tibetan culture and language and had urged fellow Tibetans to be united, and to preserve their cultural and religious identity.

The fourth of eight children, Nangdrol was from Choeje Village, Barma Township, Dzamthang, a Tibetan area of Amdo now merged with the PRCs Sichuan Province.

His final message was:

"RAISE YOUR HEADS HIGH WITH COURAGE AND LOYALTY, I, NANGDROL, CALL WITH GRATITUDE UPON MY PARENTS, SIBLINGS AND RELATIVES. THE TIME HAS COME FOR ME TO LEAVE — FOR THE SAKE OF THE TIBETAN PEOPLE — BY LIGHTING MY LIFE ON FIRE. MY REQUESTS TO THE TIBETANS ARE BE UNITED, BE TIBETAN, DRESS TIBETAN AND SPEAK TIBETAN. NEVER FORGET THAT YOU ARE A TIBETAN. BE COMPASSIONATE; RESPECT YOUR PARENTS; MOST OF ALL BE UNITED; TREAT ANIMALS WITH COMPASSION, DO NOT SLAUGHTER THEM."

"LONG LIVE HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA! LONG LIVE ALL THE LAMAS AND TULKUS OF THE LAND OF SNOW. MAY TIBETAN PEOPLE BE FREE FROM CHINA'S OPPRESSIVE RULE, THERE IS IMMENSE SUFFERING UNDER CHINA'S RULE, AND THIS SUFFERING IS UNBEARABLE. THERE IS NO WAY TO FURTHER ENDURE THIS CHINESE OCCUPATION, ITS TERRIBLE RULE, THIS TORTURE WITHOUT TRACE. IN THE END THE MERCILESS CHINESE WILL KILL THE TIBETANS. LONG LIVE HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA."

(Translated from Tibetan by Bhuchung D. Sonam)

24. Name: Tsering Kyi

Age: 19

Sex: Female

Profession: Student

Date of Self-immolation: 3 March 2012

Location: Machu town, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

Her slogans: Not reported

Schoolgirl Tsering Kyi torched her body at a busy vegetable market in Machu town in protest against the Chinese illegal occupation of Tibet. The police on the scene reportedly beat her as they attempted to put out the flames and she died on the spot.

This was the first self-immolation protest to take place in Machu — a traditional Tibetan area of Amdo. A few days prior to her immolation protest, Tsering was heard saying at her home, "In Ngaba and other areas of Tibet, Tibetans are burning themselves. We should do something for Tibet - life is meaningless if we don't do something for Tibet."

According to the Dharamshala-based Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile, Chinese security personnel arrived at the scene of the protest and shut down the market. "All mobile phones were confiscated in an attempt to stop the news of the protest from spreading," - the release said. "People at the scene of the protest were issued a strict warning against speaking about self-immolation."

The authorities also barricaded the school Tsering Kyi attended. The police later visited her house for identification of its inhabitants and carried out door-to-door searches in the neighborhood. Websites operating from the region were shut down and heads of the regional government offices reportedly held a meeting following the protest.

Reporting on the self-immolation protest, US-based Radio Free Asia said that Chinese market -vendors threw stones at the girl's burning body, citing an unidentified Tibetan exile with connections to the community in Machu. The Tibetans present in the market were agitated and this almost resulted in a major clash between the Tibetans and Chinese," RFA quoted a source as saying.



Tsering Kyi's body lay in local police custody while family members and local Tibetans were demanding possession of the body for last rites. "Chinese authorities have told Tsering Kyi's family members to sign a letter stating that her self-immolation was not political in nature. Only then will they be allowed to take the body away." reported an exile source.

However, Tsering Kyi's family members are said to have rejected China's attempts at covering up the motivations behind her self-immolation and warned of protests if the authorities failed to hand over the body. Although Tsering Kyi's family rejected Beijing's attempts at de-politicizing her fatal action, China's State news agency, Xinhua, nevertheless went ahead in blaming "a head injury" for her self-immolation. "Tsering Kyi had suffered 'occasional fainting spells' after hitting her head on a radiator in a classroom, and falling into a coma," according to Xinhua.

25. Name: Rinchen Kyi

Age: 33

Sex: Female

Profession: Housewife

Date of Self-immolation: 4 March 2012 around 06:30 AM (Local time)

Location: In the vicinity of Kirti Monastery, Ngaba town, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

Her slogans:

"RETURN HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA TO TIBET" AND "WE NEED FREEDOM"

Mother of four, Rinchen, died after setting her body on fire near a military camp close to Kirti Monastery. According to monks from Kirti Monastery's Dharamshala branch, as she set herself ablaze Rinchen shouted "Return His Holiness to Tibet" and "We Need Freedom." She committed her self-immolation protest in front of a special security office outside the main entrance to Kirti Monastery. She passed away immediately, according to Kirti Monastery in Dharamshala.

Her eldest child was 13 while the youngest was a few months old. The four children became orphans as their father had passed away a year before.



Rinchen's self-immolation protest came only days ahead of the all-important 10 March 1959 Tibetan National Uprising Day and the first anniversary of the 16 March self-immolation of Kirti monk Phuntsok — the action which ignited the ongoing mounting wave of self-immolations in Tibet.

26. Name: Dorjee

Age: 18

Sex: Male

Profession: Nomad

Date of Self-immolation: 5 March 2012 around 06:30 PM (Local time)

Location: Cha Township, Ngaba County, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet





Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His slogans:

**REPORTEDLY PROTESTING AGAINST  
THE PRC'S POLICIES IN TIBET**

After setting himself on fire, Dorjee walked towards the local government office in Cha Township and collapsed. According to Kirti Monastery monks in contact with Tibetans in the region, Dorjee shouted slogans protesting the Chinese government's policies on Tibet. It is believed that he died at the scene and that the authorities removed his charred body despite attempts

by Tibetans to take it away for religious rituals to be performed.

27. Name: Gepey

Age: 18

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk at Kirti Monastery

Date of Self-immolation: 10 March 2012, 53<sup>rd</sup>  
anniversary of Tibetan National Uprising Day

Location: Near a Chinese military camp  
located 1.5 kilometers from Kirti Monastery in  
Ngaba, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His slogans: Not reported



Since Gepey self-immolated in close proximity to a military camp near his monastery, Chinese soldiers were quick to arrive at the scene and carry his charred body inside the camp. They then refused to hand it over to the family of the deceased.

After a subsequent day of persistent pleading, on 11 March at around 10:00PM the regional government gave permission for five members of Gepey's family to attend his cremation ceremony, but the family was forced to cut short the rituals. Security personnel kept a close watch over the proceedings.

Gepey became the third Tibetan in a row to self-immolate near Chinese government buildings, symbolically opposing China's continuing occupation of Tibet. To honor what was seen as Gepey's courageous action, local Tibetan shops and restaurants closed in a strong gesture of solidarity. PSB personnel reportedly interrogated his mother for an entire day.

He is survived by his mother and two brothers who are also monks at Kirti Monastery.

28. Name: Jamyang Palden

Age: 34

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk at Rongwo Monastery

Date of Self-immolation: 14 March 2012

Location: Rebkong, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His slogans: Not reported

Jamyang Palden finally succumbed to his injuries after immolating himself more than six months earlier on 14 March 2012. He passed away in the evening at his monastic quarters at Rongwo Monastery.

Monks and Local Tibetans had been nursing Jamyang Palden and taking care of him since his discharge from a hospital in nearby Malho town. "Due to his severe burn injuries, he showed very little signs of improvement and finally passed away," an exile Tibetan with contacts in the region reported.

By setting himself on fire at Dolma Square, near Rongwo Monastery — the major monastery in Rebkong — Jamyang Palden became the first self-immolator in Amdo's Rebkong town. Monks and local people rushed him to hospital, but he was later moved back to his monastery for fear that security personnel would detain him. Despite the heavy presence of troops after his self-immolation, images from Rebkong showed local people gathered at the scene, quietly praying for him. This gathering led to a peaceful protest, with Tibetans calling for the Dalai Lama to return to Tibet.

Following his death in September, a large number of monks and local Tibetans gathered at the ground in front of the monastery to offer prayers and register their protests.

29. Name: Lobsang Tsultrim

Age: 20

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk at Kirti Monastery

Date of Self-immolation: 16 March 2012

at05:00 PM (Local time)

Location: Ngaba County town, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet



Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased on 19 March 2012

His slogans:

**FOR THE DALAI LAMA'S RETURN FROM EXILE AND FREEDOM FOR  
TIBET**

Marking the first anniversary of self-immolation by Phuntsok, a fellow Kirti monk, Lobsang Tsultrim set himself on fire demanding the return of His Holiness the Dalai Lama from exile and freedom in Tibet. After igniting himself, Tsultrim proceeded to march along the main road in the upper part of Ngaba County town, shouting slogans and protesting against the Chinese government. Eyewitnesses said that as he strode on from the site of his self-immolation, armed police personnel came running to intercept him, at which he turned and ran back in the other direction, continuing to shout. He was knocked to the ground by Chinese security personnel and thrown into the back of a vehicle after they had extinguished the flames. He was seen raising his fist in the air and shouting slogans even as Chinese security personnel pinned him to the floor of the moving vehicle.

Lobsang died three days later in a hospital in Barkham. According to the exile-based Kirti Monastery in Dharamshala, Local Chinese authorities denied Lobsang Tsultrim's family permission to perform his last rites and they cremated him the same day. "Only a portion of his ashes was handed over to the family," said the Kirti statement. On 19 March, Kirti monks held a prayer ceremony for him and local shops and restaurants owned by Tibetans remained closed for three days.



Tsultrim was a bright student of Kirti Tantric College and was the eldest of four siblings. Norbu Damdul — a former Kirti monk who self-immolated on 15 October 2011 and passed away in a Chinese hospital on 5 January 2012 — was Lobsang Tsultrim's cousin.

30. Name: Sonam Dhargey

Age: 44

Sex: Male

Profession: Farmer

Date of Self-immolation: 17 March 2012 around 09:40 AM

Location: At a road near Malho County, Rebkong, and Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased on 17 March 2012

His slogans:

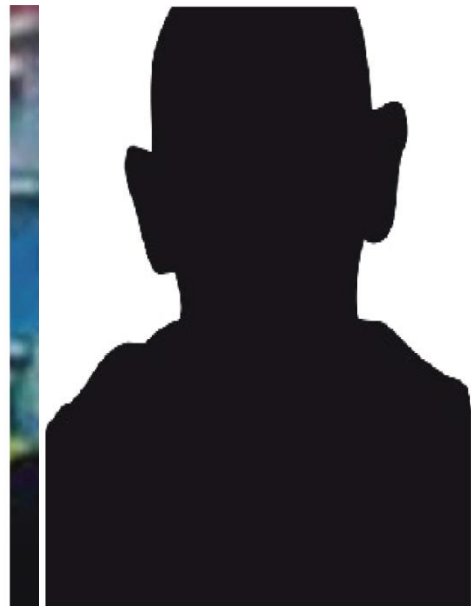
CALLED FOR THE RIGHT TO STUDY TIBETAN, AND END TO CHINA'S  
RULE AND THE DALAI LAMA'S RETURN TO TIBET

Sonam Dhargey, a father of three, self-immolated near the center of Rongwo town in Rebkong, Amdo. He was the second Tibetan from the Rebkong area to set fire to himself in protest against the Chinese occupation of Tibet.

Immediately following his immolation, images and footage were relayed showing thousands of Tibetans gathering to honor his act of protest. A video released by VOA shows the body of Sonam Dhargey engulfed in flames in the middle of the street in Rongwo town with thousands of Tibetans already congregating around him.

Sonam died almost immediately as he had reportedly swallowed kerosene and doused it over his body which was wrapped in cotton padding and bound with wire. Whilst still in flames, Sonam was heard calling for the return of the Dalai Lama to Tibet, for Tibetan language rights and for an end to Chinese rule. His body was taken to Rongwo Monastery where several thousand people attended his funeral.

Footage of Sonam Dhargey at  
<http://www.voatibetanenglish.com/content/video-show-tibetan-farmer-engulfed-in-flames-143547056/1267283.html>



31. Name: Lobsang Sherab

Age: 20

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk at Ganden Tenpelung Monastery

Date of Self-immolation: 28 March 2012 at 07:10 PM (Local time)

Location: Cha Township, Ngaba, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His slogans: Not reported

Lobsang Sherab set himself on fire on the main road of Cha Township and died at the scene of his protest. According to monks from the exile-based Kirti Monastery in Dharamshala, India, Paramilitary police in Ngaba removed Sherab's body immediately following his self-immolation, ignoring pleas for his body to be handed over to his family. His corpse was never returned to his relatives.

Sherab had been a monk at the small Ganden Tenpelung Monastery in Raruwa since the age of nine. In October 2011, he joined Kirti Monastery in Ngaba but returned home on 26 March 2012. According to a statement made by a Kirti monk in exile, "These days some 300 Chinese government officials in various positions and ranks are stationed at Kirti Monastery, and throughout Ngaba armed police and special duty police personnel maintain a security clampdown."

Sherab is survived by his parents, Sodon and Nyima, and three siblings.



## **TWIN SELF-IMMOLATION**

32. Name: Chime Palden

Age: 21

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk at Tsodun Kirti Monastery

Date of Self-immolation: 30 March 2012

Location: Barkham, Ngaba, Amdo,  
Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased on  
31 March 2012

His slogans: Not reported



33. Name: Tenpa Dhargey

Age: 22

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk at Tsodun Kirti Monastery

Date of Self-immolation: 30 March 2012

Location: Barkham, Ngaba, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased on 7 April 2012

His slogans: Not reported

Tenpa Dhargey and Chime Palden travelled around 80 km from Gyalrong Tsodun Kirti Monastery in Tsodun Township to immolate themselves in Barkham. Barkham is the government headquarters of both Barkham County and the Ngaba Tibetan and Qiang Autonomous Prefecture. The two monks carried out their protest outside the prefectural



government offices. Both monks were transported by Chinese security personnel to a nearby prefecture hospital and held under strict security.

The following day, 31<sup>st</sup> March, Chime Palden was declared dead by the hospital. His body was cremated immediately and the Chinese authorities handed over his ashes to Tsodun Monastery.

Chime Palden had moved to Kirti Monastery in Ngaba as a philosophy student in 2009, but stayed only a few months. In 2010, when he was visiting Lhasa, policemen found images of the Dalai Lama, a picture of the Tibetan national flag and the lyrics of a Tibetan song on his phone, for which he was detained for more than a month.

On 7 April 2012, around 09:23AM (Local time), Tenpa Dhargey died in hospital from burn injuries sustained during their self-immolation protest. According to a statement released by Kirti Monastery in Dharamshala, "Although fervent requests were made to hand over the deceased body to the family and the monastery, the Chinese authorities cremated Tenpa Dhargey's body at around one in the afternoon." His ashes and last remains were handed over at around 4 pm. The release added, "When his remains were being carried to Tsodun Kirti Monastery, three large military vehicles tailed them."

Tenpa Dhargey studied philosophy at Kirti Monastery from 2003 to 2009 and returned to Tsodun where he was regarded as one of the best students in logic and debate class. He was the youngest in a family of four brothers and sisters.



## TWIN SELF-IMMOLATION

34. Name: Atse

Age: 25

Sex: Female

Profession: Nun

Date of Self-immolation: 6 April 2012

Location: Dzogchen Monastery in Eastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

Slogans: Not reported

35. Name: Tulku Athup AKA Thubten Nyendak Rinpoche

Age: 45

Sex: Male  
Profession: Monk  
Date of Self-immolation: 6 April 2012  
Location: Dzogchen Monastery in Eastern Tibet  
Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased  
Slogans: Not reported

Reincarnate Lama Tulku Athup — alias Thubten Nyandak Rinpoche — 45, and his niece, Atse, 25, self-immolated at the former's residence in Dzogchen Monastery in Kham Province on 6 April 2012.

A few days before the immolation, Tulku Athup had said that he would offer butter lamps for all those who have self-immolated for the cause of Tibet. He also told his students to engage in meritorious acts such as saving the lives of animals.

On the day of his immolation, he called up his family and reportedly said, "Today I feel at ease and am ending my life by offering butter lamps for all those Tibetans who have set them on fire for the cause of Tibet". Immediately after making the call, he and his niece set themselves ablaze.

Chinese police from Dartsedo immediately arrived at Dzogchen Monastery. Fearing closure of the monastery, monk officials told the police that Tulku Athup and his niece had died due to an accidental fire in the house rather than by self-immolation. Chinese police then withdrew from the monastery. Since then, the authorities have imposed severe restrictions across the region and cracked down on local Tibetans, leaving many of them severely injured. Due to this complication in the story, this case of self-immolation went unreported for almost a year.

Tulku Athup joined Lhakang Dragkhar Monastery in Minyak, Kham at a young age and later studied at Drepung Monastery in Lhasa and Kirti Monastery in Ngaba.

## **TWIN SELF-IMMOLATION**

36. Name: Sonam  
Age: 24  
Sex: Male  
Profession: Nomad  
Date of Self-immolation: 19 April 2012



Location: Barma Township in the Tibetan area of Dzamthang County, Ngaba, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased on the same day

Last Testament: Below

37. Name: Choepak Kyap

Age: 25

Sex: Male

Profession: Nomad

Date of Self-immolation: 19 April 2012

Location: Barma Township in the Tibetan area of Dzamthang County, Ngaba, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased on the same day

Last Testament: Below



At around 1 PM on 19 April 2012, Sonam and Choepak Kyap set themselves on fire in the vicinity of a local government office in Barma Township, near Jonang Dzamthang Gonchen Monastery. The two young Tibetans were related (Choepak was Sonam's uncle) and from a nomadic background. Immediately following their actions local Tibetans surrounded the two men to prevent them from being beaten and dragged away by security personnel. Sonam and Choepak succumbed to their injuries a few hours after their protest. The Tibetans then carried their bodies to the nearby Dzamthang Jonang Monastery so prayers and funeral services could be held.

This was their last testament:

"TIBETANS ARE A PEOPLE WHO HAVE A UNIQUE CULTURE AND SPIRITUAL TRADITION. THEY ARE COMPASSIONATE AND TREAT OTHERS WITH RESPECT. HOWEVER, AFTER THE CHINESE OCCUPATION, TIBETANS SUFFER WITHOUT BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS. IT IS FOR THIS REASON, AND IN ORDER FOR PEACE TO PREVAIL ON EARTH, WE OFFER OUR LIVES BY SETTING OURSELVES ON FIRE. THE SUFFERING OF TIBETANS WITHOUT BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS IS FAR WORSE THAN THE SUFFERING THAT WE ENDURE WHEN WE SET OURSELVES ON FIRE. "OUR CHERISHED PARENTS, FAMILY MEMBERS AND RELATIVES, IT IS NOT THAT WE DO NOT HAVE LOVE AND AFFECTION TOWARDS YOU. WITH EQUANIMITY WE HAVE TAKEN THIS DECISION TO SET OURSELVES ON FIRE FOR TIBET'S FREEDOM,



FOR THE BUDDHA DHARMA, FOR THE HAPPINESS OF ALL LIVING BEINGS AND FOR WORLD PEACE. "YOU MUST DO AS WE HAVE WRITTEN — EVEN IF WE ARE TAKEN AWAY BY THE CHINESE. DO NOT DO ANYTHING; WE WILL BE HAPPY IF NOBODY GETS HARMED BECAUSE OF US. DO NOT BE SAD FOR US; LISTEN TO SCHOLARS, LAMAS AND KHENPOS. IF YOU WANT TO BE SCHOLARS THEN MAKE SURE TO TAKE THE RIGHT PATH, HAVE AFFECTION FOR YOUR RACE AND BY LEARNING ABOUT OUR CULTURE YOU MUST REMAIN UNITED. IF YOU DO ALL THIS THEN OUR WISHES WILL BE FULFILLED. WE EARNESTLY HOPE THAT OUR WISHES WILL BE CARRIED OUT."

(Translated from Tibetan by Bhuchung D. Sonam)



## TWIN SELF-IMMOLATION

38. Name: Dorje Tseten

Age: 19

Sex: Male

Profession: Chef

Date of Self-immolation: 27 May 2012

Location: Outside the Jokhang Temple, Lhasa,

Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased on 27 May 2012

His slogans: Not reported



39. Name: Dharkey

Age: 25

Sex: Male

Profession: Cashier at a restaurant

Date of Self-immolation: 27 May 2012

Location: Outside the Jokhang Temple, Lhasa, Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased on 7 July 2012

His slogans: Not reported

Dorje - a 19-year-old high school graduate - and his friend Dharkey stepped out of their rented room near the Jokhang at around 02:15 PM (Local time) on 27 May 2012 and set

themselves on fire. According to an eyewitness report, "Enveloped in towering flames, one of them ran to the flagpole in front of the Jokhang Temple and fell down while the other took around ten steps and fell on the ground."

These were the first immolations to take place in the capital. Within minutes, armed security forces arrived at the scene, doused the flames and dragged the two youths away and cleaned up, leaving no trace of the incident at the site. Dorje is understood to have died at the scene of the protest whilst the condition of Dhargey was unclear at the time. Sources confirmed on 8 July that Dhargey passed away on 7 July at 06.40PM (Local time). The same source added that Dhargey was brought to a police hospital near Sera Monastery with 60 percent burns immediately after his fiery protest.

Dorje Tseten's family was not given his body back, preventing them from carrying out traditional prayer ceremonies and death rituals. They subsequently received ashes from the Chinese government authorities, although it cannot be established that they were those of Dorje Tseten.

Originally from Eastern Tibet, Dorje was from Bora in Amdo and Dhargey from Soruma village in the Choejema Township of Ngaba County. Dorje and Dhargey both worked at a restaurant in Lhasa owned by the Chukey Tsang's — a trading family originally from Ngaba. A source reported that following the self-immolations the restaurant owner, his wife and six members of the area's Ngaba Community Association were detained.

Xinhua, China's State news agency, confirmed the self-immolations and said the two men had been taken to hospital where Dorje (identified as Tobgye Tseten by Xinhua) later died. Xinhua reported that Dhargey had "survived with injuries". Dhargey's father, Lodey, reportedly went to Lhasa but was not allowed to meet his son. The youngest of six children, Dhargey joined Kirti Monastery at a young age, and later disrobed and worked as a cashier at the restaurant in Lhasa.

These self-immolations took place during Saga Dawa, a major religious festival for Tibetan Buddhists commemorating the Buddha Shakyamuni's birth, enlightenment and passing. The increased presence of PLA paramilitary forces and armed police has put Lhasa on high alert since March 2008 when protests against Chinese rule erupted across Tibet and rocked the capital.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BrxDn2Sgbk>

40. Name: Rikyo  
Age: 33  
Sex: Female  
Profession: Nomad



Date of Self-immolation: 30 May 2012  
Location: Tibetan area of Dzamthang County,  
Ngaba, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet  
Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased  
Her Last Testament: Below

Rikyo, a maimed mother of three, set herself on fire near the Dzamthang Jonang Gonchen Monastery, Barma Township. According to sources, the flames emanating from her body were so intense that police at the scene were beaten back by the heat and failed to extinguish the flames. Rikyo died at the scene of her protest.



After her body was taken into the Dzamthang Jonang Monastery, local informants report that Chinese government officials arrived at the monastery and attempted to enforce an immediate cremation. When Rikyo was cremated, the same day, over 5000 Tibetans congregated to attend and offer their respects and prayers amid a heavy security presence. "Although it was raining, with a heavy storm, people did not leave the cremation site near the monastery until around 03:00 AM," reported a source in exile from the region.

Rikyo is survived by her husband, Nangtong (41), and three children — their sons Lobsang (17) and Kunga (10) and a daughter, Semlha (14).

#### The Last Testament of Rikyo:

"PRAYERS FOR WORLD PEACE AND HAPPINESS! TO ENSURE HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA'S RETURN TO TIBET, DO NOT INDULGE IN SLAUGHTERING AND TRADING OF ANIMALS, DO NOT STEAL, SPEAK TIBETAN, DO NOT FIGHT. BEARING ALL SUFFERINGS OF SENTIENT BEINGS ON MYSELF, DO NOT RESIST BY FIGHTING IF I GET INTO CHINESE HANDS ALIVE, BE UNITED, AND STUDY TIBETAN CULTURE.

ON FIRE I BURN. MY FAMILY, DO NOT WORRY."

(Translated from Tibetan by Bhuchung D. Sonam)

41. Name: Tamdin Thar

Age: 64

Sex: Male

Profession: Nomad

Date of Self-immolation: 15 June 2012 at 06:30 AM (Local time)

Location: Chentsa County, Malho, Eastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased on  
15 June 2012

His Last Testament: Below

Tamdin Thar - a nomad in his sixties - immolated himself in front of the PLA's People's Armed Police military base in Chentsa, Malho. Chinese Security forces immediately doused the flames and bundled him away. Eyewitnesses reported that Tamdin had drunk petrol, as well as poured it over his body, before setting himself alight. He was also wrapped in barbed wire to deter the police from detaining him. He appeared to have died almost immediately.



As the news spread, hundreds of Tibetans swarmed outside the Chentsa County police station and demanded his body so that a religious ceremony could be carried out. The presence of the fast-swelling crowd compelled the authorities to hand over his body.

The deceased originally belonged to Lowa, a small nomadic village in the county, before he was forced to relocate to the county town some years ago under Beijing's highly controversial and coercive 'nomad relocation' policy.

Tamdin is survived by his wife and children.

His Last Testament:

"I TAKE REFUGE IN THE BUDDHA, DHARMA AND SANGHA. I AM SETTING MYSELF ON FIRE AS AN OFFERING OF LIGHT WITH HOPE THAT HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA WILL RETURN TO TIBET, AND THAT PEACE WILL PREVAIL ON EARTH AND THAT TIBET WILL BE RULED BY TIBETANS."

(Translated from Tibetan by Bhuchung D. Sonam)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wkBfC40yjUQ&list=PLF30685776FEB3OCO&index=3&feature=plppvideo>

## TWIN SELF-IMMOLATION

42. Name: Tenzin Khedup

Age: 24

Sex: Male

Profession: Nomad

Date of Self-immolation: 20 June 2012 at 03:30 PM (Local time)

Location: Dzatoe Township in Tridu County, Yushul, Kham, Eastern Tibet  
Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased on the same day

43. Name: Ngawang Norphel

Age: 22

Sex: Male

Profession: Nomad

Date of Self-immolation: 20 June 2012, 03:30 PM (Local time)

Location: Dzatoe Township in Tridu County, Yushul, Kham, Eastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased on 30 July 2012

His slogans and Last Testament below

**CALLED FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF  
TIBET AND THE LONG LIFE OF HIS  
HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA**

In a seven minute clandestine video clip, Ngawang Norphel and Tenzin Khedup can be seen standing next to each other in the middle of a street in Dzatoe town between parked bikes and cars, rising the banned Tibetan national flag seconds before the flames engulf their bodies. While one of them immediately falls to the ground, the second one tries to stand up and runs a few meters before he collapses again.



While Tenzin Khedup passed away at the site of the protest, Ngawang at the time was badly burned and reportedly in a serious condition. Local Tibetans took the body of Tenzin Khedup to Zilkar Monastery in Tridu County where they held prayers for him. Tenzin Khedup was the son of Lekdup and Kyizom and had been a monk at Zilkar Monastery before disrobing in 2006.

Videos smuggled out of Tibet show Ngawang Norphel in a bed being nursed by monks while he talks to camera. Ngawang's father Lhakpa Dhondup found out about his son's condition almost a month after his sacrifice. He had heard that his son was hospitalized but had no information whatsoever and only found out when he saw him in the hospital.

Ngawang's attempts to talk were discouraged when Chinese officials came to interrogate him whenever he tried to utter even a few words. According to his relative in exile, "he gradually stopped talking".

More than a month after their protest, information from Tibet confirmed that Ngawang Norphel finally passed away on 30 July around 03:30 PM in a Chinese hospital in Tsongon in Amdo.

Ngawang Norphel was from Nyalam in Shigatse, Central Tibet and not Ngaba as mistakenly reported earlier. He is survived by his parents Lhakpa Dhondup and Tsering Yangchen.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=OyWRVxLiG2w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=OyWRVxLiG2w)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6jW13KfVt8Y>



#### Their slogans and Last Testament:

"INDEPENDENCE FOR TIBET! HIS HOLINESS MUST RETURN TO TIBET! THE TWO OF US CANNOT CONTRIBUTE ANYTHING TOWARDS TIBETAN CULTURE AND RELIGION NOR CAN WE DO ANYTHING TO BENEFIT TIBETANS IN FINANCIAL TERMS. HENCE, THE ONLY THING THAT WE CAN DO FOR TIBETANS, THE LONG LIFE OF HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA, AND FOR HIS RETURN TO TIBET, IS TO SET OURSELVES ON FIRE. WE WOULD LIKE TO URGE OTHER TIBETAN YOUTHS LIKE US TO PLEDGE THAT YOU WILL NEVER ENGAGE IN SUCH ACTS AS FIGHTING AMONGST YOURSELVES; INSTEAD YOU MUST REMAIN UNITED. WE HAVE HOPE AND FAITH THAT YOU WILL MAINTAIN LOYALTY AMONG ALL THE TIBETANS."

(Translated from Tibetan by Bhuchung D. Sonam)

44. Name: Dickyi Choezom

Age: 40s

Sex: Female

Profession: Nomad

Date of Self-immolation: 27 June 2012 at 02:00 PM (Local time)

Location: Jyekundo, Yushul, Kham, Eastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Unknown

Her slogan: Not reported

Dickyi Choezom, who set herself on fire near Dhondupling Monastery in Jyekundo, was part of a demonstration including 70 Tibetan families protesting against the Chinese government's

illegal land confiscations under a re-development program following the Yushu earthquake in 2010. It was understood that Dickyi's home had been confiscated and was due to be demolished by the authorities. According to reports, Chinese security personnel doused the flame and took her away, supposedly to a hospital in Siling.

Dickyi Choezom left behind her two children.

Two of Dickyi's relatives, who also participated in the same land protest, were arrested and beaten following her self-immolation. However, a large crowd of Tibetans gathered and exerted pressure for their release, threatening to set themselves on fire if the two were not set free. They were reportedly released later in the day but were suffering from injuries from the harsh beatings inflicted during their detentions.

45. Name: Tsewang Dorjee

Age: 22

Sex: Male

Profession: Nomad

Date of Self-immolation: 7 July 2012

Location: Damshung, Central Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His slogans: Not reported verbatim

Tsewang Dorjee set himself on fire in the centre of Damshung, at a place where people gather in large numbers. Security personnel put out the flames and took him to hospital.

"Tsewang Dorjee raised slogans and set himself on fire in protest against the Chinese government. Barely three minutes into his protest, Chinese security personnel arrived at the scene, doused the flames and took him to a hospital, reported the Dharamshala-based Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile in a release. Following his protest, no one was allowed to see him but it appeared at the time that Tsewang had passed away later that night.

The exile Tibetan Parliament noted that the entire Damshung region was subsequently placed under heavy lockdown. "All communication lines have been cut in Damshung. Even people living in the nearby areas such as Lhasa are unable to contact Damshung. The Chinese authorities in the region have arrested all the people who witnessed Tsewang Dorjee's self-





immolation and have passed strict orders barring anyone from speaking about the protest," the release stated.

46. Name: Lobsang Lozin

Age: 18

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk at Gedhen Tashi Choeling Monastery

Date of Self-immolation: 17 July 2012

Location: Tsodun Kirti Monastery, Barkham County, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His slogans: Inaudible

Lobsang Lozin set himself on fire near his monastery's main prayer hall and started to walk towards the county's administrative offices before falling to the ground. Lobsang succumbed to his burns and passed away at the scene of his protest. Although he was heard shouting slogans, the exact words could not be heard clearly.

Monks at the Gyalrong Tsodun Kirti Monastery carried Lobsang's charred body inside the monastery premises and offered prayers and conducted rituals. Lobsang was given a traditional water burial in the nearby river at Tsodun Monastery on the night of 17 July.



That evening a large armed security contingent was deployed from Barkham to Tsodun. Since the congregated Tibetans blocked their way and managed to stop the security forces from entering Tsodun Kirti Monastery, the security personnel remained on the far bank of the river conducting military drills.

The following day, the people of Tsodun gathered at the monastery to offer prayers and all shops and restaurants in the township remained closed.

The son of Jorgyal and Tsepopo, Lobsang Lozin has been described as an exemplary student with an excellent track record in his monastic studies.

47. Name: Lobsang Tsultrim

Age: 21

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk at Kirti Monastery

Date of Self-immolation: 6 August 2012 around 05:05 PM (Local time)

Location: Ngaba town in Ngaba, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His slogans:

RETURN TO TIBET OF BOTH HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA AND THE EXILED HEAD OF KIRTI MONASTERY, THE 11<sup>TH</sup> KYABJE KIRTI RINPOCHE. HE ALSO DEMANDED THE REOPENING OF KIRTI MONASTIC SCHOOL.

According to a statement released by the exile Kirti Monastery in Dharamshala, "Lobsang Tsultrim set himself on fire and began running down a street near Kirti Monastery, now renamed 'Martyr Street'. He was knocked down to the ground and the fire was extinguished by Chinese special armed forces stationed there." With flames leaping out of his body, the young monk was heard raising slogans, but they were almost inaudible.

A Tibetan from the locality told Kirti monks in Dharamshala that Lobsang Tsultrim was still alive when the police took him away. He was taken to the local government hospital, and then whisked away to an undisclosed location. Reports that came out of the region later confirmed that the young monk breathed his last at around midnight the same day. The Chinese authorities refused the family members request for Tsultrim's body, instead hastily carrying out a cremation and handing over the ashes to the family.

Lobsang Tsultrim, son of Tsewang and Donkar Kyi, is a native of Ngaba. Born in Ryiwa village, Cha Township, he joined Kirti monastery when he was very young. He was a classmate of Phuntsog, who self-immolated on 16 March 2011, and is said to have loved playing basketball. Lobsang Tsultrim is said to have suffered a great deal and may have been detained following the crackdown in Ngaba after 16 March 2008, when at least ten Tibetans were killed by Chinese troops during a peaceful protest.



48. Name: Dolkar Tso

Age: 27

Sex: Female

Profession: Farmer

Date of Self-immolation: 7 August 2012 around 02:30 PM (Local time)

Location: Near Tsoe Gaden Choeling Monastery, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

Her slogan:

"FREE TIBET", "RETURN OF HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA TO TIBET"

Dolkar Tso — who hails from a farming family and is the mother of a five-year-old daughter and two year-old son set herself on fire near Tsoe Monastery in Gansu's Kanlho Prefecture. Immediately after extinguishing the flames, monks at Tsoe Monastery carried Dolkar's charred body inside the monastery premises. According to reports then emerging from Tibet, Dolkar Tso — barely alive — had pleaded with the monks to hit her on the head with a stone and kill her so that she would not fall alive into Chinese hands. Dolkar succumbed naturally to her injuries. Later, the monks carried her body around 10 km from Tsoe back to Tasur in Nawu Township, the village where she was born.



Later that night the Chinese authorities arrested three monks from Tsoe Monastery, Choephel, Sherab and Tsonдру — allegedly for sheltering her body inside the monastery. Tsonдру was subsequently released. Around 5 AM the following morning, Chinese security personnel in about a dozen vehicles arrived at the monastery and arrested 17 more monks. A large number of monks and laymen amassed at the monastery in an attempt to prevent the arrests and also to demand the release of the two monks detained earlier.

When news of Dolkar Tso's action spread, about 300 monks from nearby Labrang Tashikhyil Monastery set out in a large convoy of vehicles to offer prayers and pay their last respects to her, but they were apprehended by the local Chinese authorities. The authorities reportedly told the monks that their actions were illegal and warned that their vehicles would be confiscated if they proceeded further. They were also threatened with further punitive measures.

However, the monks defied police orders and declared that they would continue on foot if they had to and warned of a major uprising if they were stopped. As tension began to flare, representatives of Labrang's administration came and pleaded with the monks to stop their march. Being forced to obey the requests, the monks instead sat down on the road and started offering prayers for Dolkar Tso.

On 9 November 2012 reports emerged that Dhonue, the husband of Dolkar Tso, was secretly detained by Chinese security personnel after he rejected a bribe offered by the local Chinese authorities. According to sources, the Gansu administration was forcing him to state that his wife self-immolated owing to family disputes and not as a protest against China's rule.

49. Name: Choepa

Age: 24

Sex: Male

Profession: Unknown

Date of Self-immolation: 10 August 2012 around 10:15 AM

Location: Me'uruma Township, Ngaba, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased on 10 August 2012 at 03:00 PM

His slogans were:

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Choepa set himself on fire in Meruma Township, Ngaba County, shouting slogans of protest



against the Chinese government. Local security personnel arrived at the scene within a few minutes, doused the still-fierce flames, and took him away. According to eyewitnesses, it was unclear whether he was still alive; however, it was later confirmed that Choepa passed away around 03:00 PM on the day of his protest shortly before reaching Barkham Prefecture hospital. The authorities reportedly cremated his body at the hospital, and only handed a portion of the ashes to his family.

### TWIN SELF-IMMOLATION

50. Name: Tashi

Age: 21

Sex: Male

Status: Layperson

Date of Self-immolation: 13 August 2012 at 06:50 PM

Location: Ngaba, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased on 14 August 2012

His slogans: Not reported

51. Name: Lungtok

Age: 20

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk

Date of Self-immolation: 13 August 2012 at 06:50 PM

Location: Ngaba, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased on the same day

His slogans: Not reported

Tashi, a layman from the Soruma pastoral area in Choejema Township, and a monk Lungtok, also from Soruma and a student at the Kirti Monastery's medical college, Ngaba, set fire to themselves in a prayer wheel enclosure within the monastery's perimeter. According to a statement released by Kirti Monastery in Dharamshala, "Lungtok, with his body enveloped in flames, marched down Martyr's Street raising slogans but was overpowered by Chinese security personnel before he could reach the crossroads. Eyewitnesses have said that Lungtok was alive when he was forcibly removed from the scene. Tashi was marching on Martyr's Street raising slogans when a number of Chinese security personnel surrounded him and started beating him," the report said. "He was bundled in a vehicle and taken away.

Both were initially taken to the county hospital but within half an hour they were transferred to the Prefecture hospital in Barkham. Both succumbed to their burn injuries later. While Lungtok passed away later that same day, Tashi passed away the following day. It is not known whether their bodies were returned to their families so last rites could be performed.







Large contingents of armed police were deployed across the region to quell the fast-swelling protest by Tibetans shortly after the self-immolation protests. Reports emerging at the time confirmed that the Chinese security personnel randomly assaulted the



Tibetans with spiked batons, leaving one protester dead and many severely injured. In spite of this, local Tibetans visited monasteries to offer prayers for the deceased and also expressed solidarity to their family members.

## TWIN SELF-IMMOLATION

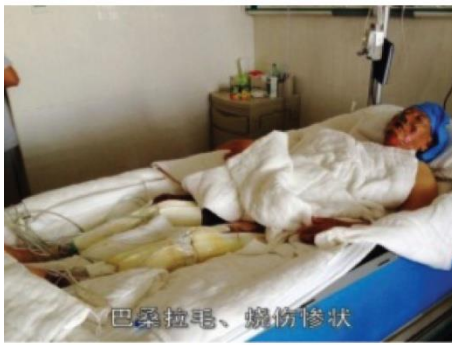
52. Name: Lobsang Kelsang  
Age: 18  
Sex: Male  
Profession: Monk  
Date of Self-immolation: 27 August 2012  
Location: Ngaba, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet  
Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

53. Name: Lobsang Damchoe  
Age: 17  
Sex: Male  
Profession: A former monk at Kirti Monastery  
Date of Self-immolation: 27 August 2012  
Location: Ngaba, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet  
Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

[Lobsang Damchoe's slogan accused](#)

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At around 08:30 PM (Local time) on 27 August 2012, cousins Lobsang Kelsang and Lobsang Damchoe self-immolated near the eastern gate of the besieged Kirti Monastery. Lobsang Kelsang was also the cousin, and Lobsang Damchoe the younger brother of Tenzin Choedon — the nun from Mamae Dechen Choekhorling Nunnery who passed away after her self-immolation on 11 February 2012.

Kirti monks from the Indian exile base of Dharamshala reported that Lobsang Kelsang was seen walking with flames shooting from his body before he collapsed. According to eyewitnesses, before Lobsang Damchoe fell to the ground he raised slogans against the Chinese government's policies to annihilate the Tibetan race. Chinese security personnel extinguished the flames and initially took both men to the hospital in Ngaba town, but later moved them to a hospital in Barkham where both reportedly died.

After their parents' separation, Damchoe began living with his mother while his sister Choedon stayed with her father. He later disrobed so that he could help his mother with her nomadic chores. He came from Raruwa nomadic village in the north part of Ngaba; this was one of the largest among seven other nomadic villages in Meruma until the Chinese occupation brought anti-nomad policies with it.

54. Name: Pasang Lhamo

Age: 62

Sex: Female

Status: Layperson

Date of Self-immolation: 13 September 2012

Location: Beijing

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Unknown

*(image)A severely burned Pasang Lhamo in hospital*

The first Tibetan self-immolation in Beijing took place on 13 September 2012 when Pasang Lhamo, a 62-year-old from Jyekundo, set fire to herself. According to sources, Pasang Lhamo had travelled all the way to Beijing to appeal to the central government after local authorities refused to allow her to retain her home. News of Pasang Lhamo's self-immolation emerged months after her protest due to security restrictions.

According to official sources, Jyekundo was devastated by a magnitude 6.9 earthquake in 2010, killing 2,698 and rendering 100,000 homeless. The town of Jyekundo was leveled by

the quake, and the subsequent rebuilding process was laden with opaque government planning ignoring local consultation. Pasang Lhamo set fire to herself after repeated appeals to the central authorities in Beijing failed to yield any concrete results. The 62-year-old was taken to hospital and treated for her burns following her protest, according to the same sources. No additional information is known about her current condition or whereabouts.



Pasang Lhamo is the second Tibetan from Jyekundo known to have self-immolated in protest against government policies over evictions and land seizures. Earlier, in June 2012, a 40-year-old mother of two Dickyi Choezom, set fire to herself to protest against government land seizures and forced evictions.

55. Name: Yungdrung

Age: 27

Sex: Male

Profession: Unknown

Date of Self-immolation: 29 September 2012 around 07:00 PM (Local time)

Location: Dzatoe County, Yushu, Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His slogans were

WERE FOR THE FREEDOM OF TIBET, AND RETURN OF H.H THE DALAI  
LAMA AND THE 17TH GYALWA KARMAPA TO TIBET

When Yungdrung set fire to himself along the main road in Dzatoe Coun town shouting slogans, onlookers — including Chinese shopkeepers - attempted to extinguish the flames with buckets of water. Security forces descended there soon after and cordoned off the area and took Yungdrung's body to the local hospital. The following day local authorities informed his family that Yungdrung would be transferred to a hospital beyond the Tibetan area due to his serious condition. However, the authorities later informed his family that Yungdrung died while in transit. According to the same sources, the authorities at the time had not released Yundrung's body to his family.

56. Name: Gudrub

Age: 43

Sex: Male

Profession: Writer/blogger

Date of Self-immolation: 4 October 2012 around 10:00AM (Local time)

Location: Driru County in Nagchu, Central Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

### His slogans

"WHEREVER WE GO, WE HAVE NO FREEDOM", "FREEDOM FOR TIBET"  
AND "LET HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA RETURN TO TIBET".

Activist-blogger and writer Gudrub set fire to himself on 4 October 2012 while raising slogans on the streets of Nagchu town in Central Tibet. A group of Tibetans carried Gudrub's badly burned body to the county hospital where doctors later informed them that he had died; his body was not returned to his family.

On 14 March 2012 Gudrub had written the following  
in an essay titled "The Sound of a Victorious Drum  
Beaten by our Lives"

"The people of the Land of Snow [a traditional term for Tibet] share a common goal of bringing His Holiness the Dalai Lama back to an independent Tibet. But when His Holiness opted for autonomy for Tibet through a non-violent struggle, the six million Tibetans accepted his wishes. However, the Chinese government has not supported his proposal.

Moreover, Tibetans who are concerned about the welfare of the people are subjected to arbitrary arrests and beatings. Tibetans who refuse to denounce His Holiness the Dalai Lama, or will not accept China's rule over Tibet, are secretly killed or disappeared.



"SINCE CHINA IS UNINTERESTED IN THE WELLBEING OF THE TIBETAN PEOPLE, WE ARE SHARPENING OUR NON-VIOLENT MOVEMENT. WE ARE DECLARING THE REALITY OF TIBET BY BURNING OUR OWN BODIES TO CALL FOR THE FREEDOM OF TIBET. HIGHER BEINGS, PLEASE SEE TIBET. MOTHER EARTH, EXTEND COMPASSION TO TIBET. JUST WORLD, UPHOLD THE TRUTH. THE PURE LAND OF SNOW IS NOW TAINTED WITH RED BLOOD, WHERE MILITARY CRACK DOWNS ARE UNCEASING. WE AS SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE LAND OF SNOW WILL WIN THE BATTLE. "WE WILL WIN THE BATTLE THROUGH TRUTH, BY SHOOTING THE ARROWS OF OUR LIVES, BY USING THE BOWS OF OUR MINDS.

"DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE LAND OF SNOW, PLEASE UNITE TOGETHER AND THINK FIRST OF THE WELLBEING OF ALL TIBETANS BY PUTTING ASIDE PERSONAL ISSUES. ONLY THEN WILL WE ENJOY EQUALITY AND FREEDOM."

-By Gudrub from Driru.

Gudrub - a native of Driru in Kham, Eastern Tibet reportedly studied at the Sherab Gatsel Lobling School in Dharamshala, India, before returning to his homeland in 2005 upon completion of his studies. He was described as a "prolific writer" who went by the pen name "Youth of the Snow Realm." He had always taken a keen interest in political developments concerning the issue of Tibet and read extensively on Tibet's history.



57. Name: Sangay Gyatso

Age: 27

Sex: Male

Profession: Farmer/Nomad

Date of Self-immolation: 6 October 2012 around 12:00 noon (Local time)

Location: Tsoe, Kanlho, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His slogans:

**"RETURN OF THE DALAI LAMA TO TIBET" AND "GIVE TIBETANS THE RIGHT TO ARTICULATE THEIR LANGUAGE AND RELIGION"**

Sangay Gyatso, a father of two, set fire to himself near Dokar Monastery in the town of Tsoe, a northeastern Tibetan area of Amdo. Sangay Gyatso called for the return of the Dalai Lama to Tibet and the right of Tibetans to freely express their language and religion. He is reported to have succumbed to his injuries. Initial reports from the region told of heightened tension in the area and estimated that hundreds of security personnel had been deployed around the monastery. Following his death, prayers were said at Dokar Monastery before his body was taken to his home.

The Chinese authorities further tightened security in the region following this self-immolation, deploying additional armed troops to the monastery. Communication with the



monastery was cut and reports indicate that the monks were interrogated. The region has been described as currently "extremely tense".

Four monks of Tsoe's Dokar Monastery have been arrested for allegedly taking care of Sangay Gyatso's body and taking pictures of his charred corpse. They are identified as Jigme Gyatso, Kalsang Gyatso, Kunchok Gyatso and Tashi Gyatso. According to media reports, monk Tashi Gyatso was the first to be arrested. A few days earlier, while Jigme, Treasurer of the monastery, Kalsang, Accountant, and Kunchok were arrested during a later raid on the monastery.

Reports also indicated that the entire region of Tsoe was put under heavy surveillance and Chinese security forces were attempting to make further arrests in connection with Sangay Gyatso's self-immolation protest. Severe restrictions were placed on the movement of Tibetans in the region.

There were also reports of Chinese officials offering bribes to Sangay Gyatso's family while forcing them to sign a document stating that Sangay's self-immolation was not protesting against China's rule over Tibet.

Nomad-cum-farmer Sangay Gyatso is survived by his wife Dorjee Kyi and two children - a son, Dorjee Dhundup, 7 and a daughter, Tenzin Tso, 5.



58. Name: Tamdin Dorje

Age: 52

Sex: Male

Profession: Farmer

Date of Self-immolation: 13 October 2012

Location: Mila Serkhar Choten near Tso, Amdo, eastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His slogans: Not reported

Tamdin Dorje, the grandfather of a prominent young Tibetan reincarnate lama — the 7th Gungthang Rinpoche of Labrang Tashikyil Monastery — died after setting himself on fire near a white stupa beside Tsoe Gaden Choeling Monastery in Gansu's Kanlho Prefecture. He reportedly shouted slogans demanding Tibetan freedom as he lit himself. According to sources, the local Tibetans took his body back to his home and refused to hand it over to Chinese authorities and monks of Tsoe Monastery offered prayer service. It was also reported

that the Chinese officials have sealed off the monastery by deploying a large number of paramilitary forces in and around the monastery.

Tamdin was originally from Drong Che village in Khasag Township, Kanlho. Tibetans gathered in huge numbers to pray for him despite an intense military build-up following his fiery protest. This self-immolation is likely to raise a higher level of concern among the Beijing authorities due to Tamdin's relationship to the influential young Rinpoche.



59. Name: Lhamo Kyab

Age: 27

Sex: Male

Profession: Farmer

Date of Self-immolation: 20 October 2012 around 02:00 PM (Local time)

Location: Near Bora Monastery in Sangchu County, Kanlho, Amdo

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

[His slogans demanded](#)

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Father of two young daughters, Lhamo Kyab set himself on fire in Bora Village in Sangchu County on 20 October 2012. According to eyewitnesses, Lhamo fought off security police who were attempting to douse his flames, and ran towards Bora Monastery where he fell to the ground and died. He was reportedly shouting demands for the return of the Dalai Lama to Tibet.

Following the self-immolation, a minor scuffle broke out at the site of the protest between Chinese security personnel and the assembled Tibetans who succeeded in carrying Lhamo Kyab's charred body inside the monastery's main prayer hall. The monks were therefore able to start chanting prayers for the deceased. A large number of Tibetans reportedly started congregating at Bora Monastery when news of the protest spread. After the prayer rituals were completed, monks and local Tibetans carried Lhamo Kyab's body to his home. He is survived by his wife, Dorji Kyi, and two daughters — Perna Tso and Drugmo Tso — both under 10 years.

Bora Monastery was also the scene of major protests against Chinese rule on 20 March 2012. More than 100 monks marched to local government buildings, displaying Tibetan flags and



pictures of the Dalai Lama and shouting slogans for freedom in Tibet and the return of the Dalai Lama.

60. Name: Dhondup

Age: 60

Sex: Male

Profession: Farmer/petty business

Date of Self-immolation: 22 October 2012 at 09:47

AM (Local time)

Location: Labrang Tashikyil Monastery, Kanlho,

Amdo

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His slogans: Not reported

Dhondup set himself on fire beside a temple called Serkhang (The Golden House) in the complex of Labrang Tashikyil Monastery — the major monastery in the Tibetan area of Gansu Province. The self-immolation took place on the circumambulation route near the entrance to Labrang Monastery. Eyewitness accounts state that the flames produced a huge blaze and that Dhondup died at the site of his protest. Subsequently armed soldiers put Dhondup's body in a bag and removed it, according to the report.

When monks from Labrang TashiKyil Monastery later attempted to hold a prayer ceremony for Dhondup at the place of his demise, Chinese police sent by the local government, and the monastery's Management Committee, tried to prevent the prayer service being held. Local Tibetans reportedly offered khatags (traditional Tibetan ceremonial scarves) at the place of his self-immolation protest.

Dhondup was born in DhongNhe Do village in Denme Township, Sangchu County. He is survived by his wife, Drolma Tso, and their adopted son, Rigzin Choepel.

61. Name: Dorje Rinchen

Age: 58

Sex: Male

Profession: Bread vendor

Date of Self-immolation: 23 October 2012 at 03:30 PM (Local time)

Location: Near a military camp Gyugya market main street, Labrang, Amdo

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His slogans: Not reported

Dorje Rinchen set himself on fire on the main street of Labrang town right in front of the military headquarters and not far from Labrang Tashikyil Monastery. Nearby Tibetans reportedly shielded the burning body from the Chinese authorities, resulting in a standoff. Security personnel tried to prevent the locals from carrying Dorjee Rinchen's body back to his family; but after a brief confrontation, his corpse was taken to his home in Upper Zayue village, Sangchu County.

But later, tensions flared when Beijing's security forces prevented monks from Labrang Tashikyil Monastery from visiting Dorje Rinchen's residence in Upper Zayue to pay their last respects. The monks reportedly sat at the roadside in defiance and started their prayers there and then for the man who sold bread to their monastery.

Later on, many Tibetans headed towards Zayue village to pay their respects, despite the fact that a large Chinese security contingent had already been deployed there.

Chinese state media reported that "Dorje Rinchen got up very early this morning and went to pray at Labrang Monastery. He walked around the monastery several times, and walked three times between the monastery and his home," a source said. "After that, he cleaned his house inside and out and then went to the Chinese police station, where he self-immolated and died."

Dorje Rinchen is survived by his wife, Luthar Tso, a son Tabo and a daughter.

## **TWIN SELF-IMMOLATION**

62. Name: Tenzin

Age: 25

Sex: Male

Status: Layperson

Date of Self-immolation: 25 October 2012 at  
04:00 PM (Local time)

Location: Near a government building in Driru  
County, Nagchu TAR

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Unknown



63. Name: Tsepo

Age: 20

Sex: Male

Status: Layperson

Date of Self-immolation: 25 October 2012 at 04:00PM (Local time)

Location: Near a government building in Driru County, Nagchu TAR

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased on the same day

Their slogans:

UNITY, INDEPENDENCE FOR TIBET AND THE RETURN OF H.H THE DALAI  
LAMA TO TIBET

Cousins Tenzin and Tsepo set themselves on fire in front of a government building in Narong Phampa village in Driru County calling for independence for Tibet and the return of the Dalai Lama to Tibet. While Tsepo died on the way to hospital, Tenzin was removed from the site by government personnel and his current whereabouts or his well-being is still unknown.

Tenzin had enrolled in TCV School, Suja near Dharamshala, India, where he studied for about six months. According to an informant in exile, "The brother also pleaded for all Tibetans to be united like

brothers."



It took two days for this report to reach exiles in India due to the intense security and communications clampdown in the area. The Chinese security forces have been deployed in large numbers and all communication channels — internet and telephones — have been blocked. Where lines are still working Tibetans are too afraid to talk about what is happening because they fear that their conversations are being surveilled by the government.



64. Name: Lhamo Tseten

Age: 24

Sex: Male

Profession: Layperson

Date of Self-immolation: 26 October 2012

Location: Amchok Township in Sangchu County, Amdo

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His slogan:

### THE RETURN OF HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA FROM EXILE

Husband and father of a two-year-old daughter, Lhamo Tseten self-immolated in front of the local military base and township administration buildings in Amchok. He succumbed to his injuries at the protest site.



According to Ajam Amchok, a Tibetan now in South India with close contacts in the region, "Lhamo Tseten repeatedly raised slogan calling for the 'return of His Holiness the Dalai Lama from exile.'" Ajam cited witnesses who reported that Chinese security and armed forces immediately arrived at the protest site; however, local Tibetans encircled the charred corpse to prevent the Chinese authorities from taking the remains away. His family members were able to cremate his body with Buddhist rituals.

"Following the self-immolation, a large number of Chinese armed forces and security police are deployed in the area and the situation in Amchok is described as tense and under strict surveillance," Ajam reported.

Lhamo Tseten is survived by his wife, Tsering Lhamo, his small daughter Nyingmo Kyi, his father Namchuk Tsering and mother Sungdue Kyi.

65. Name: Thubwang Kyab

Age: 23

Sex: Male

Profession: Layperson

Date of self-immolation: 26 October 2012

Location: Serti Village, Sangkhog Town, Sangchu County, Amdo

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased  
His slogans: Not reported

Thubwang Kyab self-immolated near the bus stand on the main street of Setri village in the Tibetan region of Amdo. Tsewang died on the spot. Despite attempts by Chinese officials to intervene, Local Tibetans covered Tsewang's dead body with traditional scarves (khatag) and took him to his hometown.

Gendun Phuntsok, an exiled Tibetan monk living in South India, reported that thousands of Tibetans from around the region converged to pay their last respect to Thubwang Kyab.

"Tens of thousands of Tibetans attended the cremation of martyr Thubwang Kyab in his native hometown," Phuntsok said, citing sources inside the region. "Even though Chinese armed forces were present, they failed to reach near the deceased body due to the overwhelming presence of Tibetans."



66. Name: Dorjee Lhundrup

Age: 25

Sex: Male

Profession: Farmer

Date of Self-immolation: 4 November 2012

Location: Rebkong, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased on the same day

His slogans:

"FREEDOM IN TIBET" AND THE  
"RETURN OF HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI  
LAMA"

On the morning of 4 November 2012, Dorjee Lhundrup self-immolated on Taglung Street, Rebkong, a few kilometers west of Rongwo Monastery, and a Tibetan area of Amdo. Dorjee was calling for freedom in Tibet and the return of H.H the Dalai Lama from exile. He died subsequently. A



farmer from Chuma village in Rebkong, Dorjee is survived by his two-year-old daughter and four-year-old son.

Thousands of Tibetans gathered to pay their last respects to Dorjee Lhundrup later that day. According to a source in exile, "Many people gathered in the place where he set fire to himself, and then a number of monks went there too. They protected his corpse from Chinese police and troops, and brought him to the monastery where monks and laypeople prayed for him. His father spoke, and many people were crying. Dorjee Lhundrup was cremated on the side of a hill behind the monastery. Traditionally only high lamas were cremated there. Sonam Dargye, who self-immolated in March, was also cremated there."

67. Name: Tsegyal

Age: 27

Sex: Male

Profession: Farmer

Date of Self-immolation: 7 November 2012

Location: Bankar Village, Driru County, Kham,  
Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased on 18  
November 2012

His slogans: Not reported

A father of two, Tsegyal and a mother and three teenagers self-immolated on the eve of the pivotal Chinese Communist Party's 18th National Congress in Beijing on 7 November 2012 at Bankar village in Driru County, Kham, Eastern Tibet.



At the time of his action, information said that a self-immolation had occurred in Driru County, there was no information about the identity or any further details. According to recent reports, Tsegyal was immediately taken into police custody subsequent to his action and succumbed to his injuries after prolonged neglect and ill-treatment in custody. Sources reported that since his detention, he reportedly received no treatment for his burns and finally died in the evening of 18 November in police custody.

Tsegyal is survived by his two children — a six-year-old and eight month-old infant.

68. Name: Tamdin Tso

Age: 23

Sex: Female

Profession: Housewife

Date of Self-immolation: 7 November 2012 around 05:30 PM (Local time)

Location: Rebkong, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

Her slogans:

**"HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA MUST COME TO TIBET"**

Tamding Tso, the mother of a six-year-old son, Nyingjam Tseringset herself on fire near the Ghemar Thang market area of Rebkong city in the Tibetan area of Amdo. According to eyewitnesses, Tamding Tso shouted "His Holiness the Dalai Lama must come to Tibet" before setting herself on fire and passing away.

Following the self-immolation protest, monks of Dowa Monastery carried her charred body to her home. Thousands of Tibetans reportedly gathered in the region, raising slogans for the return of the Dalai Lama from exile and offering prayers.

Tamding's last words were addressed to her father:

**"FATHER, BEING A TIBETAN IS SO DIFFICULT. WE CAN'T EVEN SAY OUR PRAYERS TO DALAI LAMA'S PORTRAIT. WE HAVE NO FREEDOM AT ALL..."**



The following is the transcript of a conversation with Tamding Tso's father following her immolation:

"She has always seemed concerned about the situation in Tibet and the reason for her self-immolation is for the cause of Tibet and not for any personal and family problem. What triggered her self-immolation seems to be what happened about one month ago, when she went to Rebkong Dowa town with me and saw the posters which were distributed by the new local leader, Jiangshu Cheng, banning His Holiness the Dalai Lama's picture and telling people to publicly protest separatists and their activities.

"She was visibly angry and felt very sad to see those posters. She told me, 'Father, this is such a sad destiny for the Tibetan people when we can't even keep and pray before the picture of

our spiritual leader His Holiness the Dalai Lama.' On that day, after we returned home, she mentioned this repeatedly and since then she stopped eating meat and kept fast to this till the last day. As a concerned father, I was worried for her health and told her to eat meat. But she refused. A few days before she told me that she wanted to go to Rebkong city, but I told her we have much work at home during this winter.

“On the 7<sup>th</sup> of November, she was with her younger brother at home; after the younger brother left to tend the cattle she cleaned the house and made Prayers in front of His Holiness the Dalai Lamas portrait. It seems she made her last prayer on that day before making the decision to self-immolate. Finally, she took the petrol from our motorbike and used it to set herself on fire. “She was the only daughter and the favorite in our family. She was my most beloved daughter and I have never raised a finger to her since she was born. When such a sad thing happened, suddenly it felt like my heart was being taken out of my chest. But I believe she made this decision for the Tibetan Cause and the return of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the Panchen Lama to their thrones. So, therefore, I think it is useless to think about anything other than to respect her decision and sacrifice. Therefore, I plead to you all to work tirelessly to fulfill her goals and aspirations.

"I also request you all to pray that my daughter may be reborn in independent Tibet and hear and see His Holiness the Dalai Lama in her next life. Thank you all."

## TRIPLE SELF-IMMOLATION

69. Name: Dorji Kyab

Age: 16

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk at Ngoshul Monastery, Ngaba County

Date of Self-immolation: 7 November 2012

Location: Ngaba, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Hospitalized

70. Name: Dorji

Age: 15

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk at Ngoshul Monastery,  
Ngaba County

Date of Self-immolation: 7 November 2012

Location: Ngaba, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased





71. Name: Samdrup

Age: 16

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk at Ngoshul Monastery,  
Ngaba County

Date of Self-immolation: 7 November 2012

Location: Ngaba, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Unknown

Their slogans:

**FREEDOM IN TIBET AND THE RETURN  
OF HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA**

Monks Dorji Kyab, Samdrup and Dorji became the youngest Tibetans to self-immolate when they set themselves on fire outside a police station in Ngaba, at around 03:00PM (Local time) on 7 November, the day before the CCP's 18<sup>th</sup> National Congress. As the three teenagers set themselves on fire, they were shouting for freedom in Tibet and the return of the Dalai Lama.

Sources have reported that heavy security and severe restrictions have been imposed around Gomang and Ngoshul Monasteries.

While Dorji was seen to have died at the scene of the protest, the other two monks were reportedly admitted to a hospital in Ngaba. No further information is available to date. Ngoshul Monastery, located approximately 12 kms from Ngaba County town, has about 130 monks.



72. Name: Kalsang Jinpa

Age: 18

Sex: Male

Profession: Nomad

Date of Self-immolation: 8 November 2012

Location: Dolma Square ground near Rongwo Monastery, Rebkong, Amdo,  
Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His slogan:



### "RETURN HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA TO TIBET"

In an apparent protest against China's rule, Kalsang Jinpa, an 18-year-old, set himself on fire at the Dolma Square on the day the key CCP's 18th National People's Congress was being held in Beijing. Kalsang, a former monk of Rongwo Monastery raised a white banner shouting slogans calling for the Dalai Lama's return and the rights of the Tibetan people before he set himself ablaze. As his body was consumed by flames Kalsang could still be heard shouting demands for the return of His Holiness the Dalai Lama to Tibet. Kalsang passed away in his fiery protest. His body

was reportedly taken by local Tibetans to an area where usually only high lamas are cremated.

According to exile sources, following the cremation Tibetans began to gather at the square in Rebkong where Jinpa had died, and some shouted slogans calling for the Dalai Lama's long life and his return to Tibet.

73. Name: Gonpo Tsering

Age: 19

Sex: Male

Profession: Farmer

Date of Self-immolation: 10 November 2012 at 06:00PM (Local time)

Location: Ala Deu Go Monastery, Kanlho

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His slogans were:

CALLING FOR FREEDOM FOR TIBETANS, PROTECTION OF THE TIBETAN LANGUAGE, AND THE RETURN OF HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA TO TIBET

This 19-year-old youth, died after self-immolating in front of Ala Deu Go monastery in Tsoe on 10 November. According to Tibetan sources in exile, monks who had gathered at the scene tried to extinguish the flames but it was unsuccessful. They then took his charred body inside the monastery where a large number of Tibetans from the surrounding area are gathered to offer prayers and condolences despite staunch official orders. Gonpo Tsering,

called for freedom for Tibetans, the protection of the Tibetan language, and for the Dalai Lama to be brought back to Tibet. Gonpo Tsering's death was immediately confirmed by Beijing's State media. According to reports, Chinese security personnel and armed forces were immediately deployed in the region and heightened restrictions as Chinese authorities were said to be 'investigating' the protest.

Gonpo is survived by three children and wife Namgyal Dolma.

74. Name: Nyingkar Tashi

Age: 24

Sex: Male

Profession: Nomad.

Date of Self-immolation: 12 November 2012 at 03:30 PM (Local time)

Location: Near a school in Drongpo in Rebkong, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His slogans:

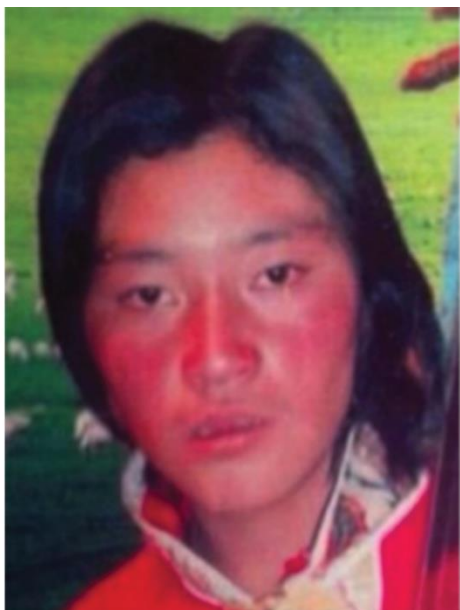
"INDEPENDENCE FOR TIBET" AND "LONG LIFE FOR HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA"

As Nyingkar Tashi set himself on fire at Dowa Township in Rebkong he was shouting slogans calling for the long life of the Dalai Lama and independence for Tibet. He died at the site of his protest. A source reported that "Local Tibetans took his body to his home, and the situation was much tensed."

Before carrying out his self-immolation protest, Nyingkar Tashi left this last message:

"WE THE MILLION TIBETANS LED BY HIS HOLINESS DALAI LAMA AND THE PANCHEN LAMA; WANT INDEPENDENCE FOR TIBET.FREEDOM TO LEARN OUR LANGUAGE, FREEDOM TO SPEAK OUR LANGUAGE. FREE THE IMPRISONED PANCHEN LAMA. HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA MUST RETURN HOME. I AM SETTING MYSELF ON FIRE TO PROTEST AGAINST THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT. MY FATHER TASHI NAMGYAL AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS, THERE IS NO NEED TO WORRY AND FEEL SAD. INSTEAD





ENGAGE IN SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES AND ACCUMULATE MERITS. MY REQUEST IS THAT EVERY TIBETAN MUST LEARN AND SPEAK TIBETAN, DRESS TIBETAN AND MUST REMAIN UNITED AND RISE UP.”

SIGNED NYINGKAR TASHI, 12 NOVEMBER 2012

(Translated from Tibetan by Bhuchung D. Sonam)

Nyinkingkar Tashi's self-immolation coincided with a public meeting called by Chinese officials to look into the spate of self-immolations in the area.

Nyinkingkar Tashi is survived by his wife Drugmo Tso (23), and father Tashi Namgyal (47), the source said.

75. Name: Nyingchag Bum

Age: 20

Sex: Male

Profession: Nomad

Date of Self-immolation: 12 November 2012 at 07:18 PM (Local time)

Location: Near a government office in Dowa Township in Rebkong, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His slogans: Not reported

Nyingchag Bum, the oldest of three brothers, self-immolated and died early in the evening of 12 November in front of a Chinese government office building. Thousands of Tibetans congregated in the town and prevented the police from taking away his body. They carried his body to Dowa Monastery for prayer service. According to sources, Nyingchag Bum's self-immolation was witnessed by hundreds of locals who then remained at the spot to pray for the long life of the Dalai Lama.

In response, a large contingent of armed paramilitary forces was reportedly deployed near Dowa Township, about 100 kms from Rebkong County.

76. Name: Tenzin Dolma

Age: 23  
Sex: Female  
Profession: Farmer  
Date of Self-immolation: 15 November 2012 at 12:00 noon (Local time)  
Location: Rebkong, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet  
Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased  
Her slogan: Not reported

Tenzin Dolma set herself ablaze at around 12 noon in the courtyard of a community temple in Tsemo region of Rebkong, Eastern Tibet. Sources reported that she died at the scene. She had earlier performed prayers and rituals in the prayer hall and left behind her cellphone and rings.

Tibetans from around the region reportedly started gathering in Tsemo upon hearing news of the self-immolation protest to prepare for a grand funeral. Monks from Rongwo Monastery conducted the main prayers for the cremation ceremony.

Tenzin Dolma is survived by her parents, Bhulo (50) and Tashi Dolma (41).



77. Name: Kharbum Gyal  
Age: 18  
Sex: Male  
Profession: Nomad  
Date of Self-immolation: 15 November 2012 at 11:00AM (Local time)  
Location: Near Gyalwo Luchuthang in Rebkong, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet  
Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased  
His slogans: Not reported

Kharbum Gyal set himself on fire at 11 AM near Rongwo Town in Rebkong County. Monks from the Rebkong Tsagya Monastery, and a large number of local Tibetans, carried out his last rites. Gyal, a native of Gyalwo Luchu in Rebkong is survived by his parents, Tamding Gyal and Dolkar Tso, and six siblings.





78. Name: Chagmo Kyi

Age: 27

Sex: Female

Profession: Cab Driver

Date of Self-immolation: 17 November 2012 at 04:00PM (Local time)

Location: Dolma Square in Rebkong

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

Her slogans:

RETURN OF HIS HOLINESS TO TIBET! FREEDOM OF  
LANGUAGE.EQUALITY OF NATIONALITIES. CHINA'S NEW LEADER XI  
JIPING MUST MEET WITH HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA. PEACE.

Mother of two, Chagmo Kyi self-immolated in Dolma Square, Rebkong. She was a native of Rebkong Meypa Khagya village in Eastern Tibet and passed away at the site of her protest. Her body was later taken to Rongwo Monastery where thousands of Tibetans reportedly gathered to offer prayers and their respects.

According to the Dharamshala-based human rights NGO, Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy (TCHRD), "At around 7 pm (local time), Kyi's body was moved to a cremation site on a nearby hill behind Rongwo Monastery. At the cremation site a large number of Tibetans were loudly reciting mani mantras and special prayers associated with His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Monks were carrying out preparations to cremate the body." Despite the reportedly large deployment of Chinese armed forces in the region, and restrictions of movement on local Tibetans, hundreds of Tibetan — monks and lay people — gathered to mark Chagmo Kyi's demise and offer prayers during her cremation which took place at a site normally reserved for monks and lamas. Troops surrounded the gathering.

According to sources with contacts in Rebkong, the young mother had left letters written in Chinese and in Tibetan before her self-immolation at the Dolma grounds on Saturday. In her letters, Chagmo Kyi expressed her wish for the equality of all nationalities and called on the new Chinese leader Xi Jinping to meet with the Dalai Lama. She had inscribed the word "peace" on the sheet of paper.



79. Name: Sangdag Tsering

Age: 24

Sex: Male

Profession: Nomad

Date of Self-immolation: 17 November 2012 at 07:00PM (Local time)

Location: Dokarmo town, Rebkong, Amdo

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His slogans: Not reported

Sangdag Tsering set himself on fire at 7 PM in front of the Chinese administration offices in Dokarmo Town, Rebkong County. According to sources, earlier that day Chinese authorities had called a large meeting of local Tibetans during which they issued strict orders barring everyone from visiting families of self-immolators to pay their respects and condolences. They also warned that monasteries would be forced to shut down if they did not follow the decree.

Sangdag Tsering strategically chose the site of his self-immolation at the very place where the meeting had been held earlier. Chinese security personnel arrived at the scene and tried to douse the flames but Sangdag Tsering succumbed to his injuries. Thousands of Tibetans and monks from two close-by monasteries gathered at the protest site and carried his body to the Gonshul Sangag Mindrol Dhargeyling to perform his cremation services. According to the same source, Sangdag had in recent times repeatedly expressed his frustration over the lack of freedom in Tibet, His Holiness the Dalai Lama's absence, and the continuing wave of self-immolations in Tibet.

About a week prior to his protest, he had written a short poem espousing loyalty to Tibet and sent it to a friend.

The last two lines of the poem written in Tibetan reads: "The brave men of the Snow Mountains Don't forget your loyalty to Tibet."

Sangdag Tsering is survived by his parents, his wife Phagmo Tso, 24, and their son.

80. Name: Wangchen Norbu

Age: 25

Sex: Male

Profession: Nomad

Date of Self-immolation: 19 November 2012  
at 08:00PM (Local time)

Location: Kangtsa Gaden Choephel-ling  
Monastery, Amdo, Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His slogans:



"RETURN HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA FROM EXILE", "RELEASE THE  
PANCHEN LAMA" AND "FREEDOM FOR TIBET"

Wangchen Norbu set himself ablaze in the evening of 19 November near the Kangtsa Gaden Choephel Ling Monastery raising slogans demanding the return of H.H the Dalai Lama from exile, the release of the 11<sup>th</sup> Panchen Lama and freedom for Tibet. Wangchen reportedly passed away at the site of his protest.

Tibetans carried his charred body inside the monastery where a large number of monks and local people gathered to offer prayers and their profound respects until late in the night. His cremation began at 10:30 pm that evening.

Wangchen Norbu is the son of Khando Tso and the late Tenzin.

81. Name: Tsering Dhondup  
Age: 35  
Sex: Male  
Profession: Farmer  
Date of Self-immolation: 20 November 2012 at  
08:30 AM (Local time)  
Location: The Amchok region of Labrang  
Sangchu, Amdo  
Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased  
His slogans: Not reported



Tsering Dhondup set himself on fire at Gyagar Thang near the entrance to a mining site in Amchok region of Labrang Sangchu, Eastern Tibet. His action was an apparent protest against China's continuing occupation of Tibet.

Tsering Dhondup succumbed to his injuries at the site of his protest. He is survived by his wife, Tamding Tso, their three children, and his parents, Lubhum Gal and Drukmo Tso.

82. Name: Lubhum Tsering  
Age: 19  
Sex: Male  
Profession: Nomad  
Date of Self-immolation: 22 November 2012 at 04:20 PM (Local time)  
Location: Dowa Township, Rebkong, Amdo  
Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His slogans: Not reported

Lubhum Gyal set himself ablaze in the main street of Dowa Township in Rebkong. Lubhum died subsequently. China's State media Xinhua also reported on the incident and confirmed that he succumbed to his injuries. Tibetans defied official warnings and took his body to perform prayers and rituals near Dowa monastery where monks conducted the last rites at a nearby crematorium.

Lubhum Gyal is survived by his father Tsego.

83. Name: Tamdrin Kyab

Age: 23

Sex: Male

Profession: Nomad

Date of Self-immolation: 22 November 2012  
around 10:00 PM (Local time)

Location: Luchu Township, Kanlho, Amdo,  
Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased.

His slogans: Not reported

Local Tibetans discovered 23-year-old Tamdrin Kyab's charred body on the morning of 23 November. As Tamdrin had self-immolated late the previous night near the Luchu River, no one had witnessed his action. Tibetans brought his dead body back to his home where many gathered to offer prayers and pay their respects. A



former monk of Shitsang Monastery, Tamdrin had disrobed in 2007 to help his nomadic family. A source reported that Tamdrin often stated that without the return of His Holiness the Dalai Lama to Tibet, there is "no difference between living and dying in this world."

84. Name: Tamdrin Dorje

Age: 29

Sex: Male

Profession: Farmer

Date of Self-immolation: 23 November 2012  
around 06:30 PM (Local time)

Location: In front of government office building, Dokarmo, Rebkong, Amdo  
Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His slogans:

"LONG LIVE HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA"

Twenty-nine-year-old Tamdrin Dorjee set himself on fire on 23 November near the entrance of the local Chinese administrative offices of Dokarmo town in Tsekhog region of Malho. He died at the scene of his actions. According to sources, Tamdrin was seen with his hands clasped together in prayer shouting as the flames raged around him.



85. Name: Sangay Dolma

Age: 17

Sex: Female

Profession: Nun

Date of Self-immolation: 25 November 2012 around 11:20 AM (Local time)

Location: In front of the Chinese government office in Dokarmo, Manlho, Rebkong, Amdo

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

Last words: Below

Sangay Dolma, a nun, passed away in her self-immolation protest in front of the Chinese government office in Dokarmo town of Tsekhog, Manlho, Eastern Tibet. The exact time of her self-immolation protest could not be ascertained immediately.

Sangay Dolma's nunnery is located near Sangag Mindrol Dhargeyling Monastery.

According to various sources, a large number of local Tibetans gathered to carry out the last rites for Sangay Dolma.



Prayers were also carried out at the deceased's nunnery. She left behind the following poem-prose:

*Look into the deep blue sky above  
My lama has returned  
Into the tent with white rock steps  
Look, my Tibetan brothers and sisters  
Look at the peak of that snow mountain  
The white snow lion has returned  
Look, my Tibetan brothers and sisters  
Look at the fortress in the forest  
Look at the beauty of the turquoise plain  
My tigress has come back  
Look, my Tibetan brothers and sisters  
Look at the land of snow  
Our destiny is on the rise  
Tibet is an independent country.  
While His Holiness the Dalai Lama  
Has been away for too long  
Travelling all over the world  
Tibetans suffer under oppression  
Let's pray for this darkness to be over.  
the Panchen Lama is in prison  
Let's pray for his release  
and happiness for the land of snow.*

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*"Children of the snow lion  
Do not forget that you are Tibetan"*

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*"Tibet is an independent country."*

*signed Sangay Dolma*

(Translated from Tibetan by Bhuchung D. Sonam)

86. Name: Kunchok Tsering

Age: 18

Sex: Male

Profession: Nomad

Date of Self-immolation: 26 November 2012

Location: Amchok, Labrang, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased



His slogans: Not reported



Kunchok Tsering set himself on fire at a mining site in the eastern region of Labrang the same location where Tsering Dhondup had carried out his action on 20 November. Kunchok passed away at the scene of the protest. Sources reported that monks of Amchok Monastery and a large number of local Tibetans gathered at his house to offer prayers.

Kunchok is survived by his wife, Sangay Tso (19), his parents, Phagkyab (40) and mother Gonpo Tso (37) and an older brother.

87. Name: Gonpo Tsering

Age: 24

Sex: Male

Profession: Farmer

Date of Self-immolation: 26 November 2012 around 06:00PM (Local time)

Location: In front of Ala Dheu Monastery- in Luchu, Kanlho, Amdo

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His slogans:

"TIBET'S FREEDOM, "HUMAN RIGHTS IN TIBET" AND THE RETURN OF HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA FROM EXILE."

One of three self-immolations in a single day; Gonpo Tsering set himself on fire in the Luchu region of Kanlho Prefecture. Father of three — all below the age of six — Gonpo carried out his action in front of



the main prayer hall Ala Dheu Monastery around 6 pm on 26 November 2012. Gonpo shouted slogans calling for Tibet's freedom, human rights in Tibet, and the return of His Holiness the Dalai Lama from exile while totally consumed in flames. Gonpo Tsering died at the site of his protest.

Local Tibetans carried his charred body inside the Monastery where monks and a large number of Tibetans from the surrounding areas assembled, defying official orders by offering prayers for the deceased and expressing their solidarity.

Restrictions were heightened as the Chinese authorities were reported to be investigating Gonpo Tsering's protest.

Gonpo Tsering is survived by his wife, three children, and his parents.

88. Name: Wangyal

Age: 20

Sex: Male

Profession: Student

Date of Self-immolation: 26 November 2012

at 11:20 AM (Local time)

Location: Sertha Township, Rebkong, Amdo

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Unknown

His slogans were:

"RETURN OF HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI  
LAMA FROM EXILE" AND "FREEDOM  
FOR TIBET"



A young Tibetan student from Sertha People's Middle School, identified as Wangyal, self-immolated on 26 November at around 11:20 am (Local time). Wangyal reportedly set himself on fire on one of the main roads leading to the town center and ran towards the golden horse statue in the middle of Sertha Town and fell to the ground. According to eyewitnesses, "His hands were clasped in prayer as he ran, raising slogans for the return of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and freedom for the Tibetan people."

According to a source in exile, "Chinese armed forces immediately arrived at the scene of the protest and took Wangyal away after dousing the flames". Wangyal's current whereabouts and condition remain unknown. Sources speculate that Wangyal would have suffered major injuries as his body was entirely engulfed in flames at the time of his action.

Wangyal is an orphan and is survived by three brothers and one sister.

89. Name: Sangay Tashi

Age: 18

Sex: Male

Profession: Nomad

Date of Self-immolation: 27 November 2012

Location: Sangkhog town, Sangchu County, Amdo

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His slogans:

"RETURN OF HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA FROM EXILE," AND  
"RELEASE OF ALL TIBETAN POLITICAL PRISONERS, INCLUDING THE 11<sup>th</sup>  
PANCHEN LAMA"

On 26 November 2012, 18-year-old Sangay Tashi arrived in Sangkhog town with his friends. Sangay reportedly called a relative, but before a proper conversation could be carried out Sangay cut the call by switching off his phone. Sanjay Tashi then set himself on fire around midnight of 27 November 2012 in Sangchu region of Eastern Tibet. Sangay passed away at the site of his protest where he had reportedly shouted slogans calling for the return of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the release of all Tibetan political prisoners, including the 11<sup>th</sup> Panchen Lama while engulfed in flames. Local Tibetans then carried his charred body to a nearby house.



By the time Sangay Tashi's family members arrived in Sangkhog, he had already succumbed to his injuries.

Sangay Tashi is survived by his parents and four siblings. He had studied at a primary school in Sangkhog town for four years but was forced to return home to help with family chores.

90. Name: Kalsang Kyab

Age: 24

Sex: Male

Profession: Nomad

Date of Self-immolation: 27 November 2012 around 06:30 PM (Local time)

Location: Outside the People's Government building in Changtsa Town, Dzoge,  
Ngaba, Amdo  
Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

#### His Slogans:

LONG LIVE HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA AND KYABJE KIRTI  
RINPOCHE

Twenty-four-year-old Kalsang Kyab set himself ablaze at around 6:30 pm on 27 November 2012 in front of a Chinese government office in Changtsa town. Kalsang reportedly doused himself in kerosene and then walked towards the local government offices raising slogans for the long life of H.H the Dalai Lama and the exiled head of Kirti Monastery. Upon reaching the office building, he set himself ablaze and continued to shout slogans. Kalsang passed away at the site of his protest.

Subsequently, local Tibetans carried his charred body to his native village, Dowa Mege. Later that night, at around 10 pm, more than 40 monks from Taktsang Lhamo Kirti Monastery came to his house and performed prayers in his honor.

Kalsang had reportedly left his nomadic pastures the day before his protest and visited his native village. The next day, early in the morning, he came to Changtsa town which is approximately 3kms away to carry out his action.

Following his self-immolation, a large contingent of Chinese security personnel arrived in Changtsa town and cordoned off the area. Sources from the region stated that around 200 Armed Police and Public Security officers were deployed in Goe Shoka area, where Kalsang lived, and an Armed Police truck was stationed on the mountaintop overlooking the village.

Internet services in the area have also been suspended following the self-immolation, a move regularly employed by the Chinese authorities to control information being relayed overseas.

On 28 November over a thousand local people — mainly from Goe Shoka came to pay their last respects and express solidarity with his family members. Kalsang is survived by his parents and six siblings. Described as gentle-natured and a man of few words, Kalsang never attended school.

His last words:



*MY DEAR PARENTS, MY SISTER, RELATIVE AND EVERYONE ELSE, PLEASE TAKE CARE. I AM SETTING MYSELF ON FIRE FOR THE WELFARE OF TIBET, THE LAND OF SNOWS. MAY HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA LIVE LONG! I EARNESTLY HOPE THAT THE SUN OF HAPPINESS WILL SHINE FOR TIBET.*

(Translated from Tibetan by Bhuchung D. Sonam)

91. Name: Wangdhen Khar

Age: 21

Sex: Male

Profession: Semi-nomad

Date of Self-immolation: 28 November 2012 at 07:00 PM (Local time)

Location: Tsoe Region in Kanlho, Amdo

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His Slogans:

"RETURN OF H.H THE DALAI LAMA", "RELEASE OF PANCHEN LAMA",  
FREEDOM FOR TIBET" AND "PROTECTION OF TIBET'S ENVIRONMENT"

On the evening of 28 November 2012 Wangdhen Khar set himself on fire in Tsoe region, Eastern Tibet. Wangdhen died at the scene of his protest. He was 21-years-old.

According to sources, Wangdhen raised slogans calling for the return of His Holiness the DalaiLama to Tibet, the release of the Panchen Lama, freedom for Tibet, and the protection of Tibet's environment. Following his self-immolation protest, monks and local Tibetans reportedly gathered at his home in Yarki Sokdhi village — about 20 kms from Tsoe — to offer prayers and pay their respects.

He is survived by his father, Tsering Thar, mother, Kunsang Dolma, a elder brother, Jampa, and younger brother, Sangay Dhondup.

92. Name: Tsering Namgyal

Age: 31

Sex: Male

Profession: Farmer

Date of Self-immolation: 29 November 2012

Location: Near the local government office in Luchu, Eastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

Slogans: Not reported





Tsering Narngyai, a father of two from Zamtso Lotso Dewa Region of Luchu, self-immolated on 29 November 2012 by setting himself on fire near the local Chinese government office. Tsering passed away in his fiery protest. Tsering Namgyal is survived by his wife, Choekyong Tso, their two children, Dorjee Kyi (7), and Kalsang Dolma (3), and his parents

93. Name: Kunchok Kyab

Age: 29

Sex: Male

Profession: Nomad

Date of Self-immolation: 30 November 2012

Location: Shagdom in Ngaba County, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

Slogans: Not reported



Kunchok Kyab carried out his self-immolation on 30 November 2012 near a gas station in the Shagdom region of Dzoge in Ngaba. Chinese security forces immediately whisked him away. The following day, the Chinese authorities returned his ashes to his family who therefore presumed that he had died. Monks and laymen then gathered to offer prayers and respect to Kunchok Kyab defying the ban on such rituals by the Chinese authorities.

According to sources, a group of young Tibetans who followed the Chinese police vehicles removing Kunchok subsequently went missing.



Kunchok Kyab had two children, a nine-year-old and a six-year-old.

94. Name: Sungdue Kyab

Age: 17

Sex: Male

Profession: Farmer

Date of Self-immolation: 2 December 2012 at 03:40 PM (Local time)

Location: Bora, Labrang, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Unknown and is believed to be at Kanlho People's Hospital



Slogans: Not reported

A young father of one, Sungdue Kyab, self-immolated on the main road near Bora Monastery. Sources reported that Chinese police who arrived at the site within minutes took him to Kanlho People's Hospital. He has not been seen since and his family and friends were barred from visiting him. His current wellbeing and definite whereabouts remain uncertain.



95. Name: Lobsang Gendun

Age: 29

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk

Date of Self-immolation: 3 December 2012  
at 07:00PM (Local time)

Location: Golog Pema County, Golog, Eastern  
Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

Slogans: Not reported



Monk Lobsang Gedun set himself on fire at a crossroads in Pema County, then walked 300 steps with hands folded in a gesture of prayer before he collapsed and died. Chinese security police and Public Security Bureau (PSB) officers immediately arrived at the scene and attempted to take his body away — triggering a tussle when local Tibetans tried and managed to wrestle his body from them and take it to Penak Monastery. Lobsang is originally from Penak Monastery in Pema County which sources report was then put under strict surveillance following his action.

Several hundred Chinese police and armed PSB personnel sectioned off Pema County Centre and imposed stringent restrictions on the movements of locals.

96. Name: Pema Dorjee

Age: 23

Sex: Male

Profession: Farmer

Date of Self-immolation: 8 December 2012 at 04:30 PM (Local time)

Location: Near the main prayer hall of Shitsang Monastery in Luchu, Eastern Tibet  
Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His Slogans:

"RETURN HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA", "TIBET'S INDEPENDENCE",  
"UNITY OF TIBETANS" AND "THE LAND OF TIBET TO BE RULED BY  
TIBETANS".

Marking the death anniversary of the founder of the school of Tibetan Buddhism Gelugpa, Je Tsongkhapa, Pema Dorjee set himself on fire in front of the main assembly hall of Shitsang Monastery in Luchu. The anniversary, Gaden Ngamchoe, is commemorated by offering butter lamps in monasteries, temples, stupas and in private homes. A large number of Tibetans, who were at the monastery to celebrate the festival, therefore witnessed the self-immolation protest by Pema Dorjee. He raised slogans calling for the return of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Independence of Tibet, Unity of Tibetans and the land of Tibet to be ruled by Tibetans. The assembly witnessed Pema succumbing to his injuries at the protest site. Heavy restrictions have been placed around the monastery.

Pema Dorjee is a native of Chokhor village in Shitsang region of Luchu. His village is located at around a distance of 30 kms from Shitsang Monastery.



97. Name: Kunchok Phelgye

Age: 24

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk

Date of Self-immolation: 8 December 2012 at  
05:20 PM (Local time)

Location: Outside the main prayer hall of  
Taktsang Lhamo Kirti Monastery, Amdo,  
Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased



His Slogans:

"LONG LIFE AND RETURN OF HIS  
HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA AND  
KYABJE KIRTI RINPOCHE"

Kunchok Phelgye, a 24-year-old monk from Sumdo Monastery in Dzoeg region of Eastern Tibet, passed away following his self-immolation protest. Kunchok carried out his action in front of the main assembly hall of the Taktsang Lhamo Kirti Monastery at around 5:20 pm (local time). Enveloped in flames, and with his hands joined in prayer, he raised slogans for the long life and return of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Kyabje Kirti Rinpoche, the exiled head of Ngaba's Kirti Monastery. He also raised slogans calling for the "return and reunification of Tibetans."

Monks of the monastery surrounded Kunchok Phelgye's burning body and began to recite prayers, "Losang Gyalwa Kungi Nyingje Ter..." (a prayer usually recited in Kirti Rinpoche's honour). Monks later carried Kunchok Phelgye's body to his quarters in the monastery where hundreds of monks and local Tibetans continued to visit to offer their last respects and prayers. Local Chinese personnel were placed at Taktsang Lhamo Kirti Monastery and the surrounding villages under a security blockade.

Kunchok Phelgye had nine family members. His parents are Kunchok Kyab and Dolma Tso. Originally from Sumdo Monastery, Kunchok Phelgye joined Taktsang Lhamo Kirti Monastery in 2010.



98. Name: Bhenchen Kyi

Age: 17

Sex: Female

Profession: School Girl

Date of Self-immolation: 9 December 2012

around 08:00 PM (Local time)

Location: Dokarmo Region of Tsekhog, Rebkong County, Amdo

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

#### Her Slogans:

"LONG LIFE OF HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA", "INDEPENDENCE FOR TIBET AND "MAY TIBETAN PEOPLE PREVAIL FOR TENS OF THOUSANDS OF YEARS"

On the eve of International Human Rights Day, a teenage schoolgirl, Bhenchen Kyi, set herself on fire calling for an end to China's ongoing occupation of Tibet and a long life for Tibet's spiritual leader, His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Bhenchen Kyi passed away at the site of her protest.

Subsequent to her self-immolation, local Tibetans managed to prevent her body from falling into the hands of the Chinese authorities. According to an informant in exile, "Around two thousand Tibetans gathered at the site of her protest and raised slogans calling for His Holiness the Dalai Lama's long life and reciting his long life prayers. The crowd was emotionally charged and many of them were crying." the source added.

Bhenchen Kyi was cremated around 12:15 next morning in the presence of her family members. Tibetan people from nearby started to rush to her cremation ceremony after bearing the news of her self-sacrifice. Approximately three thousand people were reportedly present at the funeral to pay their last respects. Prior to her action, Bhenchen Kyi had vowed she would self-immolate for the cause of Tibet and had further stated that she would carry out her action in a nomadic area populated by Tibetans, and not in a town Centre, so that her parents could have access to her dead body. "I don't want the Chinese authorities to take away my body," Bhenchen Kyi had reportedly said.

She is survived by her parents, Sonam Tsering and Sermo, and two siblings.

99. Name: Tsering Tashi  
Age: 22  
Sex: Male  
Status: Layperson  
Date of Self-immolation: 12 January 2013  
around 08:00PM (Local time)  
Location: Sangchu County, Amdo  
Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased



His slogans:

**"GYALWANG TENZIN GYATSO"**

Tsering Tashi dressed himself in full traditional Tibetan attire and wound his body with wire before setting himself on fire. Eyewitnesses state that Tashi shouted "Gyalwang Tenzin Gyatso" as he marched on the street engulfed in flames before he fell, succumbing to his injuries. Chinese security personnel arrived at the scene but the Tibetans managed to rescue Tashi's body after a minor scuffle and delivered it to his home in Kyi Village.

However, soon afterwards local Chinese police and Public Security Bureau officials arrived in several vehicles, enclosing the area and barring the monks of Amchok Monastery and local Tibetans from offering prayers. They ordered family members of the deceased to immediately cremate the body. Tashi's mother, Tsering Dolma, reportedly fainted and had to be rushed to hospital when she heard the orders from the Chinese authorities.

Despite the official intervention, monks and Tibetans from nearby gathered to offer prayers and pay their last respects. The officials then reportedly sent a local lama to persuade the family to comply with the orders. Tashi's family members remained firm and refused to obey the orders for an immediate cremation without performing the necessary prayers and rituals. However, when the family members foresaw an imminent threat to the security and livelihoods of the villagers, they surrendered to the officials' demands.

The head of the local Public Security Bureau office had reportedly charged Tashi's family members with having "close ties with the splittist Dalai group" and in fury banged his fist on a table.

Tsering Tashi was cremated late on the night of 13 January when most people of the village were safely asleep. The Chinese authorities allowed only a few individuals to attend the cremation.

Tsering Tashi is survived by his parents, his wife Yumtso Kyi, and two sisters. He was described by Tibetans who knew him as "good-natured and polite" with a keen passion for horses and horse-racing.



100. Name: Tsering Phuntsok  
Age: 20's  
Sex: Male  
Status: Layperson  
Date of Self-immolation: 18 January 2013  
around 03:15 PM (Local time)  
Location: Drachen village, Marthong County, Ngaba, Amdo  
Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased  
Slogans: Not reported

Tsering Phuntsok set himself on fire in front of the local Chinese Police Station in Drachen Village, Marthong County, Ngaba. He passed away at the scene of the protest. Chinese security personnel then bundled his body into a vehicle and drove it to Barkham.

He is survived by his wife and two children.

101. Name: Konchok Kyab  
Age: 23



Sex: Male

Profession: Layperson

Date of Self-immolation: 22 January 2013 around 12 noon

Location: Bora, Sangchu County, Kanlho, Amdo

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

Slogans: Not Known

Father of a new-born ten-month old infant, Konchok Kyab (also known as Konba) set fire to himself around noon on 22 January 2013 near the local Bora Monastery. Konchok passed away during his fiery protest following which Chinese security personnel whisked his body away to an undisclosed location.

According to reports from sources, a huge number of local Tibetans from the adjoining regions gathered at around 7 pm and marched to the local Chinese government office to pressure the authorities to return his body so funeral rites could be carried out. However, the authorities responded with a strict warning prohibiting anyone from visiting Konchok's home. Nevertheless, the crowd insisted that if the authorities took such a hardline stance, they would sit in front of the government office with their ritual instruments and perform the cremation right there and then. In the meantime, a large contingent of armed forces was deployed in the Sangchu and Bora region.

Konchok, who was from Gyara village in Bogtsa district of Bora Township, is survived by his wife, Kharmo Thar, and their newborn son.



102. Name: Lobsang Namgyal

Age: 37

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk of Kirti Monastery

Date of Self-immolation: 3 February 2013 around 06:00 AM (Local time)

Location: Outside the County Public Security Bureau headquarters in Ngaba, Amdo

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His Slogans:

### LONG LIFE OF HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA

According to the exile-based Kirti Monastery in Dharamshala, India, Lobsang Namgyal set himself ablaze near the local police building in Dzoge at around 6 am. Engulfed in flames, Lobsang shouted slogans for the long life of His Holiness the Dalai Lama as he ran towards the PSB headquarters. He passed away at the scene of his protest.



Chinese security personnel removed his body from the protest site and carried out his cremation without informing his family members, only handing back his ashes. Lobsang Namgyal's identity was confirmed after Chinese police found his ID card and a letter inside a bag near the protest site. The contents of the letter are unknown.

In September 2012, Lobsang Namgyal had gone missing for two weeks. A search by his family and friends later revealed that Chinese security personnel had detained him for no reasons. Upon release, due to constant harassment by local officials, he was compelled to live with his relatives.

Before carrying out his self-immolation protest, Lobsang Namgyal reportedly visited Kirti Monastery to offer prayers.

Following his self-immolation, Lobsang's relatives have also been subjected to scrutiny and surveillance. His younger brother, monk Lobsang Sangay, was also detained for a few days following the protest.

Lobsang Namgyal is survived by his father, Karkho, and mother, Kar Kyi, and eight brothers and sisters.

Lobsang Namgyal was known as an exceptional student at Kirti Monastery who had been tipped to study for the highest qualification in Tibetan Buddhism, a Geshe (doctorate) degree. "He was regarded as a model for a new generation of students at Kirti," added monastery sources.

103. Name: Drugpa Khar

Age: 26

Sex: Male

Profession: Layperson

Date of Self-immolation: 13 February 2013  
around 01:00 PM

Location: Amchok town in Sangchu County in  
Kanlho, Amdo

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased  
Slogans: Not reported

On 13 February 2013, falling on the third day of Tibetan New Year and the centenary of the Declaration of Tibet's Independence by H.H the 13<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama in 1913, Drugpa Khar doused himself in gasoline and set himself on fire in Amchok Township in Sangchu County in Kanlho. He passed away from his actions.



Drugpa Khar was the father of three aged between one and six years old. He was born at Lushu Kyi village in Tsoe, Kanlho.

104. Name: Namlha Tsering

Age: 49

Sex: Male

Status: Layperson

Date of Self-immolation: 17 February 2013 at 05:40 PM (Local time)

Location: Labrang, Amdo

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

Slogans: Not reported

On 17 February 2013, 49-year-old Namlha Tsering also known as Hoba — set himself on fire in the main street of Labrang, Gansu (the Tibetan area of Amdo). Images received from Tibet depict a man sitting cross-legged in the middle of the street as towering flames rage while vehicles and cars pass by. Chinese police and paramilitary personnel immediately arrived at the scene, doused the flames and bundled his charred body away.

A resident of Gengya Township cites that Namlha Tsering - although alive at the time of his removal — was "severely burned". Security forces stated that he had died.



Later photos show Chinese security personnel surrounding the area where his body had lain, ashes clearly visible on the ground.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uHCavkKRlg0>

## **TWIN SELF-IMMOLATION**

105. Name: Rinchen

Age: 17

Sex: Male

Status: Layperson

Date of Self-immolation: 19 February 2013 around 09:30 PM (Local time)

Location: Dzoge Township, Ngaba County, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

Slogans: Not reported

106. Name: Sonam Dhargye

Age: 18

Sex: Male

Status: Layperson

Date of Self-immolation: 19 February 2013  
around 09:30 PM (Local time)

Location: Dzoge Township, Ngaba County,  
Amdo, Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

Slogans: Not reported



Teenagers Rinchen (17) and Sonam Dhargye (18) set themselves on fire in a dual protest on 19 February 2013 in Ngaba County at around 9:30 pm (local time). Both succumbed to the flames. According to sources, the families were able to recover their bodies.

Rinchen and Sonam reportedly went to the same primary school in Kyangtsa Township. Rinchen had however attended another school in Wenchuan for a few years and moved to Qinghai, where he worked. At the time of his protest, Rinchen was on his Losar (Tibetan New Year) Holiday visiting his family in Kyangtsa. According to the same sources, the families were able to recover both their bodies but it was not clear if they were allowed to carry out the traditional



prayers and rituals without interference by the Chinese officials.

Rinchen's parents were Dhondup Tsering and the late Aadon. Sonam Dhargye's parents are Tsering Dhondup and Takho.

107. Name: Phagmo Dhondup

Age: Early 20's

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk

Date of Self-immolation: 24 February 2013 around 07:00 PM (Local time)

Location: Jhakhyung Monastery in Tsoshar, Amdo, Northeastern

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His Slogans:

TIBET IS INDEPENDENT. 'FREEDOM IN  
TIBET' AND 'MAY HIS HOLINESS THE  
DALAI LAMA LIVE FOR THOUSANDS OF  
YEARS"

On 24 February 2013, when hundreds of Tibetans were gathered at the Jhakhyung Monastery for a traditional prayer ceremony and offerings of butter lamps, Phagmo Dhondup set himself on fire.

More than two months after his self-sacrifice, reports detailing the event surrounding his protest emerged. According to the source, Phagmo Dhondup went to a restaurant with a friend before his self-immolation protest and left a message calling for Tibet's independence and freedom.



According to eyewitness accounts, at around 7pm that day Phagmo Dhondup bought two bottles of kerosene and some colored papers. He then drank a bottle and a half of the kerosene and burnt the paper while raising slogans, "Tibet is Independent", "Freedom in Tibet" and "May His Holiness the Dalai Lama live for thousands of years."

Later when Phagmo Dhondup reached the ancient Jhakhyung Monastery in Palung region of Tshoshar, Eastern Tibet, he doused himself with the remaining kerosene and set himself on fire. Monks at the monastery rushed him to a nearby hospital. After undergoing treatment at a hospital in Siling for over a month, Phagmo Dhondup succumbed to his injuries and passed away. The date of his demise is not confirmed.



Phagmo Dhondup was a native of Tsaphuk town in Palung region. He is survived by his father, Shawo, and a sibling.

In a conversation with a friend just minutes prior to his protest, Phagmo Dhondup reportedly said, "Till now, over a hundred Tibetans in Tibet have set themselves on fire for freedom. They are the true martyrs of Tibet. If Tibet does not get its freedom and independence, China will annihilate Tibetan culture and tradition."

"This year, Chinese authorities have restricted studying Tibetan language in our Tibetan areas in Bayen and all teachers have been expelled from the region. I am really sad now. Today on the night of the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the Tibetan New Year, I will set myself on fire in front of the debating grounds at the Jhakhyung Monastery. Today is Tibetan Independence Day."

108. Name: Sangdag

Age: Not known

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk

Date of Self-immolation: 25 February 2013 around 10:00 AM (Local time)

Location: South of Ngaba, Amdo

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Unknown

Slogans: Not reported

On 25 February 2013, a monk from Diphu Monastery called Sangdag set fire to himself around 10:00am on a road to the south of Ngaba township. Soon after Sangdag's protest, Chinese security personnel arrived at the scene and doused the flames and then removed him to a hospital in Ngaba. However, shortly afterwards the Chinese police transported him to another unidentified location.

Sangdag is from Dowa village in Drotsig Township, Ngaba County in Amdo, Northeastern Tibet.

109. Name: Tsesung Kyab

Age: 27

Sex: Male

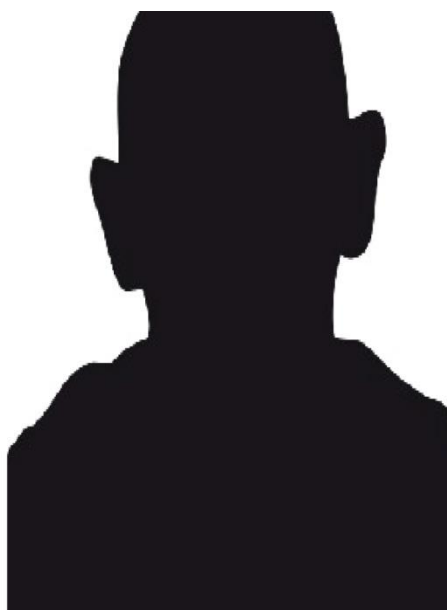
Profession: Monk

Date of Self-immolation: 25 February 2013  
around 01:30 PM (Local time)

Location: Shitsang Gonsar Monastery, Luchu  
County, Amdo

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

Slogans: Not Known



On the same day, another monk, Tsesung Kyab, set fire to himself in front of the main temple of Shitsang Gonsar Monastery in Luchu County. Images received from Tibet show Tsesung engulfed in flames outside the monastery as pilgrims look on. At the time, many Tibetans had congregated at the monastery for a special prayer ceremony and ritual during which monks carried the Buddha's statue while circumambulating the monastery. According to sources, Tibetans struggled with Chinese security personnel who attempted to extinguish the flames and remove Tsesung's body. The bystanders were able to take his body to his home in Choekhor village for prayers and the cremation ceremony. Several hundred Chinese armed police arrived at the monastery, according to a source, and imposed restrictions in the area.

It is believed that Tsesung Kyab is a cousin of Pema Dorjee (23), who set himself on fire and died at the same location on 8 December 2012.

110.Name: Kunchok Wangmo

Age: 31

Sex: Female

Status: Layperson

Date of Self-immolation: 13 March 2013

Location: Ngaba, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

Slogans: Not reported

Kunchok Wangmo, a 31-year-old housewife from Dzoge in Ngaba County, set herself on fire around midnight on 13 March 2013 on the eve of the swearing-in ceremony for China's new President, Xi Jinping. Her body was taken away by security troops immediately after her self-immolation and her cremation was carried out without her family members being informed. Her remains were later handed over to her family. Her husband, Dolma Kyab was subsequently detained in Dzoge after he refused to comply with orders from local Chinese authorities to state that an internal family feud was the reason for Kunchok's self-immolation. The condition and whereabouts of Dolma Kyab remains unknown.

According to Beijing's state-run Global Times (19 March 2013) Ngaba officials reported that Kunchok Wangmo was "strangled to death by her husband [Dolma Kyab], who later burned





her body." Citing a media official for Ngaba Prefecture, Jiang Zuquan, the report claimed that Kunchok Wangmo was strangled "after a fight escalated between the couple over Drolma Gya's [Dolma Kyab] alcohol addiction."

According to the article, Jiang Zuquan was "certain the case was not a protest against Chinese policy in Tibetan-inhabited areas as reported by Radio Free Asia."

An article published online by China's official news agency, Xinhua claimed on March 20 that the alleged conflict between Kunchok Wangmo and Dolma Kyab occurred over his supposed "*gambling marital relations and other issues*," in addition to the claim of alcoholism previously reported. Xinhua published details of Dolma Kyab's detention, reporting that he was being held by "the Zoige County PSB on suspicion of intentional homicide, while the case underwent further investigation." (Xinhua, 20 march 2013).

111.Name:Lobsang Thokmey

Age: 28

Sex: Male

Proffesion: Monk at Kriti Monastery

Date of Self-Immolation: 16 March 2013 around 02:40 PM (Local time)

Location: Kirti Monastery,Ngaba, Amdo Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/weilbeing: Deceased

Slogan: Not reported

On 16 March 2013, fifth anniversary of the protest in Ngaba in 2008 during which PLA (People's Liberation Army) armed police fired into an unarmed crowd, monk Lobsang Thokmey set himself on fire. Lobsang was the third Kirti Monastery monk to self-immolate on the anniversary of the 2008 slaughter of unarmed Tibetans.

According to the Dharamshala based Kirti Monastery, Lobsang Thokmey doused his body with kerosene in front of his monastic quarters to the west of Kirti monastery and started running towards the east as he fell to the ground before reaching the monastery gate. By that time, a mass of monks and lay people reached the spot and rushed Lobsang to the county hospital where he shortly passed away. An eyewitness states that Lobsang was carrying the Buddhist religious flag but could not confirm if he shouted slogans during his protest. A large contingent of armed police and the military arrived at the hospital and forcibly took possession of Lobsang Thokmey's remains, which they transported to the Prefecture Headquarters at Barkham.

Lobsang Thokmey is survived by his parents, Rogtrug and Depo, and a sister and three brothers.

112.Name: Kalkyi

Age: 30

Sex: Female

Profession: Housewife

Date of Self-immolation: 24 March 2013

Location: Dzamthang, Ngaba, Amdo, Northeastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

Slogans: Not reported

A 30-year-old Tibetan mother of four set fire to herself close to Jonang Gonchen Monastery in Dzamthang, Ngaba, Amdo. According to exile sources, Kalkyi died immediately and local people swiftly took her body into the monastery for prayers to be started at around 3:30 pm before the Chinese security personnel arrived.

Kalkyi, who is survived by three sons and one daughter, all under 15 years of age, was from Barma township in Dzamthang.



113.Name: Lhamo Kyab

Age: 43

Sex: Male

Profession: Forest Guard

Date of Self-immolation: 25 March 2013

Location: Lushoe Village in Tsoe Region, Eastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

Slogans: Not reported

A Tibetan forest guard self-immolated and died on 25 March 2013 in Lushoe Village in Tsoe Region, Sangchu, Gannan Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture. Lhamo Kyab reportedly doused himself in kerosene and then jumped onto a pile of timber which he had



already set ablaze. An image received from Tibet depicts what can barely be discerned as human remains on scorched earth beside a heap of charcoal.

114. Name: Konchok Tenzin

Age: 28

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk

Date of Self-immolation: 26 March 2013 around 07:00 AM (Local time)

Location: Near Mokri Monastery in Luchu, Eastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

Slogans: Not reported

Konchok Tenzin, a monk at Mokri Monastery, self-immolated on 26 March 2013 at a road junction near his monastery. Konchok died during his protest — in opposition to China's rule over Tibet — and his body was taken back to his monastery. According to sources, he was cremated the same night for fear of his remains being confiscated by the authorities.

Following the incident, a large contingent of Beijing's security forces were deployed around the monastery and nearby villages and a strict crackdown was imposed. This is the seventh self-immolation protest in Luchu County to date, and all the protesters involved have died as a result.

Konchok Tenzin is survived by his parents — Lhakho and Lhamo Tso and six brothers and sisters. Konchok was the youngest of his siblings. He joined the monastery when he was young to study the monastic ritual texts of Tibetan Tantric Buddhism. After finishing his monastic ritual studies, he graduated studying Tibetan Buddhist philosophy and Tibetan literature, sources reported.



115. Name: Kunchok Tsomo

Age: Early 40s

Sex: Female

Profession: Unknown

Date of Self-immolation: Late March, 2013

Location: Kyegudo (Chinese: Yushu) Tibetan

Autonomous Prefecture, Qinghai province

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Unknown

Kunchok Tsomo self-immolated in late March in protest over the planned destruction of her home in Kyegudo, (Chinese: Yushu), in Qinghai, according to Radio Free Asia's Tibetan service. On April 14, 2010, a 6.9-magnitude earthquake struck the area, killing 2,698 and leaving 100,000 homeless according to the official count. Kunchok Tsomo's home was among those destroyed by the local authorities as part of the process of rebuilding Yushu as a 'new city' following the earthquake. She survived, and is under close official supervision, according to Tibetan sources. She is the third Tibetan from Kyegudo to self-immolate over land-rights issues involved in the reconstruction following the earthquake.

According to a Tibetan source, armed police arrived on the scene of Kunchok Tsomo's self-immolation quickly and extinguished the flames, and removed her to hospital. She was given urgent medical treatment and recovered, according to the same source. She is now back in her home town and under close official scrutiny. It is not known if her land was returned to her or not.

116.Name: Chugtso

Age: 20

Sex: Female

Profession: Housewife

Date of Self-immolation: 16 April 2013

Location: Dzamthang, Ngaba, Amdo

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

Slogans: Not reported



Mother of a three-year-old, Chugtso, died after setting herself on fire in protest against Chinese rule on 16 April 2013 at around 3 pm (local time) near Jonang Monastery in Dzamthang County in Ngaba, Sichuan.

Shortly after the self-immolation, bystanders rushed Chugtso's body to Jonang Monastery where the monks conducted prayer rituals for the deceased. Her body was later taken to her home in Barma Yultso village.

Local authorities then threatened to confiscate her body if her family didn't cremate her immediately that same night. Hundreds of Tibetans from the local community gathered near the family home to participate in the cremation and honor her action.





Chugtso is survived by her husband and her child as well as her parents, Tenkho and Dronkyi.

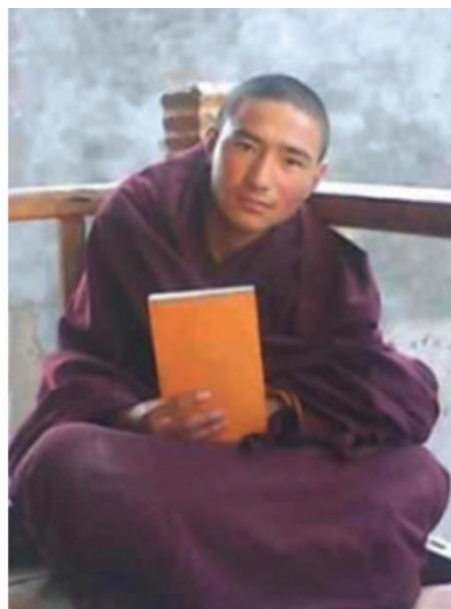
## TWIN SELF -IMMOLATION

- 117.Name: Konchok Woesser  
Age: 23  
Sex: Male  
Profession: Monk at Kirti Monastery  
Date of Self-immolation: 24 April 2013  
around 06:40 PM (Local time)  
Location: Dzoge County, Ngaba, Amdo  
Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased  
Slogans: Not reported
- 118.Name: Lobsang Dawa  
Age: 20  
Sex: Male  
Profession: Monk at Kirti Monastery  
Date of Self-immolation: 24 April 2013 around  
06:40 PM (Local time)  
Location: Dzoge County, Ngaba, Amdo  
Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased  
Slogans: Not reported

At around 6:40 pm on 24 April 2013, two monks from Taktsang Lhamo Kirti Monastery — Lobsang Dawa, 20, and Konchok Woesser, 23, — set themselves on fire within the monastery's assembly hall while shouting slogans of protest against the Beijing government and its policies in Tibet. They both died at the scene. Fellow monks took their bodies into the main prayer hall to conduct a traditional ceremony and Tibetan rituals for the dead. Local authorities ordered that their bodies be cremated the following day.

Both were known to be model students. Lobsang Dawa, who was studying philosophy, was from the Lower Zaru nomad community in Dzoge County and Kunchok Woesser — a student in the monastery's Tantric College — was from the Tsako Ruwa community in Mechu region of Dzoge.

- 119.Name: Tenzin Sherap



Age: 31  
Sex: Male  
Profession: Layperson  
Date of Self-immolation: 27 May 2013 around  
06:40 PM (Local time)  
Location: Adril, Yushu, Eastern Tibet  
Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased  
Slogans: Not reported



A 31-year-old self-immolated on 27 May 2013 in the Adril Region of Eastern Tibet protesting against China's occupation and its repressive policies in Tibet. Tenzin Sherap succumbed to his injuries at the site of his protest. Sherap's family members found out about his protest only after he passed away. According to sources, Chinese security personnel who arrived from Chumar removed his body and handed it over to his family the following day on 28 May 2013.

Few days prior to his action, Tenzin Sherap spoke to his friends about the China's evil practices saying,

"WE CAN NO LONGER BEAR TO LIVE UNDER CHINA'S CONSTANT TORTURE AND REPRESSION."

Sherap is survived by his father Dhondup and Choemey and is the eldest among five siblings.

120. Name: Wangchen Dolma

Age: 31  
Sex: Female  
Profession: Nun  
Date of Self-immolation: 11 June 2013  
Location: Near Nyatso monastery in Tawu,  
Kardze Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture,  
Sichuan province  
Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased



A Tibetan nun has died after setting fire to herself on 11 June near a monastery in Tawu, eastern Tibet, during a gathering of several thousand monks for a religious debate and teaching.

Wangchen Dolma chose to self-immolate not at her own mountain retreat, Barshab Dragkar, but near Nyatso monastery in Tawu (Chinese: Daofu) in Kardze (Chinese: Ganzi) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan (the Tibetan area of Kham) at the time of a major inter-monastic debate and teaching. More than 3,000 monks from at least 50 monasteries representing all of the Buddhist schools are attending the teachings. After the self-immolation, communications were restricted in the area and surveillance of monks at Nyatso monastery was intensified.

121. Name: Kunchok Sonam

Age: 18

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk at Sogtsang Monastery

Date of Self-immolation : 20 July 2013

Location: Dzoge, Ngaba (Chinese: Aba)

Tibetan and Qiang Autonomous Prefecture,  
Sichuan

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

An 18-year old monk called Kunchok Sonam set himself on fire on 20 July and died outside his monastery in Dzoeg, Ngaba, where the crackdown has been among the most intense in Tibetan areas. Kunchok Sonam was regarded as 'exceptional' in his studies. He had told friends that living under Chinese rule in Tibet had brought too much suffering.



A heavy troop presence has now deployed in Thangkor (Ch: Tangke) town and at the Soktsang (Tashi Thekchokling) Gelugpa monastery in Dzoeg (Chinese: Ruo'ergai) in Ngaba Tibetan and Qiang Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan (the Tibetan area of Amdo) where Kunchok Sonam was a monk. Another Tibetan monk, Tangdzin, was detained, according to one Tibetan source. Radio Free Asia reported that hundreds of Tibetans have gathered at the monastery in support of monks who prevented Chinese authorities from taking away his body.

122. Name: Shichung

Age: 41

Sex: Male

Profession: Layperson/ Farmer

Date of Self-immolation : 28 September 2013

Location: Gomang village, Ngaba (Chinese: Aba) county

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased



A Tibetan father of two set fire to himself and died on 28 September in Gomang village, Ngaba (Chinese: Aba) county, according to exile Tibetan sources. When Tibetans gathered around his body, police aimed their guns at the crowd. Village elders averted tensions by appealing to both local Tibetans and police for calm.

Forty-year old Shichung set himself on fire outside his house and ran along the road shouting in protest against the Chinese authorities before he collapsed to the ground in flames and died, according to Kirti monks in exile in Dharamsala. The monks said before he self-immolated, he lit a butter-lamp before an image of the Dalai Lama. A few days earlier, he had said, “The Chinese will never leave us in peace”, according to the same sources.

123.Name: Tsering Gyal

Age: 20

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk at Akyong Monastery

Date of Self-immolation: 11 November 2013

Location: Pema (Chinese: Baima) county in Golok Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Qinghai (the Tibetan area of Amdo)

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased



A monk, named as Tsering Gyal by various sources from the area speaking to Tibetans in exile, set fire to himself in Pema (Chinese: Baima) county in Golok Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Qinghai (the Tibetan area of Amdo). He was taken to a hospital nearby after police extinguished the flames. Tsering Gyal died on his way to the main hospital in Siling.

Before dying he told his companions on the way to the hospital:



“Today I self-immolated for reunion of Tibetans inside and outside Tibet. My only wish for you is to be united and to work for the preservation of Tibetan language and tradition.

“If we do these things, Tibetans will be reunited.”

Tsering Gyal was a monk from Akyong monastery, which follows the Jonang tradition of Tibetan Buddhism, according to the same sources, including a Tibetan who spoke to an eyewitness.

124. Name: Konchok Tsetan

Age: 30

Sex: Male

Profession: Layperson

Date of Self-immolation: 3 December 2013

Location: Meruma township in Ngaba Tibetan and Qiang Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan (the Tibetan area of Amdo)

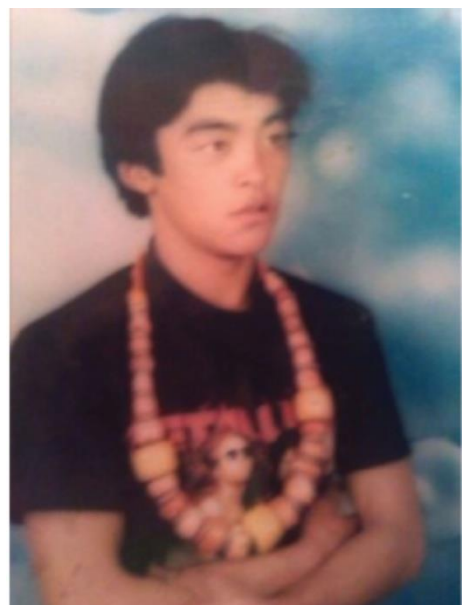
Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His Slogan:

CALLING FOR THE LONG LIFE OF THE DALAI LAMA, FOR HIS HOLINESS TO RETURN TO TIBET AND FOR TIBETANS TO BE REUNITED BOTH INSIDE TIBET AND IN EXILE.

A Tibetan father of two called Kunchok Tseten set fire to himself on 3<sup>rd</sup> December in Meruma township in Ngaba, sparking protests as local people tried to stop police taking him away after he collapsed in the road in flames. Kunchok Tseten’s wife and some relatives have disappeared and are believed to have been taken into custody, according to Tibetan exile sources.

Kunchok Tseten was heard shouting loudly as he ran down the road ablaze, calling for the long life of the Dalai Lama, for His Holiness to return to Tibet and for Tibetans to be reunited both inside Tibet and in exile. A Tibetan with contacts in the area told Radio Free Asia: “Even after he collapsed on the ground, he was seen by





local witnesses folding his hands together in prayer and uttering some words that were not audible.”

125. Name: Tsultrim Gyatso

Age: 43

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk at Amchok Monastery

Date of Self-immolation: 19 December 2013

Location: Amchok town in Sangchu (Xiahe) county Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Gansu

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His slogan:

UNITY AMONG TIBETANS AND THE  
RETURN OF THE TIBETAN SPIRITUAL  
LEADER HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI  
LAMA.

A Tibetan monk from Amchok Monastery died of self-immolation protest on December 19, 2013 calling for unity among Tibetans and the return of the Tibetan spiritual leader His Holiness the Dalai Lama. He died instantly and soon local Tibetans and monks took his charred body to his monastery.



Sources told TCHRD that over 400 monks have gathered at to recite prayers and conduct rituals at the deceased’s residence at the monastery.

In his last note, Tsultrim Gyatso wrote that the reasons for his self-immolation protest are to call for the return of His Holiness the Dalai Lama to Tibet, release the 11<sup>th</sup> Panchen Lama Gedun Choekyi Nyima, and for the welfare of the six million Tibetans.

126. Name: Phagmo Samdup

Age: 27

Sex: Male

Profession: Layperson

Date of Self-immolation: 5 February 2014

Location: Dokarmo town in Tsekhog (Chinese: Zeku) in Malho (Chinese: Huangnan)

Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Qinghai, the Tibetan area of Amdo

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

Phagmo Samdup set fire to himself at around 9:30pm in the evening. It appears that not many people were outside to witness the self-immolation. Police on patrol extinguished the fire and took Phagmo Samdup away. He was died on the site of the protest and his body had been taken to Tsekhog county town.

127.Name: Lobsang Dorjee

Age: 25

Sex: Male

Profession: Layperson

Date of Self-immolation: 13 February 2014

Location: Gyabam Tukra Village, Ngaba

(Chinese: Aba) county town

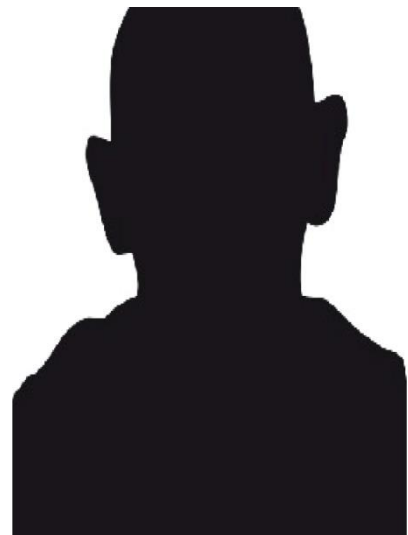
Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased



A former Kirti monk set fire to himself on 13<sup>th</sup> February on the main road near the monastery in Ngaba (Chinese: Aba) county town, after attending a monastic mask dance that morning. Twenty-five year old Lobsang Dorjee was still alive when he was taken away by police. Kirti monks in exile said: “As they were driving him away in the back of a pickup van covered with black canvas, he sat up and joined his palms, but the policemen pushed him back down. At present it is not known whether he is alive or dead, or where he has been taken.”

A week later, exile media source RFA cited that Lobsang Dorje, 25, died at a hospital on Sunday, three days after he was taken away by Chinese security forces as he set himself on fire near the monastery in the Ngaba (in Chinese, Aba) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, an exiled monk with contacts in the region said at the weekend.

Lobsang Dorje, from Chukle Gongma nomadic area in Cha Ruwa, Ngaba (Chinese: Aba) set fire to himself in the same street as Kirti monk Tapey, who was the first Tibetan in



Tibet to self-immolate five years ago this month in February 2009.

128.Name: Jigme Tenzin

Age: Late 20s

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk

Date of Self-immolation: 16 March 2014

Location: Tsekhog (Zeku) county in Qinghai province's Malho (Huangnan) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

Monk Jigme Tenzin, who was in his late twenties, self-immolated on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2014 near his monastery, Sonak Gedun Tashi Choling in Tsekhog (Zeku) county in Qinghai province's Malho (Huangnan) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture. Jigme Tenzin's self-immolation was noticed immediately by monks in the monastery, who rushed to extinguish the flames. But Jigme Tenzin died on the scene, and monks were only able to carry his body back to the monastery.

After the self-immolation, armed police and officials came to the monastery and detained a group of monks. While some were released later that day, it is not known when the rest were released or whether any monks are still in custody. Patriotic education sessions were held at the monastery, and monks movements and religious activities were restricted for around two months. Immediately after the self-immolation, internet access and mobile phone networks were cut off.



A Tibetan source who had known Jigme Tenzin for some years told ICT: "Jigme Tenzin had previously studied as a monk at Rongwo monastery in Rebkong and later returned to Sonak Gedun Tashi Choling monastery in his home area. He was a very humble person, and a vegetarian."

129.Name: Lobsang Palden

Age: 20s

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk at Kirti Monastery  
Date of Self-immolation: 16 March 2014  
Location: Ngaba (Chinese: Aba) county town  
Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

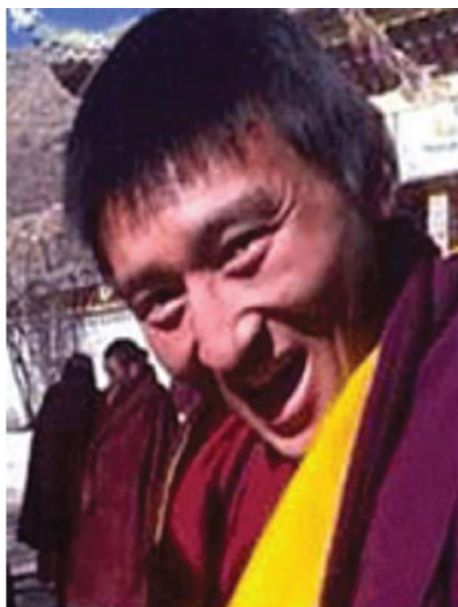
Lobsang Palden, a Buddhist monk in his 20s from Kirti monastery in Ngaba, set himself on fire on 16 March on the main street of Ngaba town. The street has been dubbed 'Heroes' street' by local Tibetans because so many have self-immolated there. Lobsang Palden was the fourth monk from the monastery to stage a protest on March 16 - the date of fatal shootings in the town - since 2011. Police extinguished the fire and took him to hospital. Security and surveillance have been tightened in Ngaba county since the protest. Lobsang Palden died on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 5 days after his self-immolation protest.

130.Name: Dolma  
Age: 31  
Sex: Female  
Profession: Nun  
Date of Self-immolation: 29 March 2014  
Location: Bathang county, Sichuan (the Tibetan area of Kham)  
Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Unknown

A Tibetan nun reported to be 31-years-old, called Dolma set fire to herself outside a monastery on 29<sup>th</sup> March, the first self-immolation in Bathang county, Sichuan (the Tibetan area of Kham).

When Tibetans who were circumambulating the Ba Choede monastery, a traditional religious practice, witnessed the self-immolation, they managed to extinguish the flames and take Dolma to hospital.

131.Name: Thinley Namgyal  
Age: 32  
Sex: Male  
Profession: Layperson  
Date of self-immolation: 15 April 2014  
Location: Kardze Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan province  
Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased



A Tibetan man burned himself to death Tuesday in Sichuan province's restive Kardze prefecture to protest Chinese rule, triggering a security alert and a clampdown on information flow, according to sources.

Thinley Namgyal, 32, self-immolated at noon in Khangsar township in Tawu (in Chinese, Daofu) county in Kardze (Ganzi) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, the sources said.



132.Name: Kunchok

Age: 42

Sex: Male

Profession: Layperson

Date of Self-immolation: 16 September 2014

Location: Golog (Chinese: Guoluo) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture in Qinghai Province

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Hospitalized in Tsangkor town in Gade (Chinese: Gande) county in the Prefecture



A 42 year-old Tibetan, Kunchok, set himself on fire outside a police station in the Golog (Chinese: Guoluo) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture in Qinghai Province on 16<sup>th</sup> September, according information received from Tibet.

Kunchok's self-immolation took place in Tsangkor town in Gade (Chinese: Gande) county in the Prefecture but Tibetans nearby managed to extinguish the flames. Kunchok was rushed to hospital, and was deeply distressed that he had survived, according to Tibetan sources. Although the self-immolation happened on 16<sup>th</sup> September news only reached Tibetans in exile on 5<sup>th</sup> October due to heavy restrictions on information and tightened security in the area.

133.Name: Lhamo Tashi

Age: 22

Sex: Male



Profession: Layperson

Date of Self-immolation: 17 September 2014

Location: Tsoe City, the capital of Kanlho  
(Chinese: Gannan) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture  
in Gansu Province  
(the Tibetan area of Amdo)

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased



A Tibetan student, Lhamo Tashi, set fire to himself and has died on 17<sup>th</sup> September outside a government Public Security Bureau headquarters in Tsoe City, northeastern Tibet, where he was studying. After setting himself on fire at around midnight, Lhamo Tashi, 22, was taken away by police in Tsoe City, the capital of Kanlho (Chinese: Gannan) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture in Gansu Province (the Tibetan area of Amdo).

134. Name: Sangye Khar

Age: 33

Sex: Male

Profession: Layperson

Date of Self-immolation: 16 December 2014

Location: Amchok town in Sangchu (Xiahe) county Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture,  
Gansu

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

A 34-year-old, Sangye Khar carried out a self-immolation protest in eastern Tibet. Sangyal Khar has died after setting himself on fire in front of a police station in Amchok Town in Kanlho Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture in Gansu Province. Chinese police arrived at the scene shortly after the self-immolation protest and forcibly removed his body. Sangyal Khar is the father of two daughters and was from Khyungri Thang Village.



135. Name: Tsepey

Age: 19

Sex: Female

Profession: Housewife

Date of Self-immolation: 22 December 2014  
Location: Center of a town in Ngaba (Chinese: Aba), the Tibetan area of Amdo  
Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased



She was identified by exile sources as Tsepey, the fourth of six children from a family in Meruma township, and the same sources say that she died on the scene.

Tsepey was described by Tibetans who knew her as “well-behaved, honest and gentle”, according to Kirti monks in exile in Dharamsala. She had not received a formal education but grew up working as a herder with her parents. According to the same sources, her 60-year-old father and 50-year-old mother have reportedly been taken away by police, but it is not clear whether they have been detained.

136.Name: Kalsang Yeshi  
Age: 38  
Sex: Male  
Profession: Monk at Tawu Nyatso Monastery  
Date of Self-immolation: 23 December 2014  
Location: Tawu, Kardze, Kham  
Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

A Tibetan monk known for his work teaching others about Buddhism set fire to himself and died today in Tawu, the Tibetan area of Kham, according to reports from Tibetans in exile. According to the same sources, Kalsang Yeshi self-immolated near a police station that had been established recently by his monastery, Nyitso, where repression of monks and local people has been particularly intense in recent years.

137.Name: Norchuk  
Age: 40  
Sex: Female  
Profession: Housewife  
Date of Self-immolation: 5 March 2015  
Location: Tsotsik village in Ngaba (Chinese: Aba), the Tibetan area of Amdo  
Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

A 40-year old Tibetan woman set herself on fire and died in a village in Ngaba (Chinese: Aba) on the night



of 5<sup>th</sup> March, in the first self-immolation in Tibet in the year 2015.

Norchuk was from Dowa village in the Tsotsik area of Ngaba (Chinese: Aba) county, Ngaba Tibetan and Qiang Autonomous Prefecture in Sichuan (in the Tibetan area of Amdo). Unusually, her body was not taken by the authorities but local people cremated her remains the next morning in order to pay their respects.



138.Name: Yeshe Kandro

Age: 47

Sex: Female

Profession: Nun

Date of Self-immolation: 8 April 2015

Location: Kardze Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan province

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

Her Slogan:

“LET HIS HOLINESS RETURN TO TIBET”, “LONG LIVE HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA” AND “TIBET NEEDS FREEDOM.”

A 47-year-old Tibetan woman has carried out a self-immolation protest in Kardze, Eastern Tibet. Yeshe Kandro, set herself on fire on Wednesday 8 April 2015 around 9am local time. On the morning of her protest Yeshe Kandro, a nun from Ngangang Nunnery, visited Kardze Monastery before carrying out her protest in Kubumshab, near a police station in Kardze County, Sichuan Province.

During her protest, she was heard shouting slogans of "Let His Holiness Return to Tibet", "Long Live His Holiness the Dalai Lama" and "Tibet Needs Freedom". China's security personnel and police arrived at the scene of her protest and extinguished the flames and Yeshe Kandro was taken away. It is unknown whether she survived or died, although witnesses believe that she was close to death. Relatives and Tibetans in the local area have carried out a funeral ceremony for her.

According to CTA website, it is confirmed that Yeshi Kandro was died after her self-immolation.

139.Name: Neykyab

Age: 45

Sex: Male

Profession: Layperson

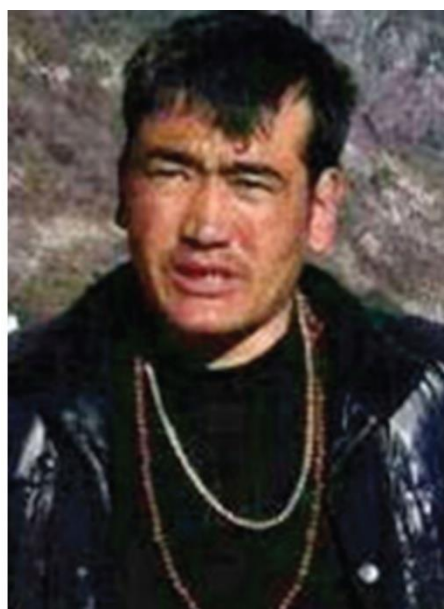
Date of Self-immolation: 16 April 2015

Location: Ngaba (Chinese: Aba) county in Sichuan

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

A Tibetan man named Neykyab, set himself ablaze in protest against the Chinese policies in Tibet on 16<sup>th</sup> April in Ngaba, Amdo. Sources said that he was the brother-in-law of another Tibetan from Ngaba, Dargye, who set fire to himself in Lhasa on May 27, 2012.

A local source from Ngaba Tibetan and Qiang Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan (the Tibetan area of Amdo) told Radio Free Asia: “He was protesting against Chinese policies in Tibet. His body was taken away by police.” Another source told RFA: “He had received [religious] recognition for his vow not to harm others in personal disputes—a vow that he took in honor of all those who have sacrificed themselves in self-immolation protests for the cause of Tibetan freedom” the source said.” (RFA report, April 16, 2015).



140.Name: Tenzin Gyatso

Age: 35

Sex: Male

Profession: Layperson

Date of Self-immolation: 20 May 2015

Location: Tawu (Chinese: Daofu) county, Kardze, Kham

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

A Tibetan man from Khangsar township in Tawu (Ch: Daofu) County in Kardze (Ch: Ganzi) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan Province, passed away





after his peaceful solo self-immolation protest to challenge the continuous and yet intensified repression in the region and Tibet at large.

As per the information by Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy (TCHRD), at around 8:00 pm on 20 May 2015, Tenzin Gyatso, 34, died after setting himself ablaze near a bridge close to a Chinese government office. Soon after his self-immolation, armed police arrived at the scene and started to beat the Tibetans who had gathered near the site and were shouting slogans, and also arrested a few of them.

On 21 May, local authorities contacted Tenzin Gyatso's family and informed them about the death of Gyatso; they also told his family to come to Dhartsedo (Kangding) town possibly for interrogation as to the cause of the self-immolation. Local Tibetans assume that the chances of the Chinese government handing over Gyatso's body to his family members are dim, as earlier when Wangchen Dolma, a nun from the same area self-immolated, the Chinese government and police secretly cremated her in an electric machine without handing over her body to the family or even informing them.

Tenzin Gyatso was married to Sonam Dolma. The couple has four children, namely Topden, Thupten, Tsering Tsomo and Tsewang Gyatso.

The cause of Gyatso's self-immolation is that of forced 'patriotic education' campaign which was carried out in every family by local Chinese government when the Tibetans in the area were planning to hold a grand celebration of the Dalai Lama's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Local Tibetans were subjected to intense pressure and given ultimatums to follow official orders or face consequences.



141.Name: Sangye Tso

Age:36

Sex: Female

Profession: Layperson

Date of Self-immolation: 27 May 2015

Location: Tashi Choekhorling Monastery, Kanlho (Chinese: Gannan) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture) in Gansu Province

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

Sangye Tso set fire to herself and died on 27<sup>th</sup> May in a township in Chone (Chinese: Zhuoni) county, Kanlho (Chinese: Gannan) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture) in Gansu Province, according to Tibetan sources. The location she chose to self-immolate was significant – outside a government building near the monastery of Tashi Choekhorling in Dorkok township. A Tibetan exile source in contact with Tibetans in the area said: “The specific location was the Party and government offices, including the local police station, symbolic to locals of policies of injustice against Tibetans, as well as the main offices to enforce the crackdown against police protest in 2008.”



142.Name: Sonam Topgyal

Age: Late 20s

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk

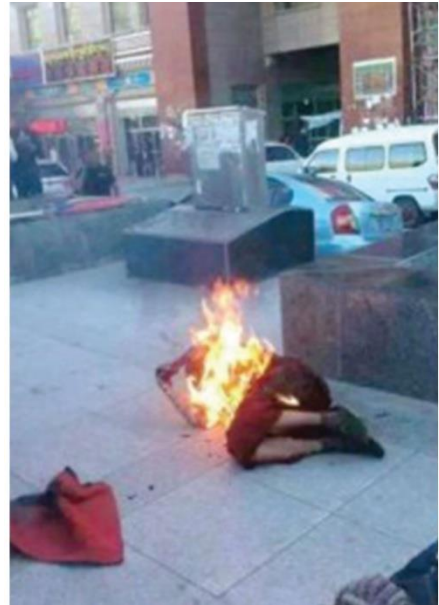
Date of Self-immolation: 9 July 2015

Location: Kyegudo (Chinese: Yushu) Tibetan

Autonomous Prefecture, Qinghai province

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Unknown

A Tibetan monk in his late twenties, Sonam Topgyal, set fire to himself in the main square of Kyegudo (Yushu) on 9<sup>th</sup> July, in an atmosphere of heightened security imposed around the period of the Dalai Lama's 80th birthday on 6<sup>th</sup> July. According Tibetan exile sources, Sonam Topgyal was taken away by armed police while still alive and is believed to be in hospital, although his whereabouts and welfare is not known.



143.Name: Tashi Kyi

Age: 55

Sex: Female

Profession: Layperson

Date of Self-immolation: 27 August 2015

Location: Sangkok township, Sangchu (Chinese:

Xiahe) in Kanlho (Chinese: Gannan) Tibetan

Autonomous Prefecture, Gansu Province

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased



Tibetan mother of four in her mid-fifties set herself on fire on 27<sup>th</sup> August and died, apparently as a protest against China's policies of relocation and demolition of housing. Tashi Kyi, described as a "generous Buddhist" who was "devoted to her family", was a relative of a prominent monk who escaped into exile after a bold protest in 2008.

Although local Tibetans attempted to save her life by extinguishing the blaze, Tashi Kyi died hours after setting herself on fire in her housing compound, a nomad settlement site in Sangkok township, Sangchu (Chinese: Xiahe) in Kanlho (Chinese: Gannan) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Gansu Province. Her body was taken away by the authorities.

144.Name: Shurmo

Age:26

Sex: Male

Profession: Unknown

Date of Self-immolation: 17 September 2015

Location: Shagchukha village, Nagchu

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased



According to the Central Tibetan Administration, a young man named Shurmo self-immolated near a bus station in his native Shagchukha village around 1 pm on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Authorities arrested him and took him to a hospital, where he died later that day. As part of China's policy of punishing the family members of self-immolators, police also arrested three of Shurmo's relatives. It is unknown whether they are still in detention or have been sentenced or released.

This information on Shurmo's self-immolation surfaced after five years. According to the CTA, several Tibetan eyewitnesses saw Shurmo's self-immolation. However, because of China's information suppression and restriction of free speech, the news about Shurmo did not reach the wider world for more than five years.

145.Name: Kalsang Wangdu

Age: 18

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk

Date of Self-immolation: 29 February 2016

Location: Nyarong County in Kardze (Chinese: Ganzi)

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased



His Slogan:

TIBET'S COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE

18-year-old Kalsang Wangdu died shortly after staging his protest on 29 February near his monastery in Nyarong County, Kardze, eastern Tibet.



After starting the fire, he called out for “Tibet’s complete independence” as passers-by doused him with water in an attempt to save him. He died in transit to a hospital in Chengdu.

146.Name: Sonam Tso

Age 50s

Sex: Female

Profession: Layperson

Date of Self-immolation: 23 March 2016

Location: Dzoge (Chinese: Ruo’ergai) county in the Ngaba (Aba) Tibetan and Qiang Autonomous Prefecture

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

A Tibetan mother of five has burned herself to death in Dzoge, Ngaba in a challenge to Beijing’s rule in the second such protest in a Tibetan area of China this year, a source in the region told RFA’s Tibetan Service.

Sonam Tso, believed to have been in her 50s, self-immolated on 23<sup>rd</sup> March near a monastery in Dzoerge (in Chinese, Ruo’ergai) county in the Ngaba (Aba) Tibetan and Qiang Autonomous Prefecture, RFA’s source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.



147.Name: Tashi Rabten

Age: 30s

Sex: Male

Profession: Layperson

Date of Self-immolation: 8 December 2016

Location: Machu (Chinese: Maqu) in Gansu, the Tibetan area of Amdo

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

His Slogan:

## RETURN OF H.H THE DALAI LAMA TO TIBET

A Tibetan man, named Tashi Rabten, was heard calling for the Dalai Lama to return to Tibet as he set fire to himself on 8<sup>th</sup> December and died in Machu (Chinese: Maqu) in Gansu, the Tibetan area of Amdo. Video and images depicted a body engulfed in flames with a young boy looking on, and a woman standing nearby reciting prayers. A second video circulating on social media shows police arriving to take away the body.



148.Name: Pema Gyaltsen



Age: 24

Sex: Male

Profession: Layperson/ Farmer

Date of Self-immolation: 18 March 2017

Location: Nyagrang, Kham

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Unknown

According to VOA Tibetan Pema Gyaltsen, the young man who carried out a self-immolation protest in Kham Nyarong on 18<sup>th</sup> March and whose condition was unclear after he was taken away by Chinese security, is still alive today. He is believed to be in a hospital, within the provincial capital city of Chengdu.

149.Name: Wangchuk Tsetan

Age: 30

Sex: Male

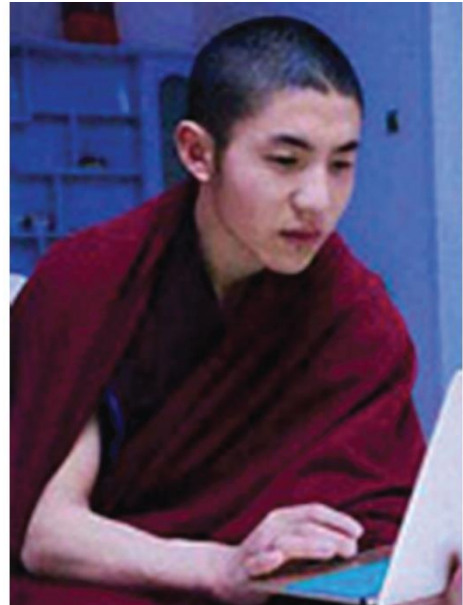
Profession: Monk

Date of Self-immolation: 15 April 2017

Location: Kardze (Chinese: Ganzi) in eastern Tibet

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Unknown, believed unlikely to have survived

Footage has emerged of a self-immolation on 15<sup>th</sup> April of a Tibetan man, father of three Wangchuk Tseten. Wangchuk Tseten was from Kardze Prefecture. A video circulating online shows police spraying fire extinguishers on a blackened, smoky body lying on the ground. It is not known if Wangchuk Tseten is still alive, although it is believed to be unlikely.



150.Name: Chagdor Kyab

Age: 16

Sex: Male

Profession: Student

Date of Self-immolation: 2 May 2017

Location: Bora (Chinese: Bola) in Gansu, the Tibetan area of Amdo

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Unknown

His Slogans:

“TIBET WANTS FREEDOM” AND “LET HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA COME BACK TO TIBET.”

Reports have emerged of a self-immolation on 2<sup>nd</sup> May of a Tibetan teenager, a student named Chagdor Kyab. Sources from the region told Radio Free Asia that after setting himself on fire near Bora monastery, Chagdor Kyab shouted “Tibet wants freedom” and “Let His Holiness the Dalai Lama come back to Tibet” while he burned. It is not known if he is still alive.



151.Name: Jamyang Losel

Age: 22

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk

Date of Self-immolation: 19 May 2017

Location: Chentsa (Chinese: Jianzha) in Malho (Chinese: Huangnan) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture in Qinghai

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased



Jamyang Losel, a young Tibetan monk in Qinghai, set fire to himself and died on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Jamyang Losel, 22, set fire to himself near the county hospital in Chentsa (Chinese: Jianzha) in Malho (Chinese: Huangnan) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture in Qinghai, according to Tibetan sources. He was immediately taken to a hospital in Xining, the provincial capital, but died there, and his body was not returned to his family, according to reports circulating on social media.

152.Name: Tenga

Age: 63

Sex: Male

Profession: Monk

Date of Self-immolation: 26 November 2017

Location: Kardze (Chinese: Ganzi), the eastern Tibetan area of Kham

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased



His Slogans:

**FREEDOM FOR TIBET**

A popular Tibetan monk, Tenga, who had worked as a voluntary teacher set fire to himself and died in Kardze (Chinese: Ganzi), the eastern Tibetan area of Kham, on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> November. He reportedly called for freedom for Tibet as he was burning, according to Tibetan sources.

According to Tibetan sources, armed police arrived quickly and took Tenga's body away. There has been an immediate lockdown in the area, with internet communications blocked, according to the same sources.

153.Name: Kunbey

Age: 30s

Sex: Male

Profession: Former Monk

Date of Self-immolation: 23  
December 2017

Location: Ngaba (Chinese: Aba),  
Amdo

Current

whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased



A young Tibetan man called Kunbey set fire to himself on 23 December 2017 and died in Ngaba (Chinese: Aba), close to the site of the first self-immolation in Tibet eight years ago. Kunbey, who was aged around 30, was taken away immediately by police. By the morning of 24<sup>th</sup> December he had died, according to two monks from Kirti monastery in exile in Dharamsala, India.

154.Name: Tsekho Tugchak

Age: 44

Sex: Male

Profession: Layperson

Date of Self-immolation: 7 March 2018

Location: Meruma Township, Ngaba (Chinese: Aba), Amdo

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

A Tibetan man, Tsekho Tugchak (44), set fire to himself and died on 7<sup>th</sup> March in Ngaba (Chinese: Aba), eastern Tibet, the first self-immolation in Tibet of 2018. Graphic images circulated online of Tsekho Tugchak's blackened body, lying on the ground, his arms outstretched. He was from a nomadic village in Meruma township in Ngaba Tibetan and Qiang Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan, the Tibetan area of Amdo.



155.Name: Dorbe

Age: 23

Sex: Male

Profession: Layperson

Date of Self-immolation: 4November 2018

Location: Ngaba (Chinese: Aba), Amdo

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased



His Slogans:

“MAY THE DALAI LAMA LOVE LONG! MAY WE SOON BEHOLD HIS GOLDEN COUNTENANCE!”

A young Tibetan man named Dorbe set himself on fire on 4<sup>th</sup> November in Ngaba (Chinese: Aba), Amdo, saying “May the Dalai Lama live long! May we soon behold his golden countenance!” before he died.

According to Kanyag Tsering and Lobsang Yeshe, two Kirti monks in exile in India who passed on the news of the self-immolation, Dorbe was 23 and from Jakorma (Chinese: Xiakunma) village in the pastoral Choejema (Chinese: Qiujima) township of Ngaba county in present-day Ngaba (Chinese: Aba) Tibetan and Qiang Autonomous Prefecture in Sichuan province.

156.Name: Drugkho

Age: Unknown

Sex: Male

Profession: Layperson

Date of Self-immolation: 8 December 2018

Location: Ngaba (Chinese: Aba), Amdo

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Unknown

Drugkho set fire to himself in Ngaba (Chinese: Aba) in the Tibetan area of Amdo on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018. News of the self-immolation circulated in Tibetan-language media but was difficult to immediately confirm because the Chinese government imposed an information blackout in the area and punishes Tibetans who discuss such incidents with outsiders. It is not clear if Drugkho is still alive.



157.Name: Yonten

Age: 24

Sex: Male

Profession: Layperson

Date of Self-immolation: 26 November 2019

Location: Ngaba (Chinese: Aba), Amdo

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

A young Tibetan former monk from Kirti monastery set himself on fire on 26<sup>th</sup> November, and died in Ngaba (Chinese: Aba),



Qiang Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan, in the Tibetan area of Amdo. It was the first known self-immolation by a Tibetan in 2019. According to two Kirti monks living in exile, Kanyag Tsering and Lobsang Yeshe, Yonten joined Kirti monastery when he was very young and later returned to lay life and worked as a pastoralist.