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the international stage. Due to ongoing efforts, the so-called Chinese communist government has been attempting to exert pressure and create disorder even within free exile communities through both direct and indirect means. Last year, the mysterious death of the respected Tibetan Buddhist leader Tulku Hungkar Dorjee in Vietnam, where Rinpoche's body was denied religious funeral rites and an independent autopsy, scarred the hearts of families and faithful followers and devotees of Rinpoche. The incident, reportedly influenced by the so-called Chinese government, highlights the extent of transnational repression faced by Tibetans.

Similarly, in Kham Zachukha village, Tibet, illegal gold extraction has been carried out without the villager's consent. Approximately 80 Tibetans were arbitrarily arrested and imprisoned, with 7 individuals having disappeared without a trace. Local Residents have been subjected to coercive authority, intimidation, torture, and strict orders forbidding them from speaking out publicly. The same situation prevails across Tibet, wherever precious mineral resources are being extracted.

On 8 December, 2025, the Chinese Communist Party appointed a phoney Panchen Lama, Gyaltsen Norbu, to declare that the religious reincarnation institution of the Dalai Lama must conform to Chinese law and must receive the backing and approval of the Beijing government. Attempts have been made to exploit Gyaltsen Norbu in this manner to interfere in Tibet's religious matters. However, Tibetans all across the world, together with devoted followers and Buddhists around the world, reaffirm in accordance with the directive of His Holiness the great 14th Dalai Lama that the sole authority over the recognition of the future reincarnation of His Holiness the great 14th Dalai Lama rests solely with the Gaden Phodrang Trust, we reiterate that the Chinese government has absolutely no rights or jurisdiction to interfere in matters related to the reincarnation of the future successor of the Dalai Lama.

In particular, on 1 February 1, 2026, at the 68th Grammy Awards, one of the most prestigious international awards in the world, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama was presented with the award, which became a highlight in international news coverage by major global news agencies. In response, on February 2nd, the so-called Chinese Communist government foreign ministry spokesperson, Lin Jian, made baseless and false statements claiming His Holiness is not merely a religious leader but also a separatist leader, resorting to unfounded fabrication and slander. Furthermore, we strongly condemn the numerous self-serving individuals and organisations on social media platforms for spreading disinformation and defamatory narratives targeting the name of H.H The great 14th Dalai Lama.

The Chinese Communist Party continues to oppress Tibetans inside Tibet and carries out schemes against Tibetans in exile. They use both direct and indirect means. Through countless tactics that cross borders, we urgently remind all Tibetans in exile to distinguish between friends and enemies, both internally and externally. We must strive together with strength and solidarity.

With this, we offer our boundless prayers for the long life of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama. May all his wishes and intentions be fulfilled without obstacles. May all Tibetans reunite in an independent nation soon.

Free Tibet.

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