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## **TAR NEWS**

### **Lhodrak County Uses “Internet Celebrities” to Promote Party Propaganda**

June 05, 2023

The Lhodrak County of Lhoka (Ch: Shannan) on June 5 organized an event where ten “internet celebrities” participated to promote party propaganda in the County. All the ten “internet celebrities” were given the same theme “Practicing the 20<sup>th</sup> Party Congress and Striving for a new journey” and sent to different places in the county to publicize the “good life of people living in the border areas; and that the glory of the party shines on the border and the hearts of the people in the border areas are steered towards the party.” These “internet celebrities” were also instructed to publicize, propagate, and share the “determination of the border residents to listen to the party, be grateful to the party and follow the party.”

### **Patriotic Re-Education Trips Organized for Monks of Drepung Monastery**

June 08, 2023

The Monastic Management Committee of Drepung Monastery organized two ‘patriotic’ re-education trips for monks and cadres of the Monastic Management Committee of the monastery. They went in two batches, from May 18- June 01 and from May 20 to June 03, respectively. The 2-week trips are reportedly to “strengthen the three Consciousness campaign, enhance love for the Communist Party and China, enrich knowledge and broaden horizons of the monks.” The patriotic re-education trips for the two batches of Party cadres and monks were to the Qinghai, Gansu, Shanxi, Beijing, Anhui, Zhejiang, and Sichuan provinces. In these provinces, the Monastic Party Cadres and monks were taken to Qinghai Chinese Workers’ and Peasants’ Red Army West Route, Army Memorial Hall, Kumbum Monastery, PLA General Huang Zhengqing Memorial Hall, Labrang Monastery, Shanxi National Revolutionary Site, Mount Wutai, Chairman Mao’s former residences, Beijing Tiananmen Square, Great Hall of

People, Anhui Battle River Crossing Memorial Hall, Jiuhua Mountain, Zhejiang Hangzhou Liberation Monument Centre among others. These patriotic re-education trips and real-time examples of “prosperity and developments in the great motherland”, are expected to broaden the knowledge of the Monastic Cadres and monks about the Communist Party, Chinese culture and “historic changes made under the leadership of the Communist Party of China.”

### **Vice-Chairman of TAR People’s Government Inspects Monasteries in Nyingtri**

June 10, 2023

On June 6, Lobsang Tenzin, Vice-Chairman of TAR People’s Government went to Pome (Ch: Bome) County of Nyingtri (Ch: Linzhi) and inspected monasteries and convened meetings with Monastic monks and nuns. He was accompanied by Dawa, Standing Member of the Nyingtri Municipal Party Committee and Head of the Nyingtri United Front Work Department (UFWD), Yang Li, Deputy Secretary of Pome County Party Committee and County Magistrate, and Tsering Dhargyal, Standing Member of the Pome County Party Committee and Head of the UFW.

On each inspection tour to monastic institutions, Lobsang Tenzin and his team of Officials examined the progress report of the ‘Three Consciousness’ education campaign, patriotic re-education, maintenance of social stability and security, establishment of “national unity”, and work reports of Monastic Management Committees and Cadres. Lobsang Tenzin stressed the need to further strengthen the ‘Three Consciousness’ campaign, that the monks and nuns must be guided to be patriotic, and that they must forge a “strong sense of national consciousness, civic consciousness and rule of law consciousness.” In addition, he said they must actively publicize and propagate that “Tibet has been an inseparable part of the great motherland since ancient times”. Lobsang Tenzin also proposed the following “Six Must Activities”:

1. We must grasp the actual life and living conditions of not just the monks and nuns but also their families and help solve their difficulties if any.
2. We must strengthen the Party leadership in religious affairs,
3. We must manage religious institutions according to the law,
4. Improve work efficiency.
5. increase publicity work and encourage monks and nuns to listen to the party, follow the party, and feel and appreciate the party’s gratitude.
6. We must promote and implement Putonghua i.e., the Chinese National Common Language

## **TAR Party Convenes Meeting to Assess Theme Education Campaign**

June 10, 2023

On June 8, TAR Party Secretary and Leader of the Theme Education Leading Group of the TAR Party Committee, Wang Junzheng convened a meeting to examine the progress work of the theme education campaign in the TAR. In his speech at the meeting, Wang Junzheng stressed the need to thoroughly implement the work deployments of the CCP Central Party Committee and the TAR Party Committee and told Party Officials to adhere to a ‘problem-oriented’, ‘goal-oriented’, ‘result-oriented’ approach to the theme education campaign and urged them to make persistent efforts and strive to achieve integration of knowledge and action. He reported that since the launch of the theme education under the “leadership of the CCP Central Committee and the guidance of the 12<sup>th</sup> Central Steering Group, the TAR Party Committee has strengthened overall planning, scientific planning, and implementation drives and that Departments of all levels in the TAR have carefully deployed, organized, and strengthened supervision to carry out the theme education in an orderly manner and achieve phased results.”

Wang Junzheng added that Departments at all levels in the TAR must thoroughly study and implement the ‘spirit’ of Xi Jinping’s “important speech” on the theme of education and treat it as a touchstone to test and firmly support the "two establishments" and resolutely achieve the "two maintenances", strengthen "four consciousness", firmly achieve “four-self-confidences”, and "two safeguards", with a high degree of political consciousness, a serious political attitude, and full of political enthusiasm. There must be the will to learn and understand, investigate, and study, inspect, and reform, and promote the work of theme education continuously to achieve (new) results.

## **TAR Party Secretary holds a meeting with the Chairman of China Datang Corporation**

July 11, 2023

The TAR Party Secretary Wang Junzheng recently met a visiting delegation from the China Datang Corporation headed by its Chairman Zou Lei. TAR Leaders, Yan Jinhai, Chen Yongqi and Dawa Tsering also attended along with Qu Bo and Peng Yong, Officials of China Datang Corporation.

Wang Junzheng welcomed Zou Lei and his delegation and expressed “his gratitude to the Datang Corporation for its long-term care and support to Tibet.” He added: “Since the 18th Party Congress, the CCP Central Committee with General Xi Jinping at the core, the Party has attached great importance to Tibet and that a blueprint for long-term stability and development has been laid.” Wang Junzheng pointed out that “at present, Tibet is thoroughly implementing General Secretary Xi Jinping's important instructions on Tibet work and the Party's strategy for governing Tibet in the new era, striving to build a new socialist modernized Tibet.” He added that as a large state-owned energy enterprise, Datang Corporation conscientiously implements the decision-making and deployment of the CCP Central Committee, serves Tibet's economic and social development, and has made positive contributions to project construction, poverty alleviation, and rural revitalization, demonstrating the political and social responsibility of central energy enterprises. Wang Junzheng further said, “Tibet is rich in resources, has obvious comparative advantages, and has great potential for energy development and that he hopes the Datang Corporation will give full play to its advantages, maximize its strengths and avoid its weaknesses, complement each other's strengths, effectively promote the deepening of cooperation between the two parties, and create a new model of central-local cooperation.”

Zou Lei said the Datang Corporation will actively fulfil the responsibilities of a central enterprise, optimize investment layout, expand cooperation areas, increase support in new energy project development, industrial development, and rural revitalization, and strive to contribute to Tibet's long-term peace and prosperity.

### **The 11<sup>th</sup> Congress of the TAR Communist Youth League Opens**

July 11, 2023

TAR Party Secretary Wang Junzheng attended and spoke at the 11<sup>th</sup> Communist Youth League of the TAR Communist Youth League on June 10 in Lhasa. In his speech, Wang Junzheng emphasised that “young people in TAR should unite more closely around the CCP Central Committee with Xi Jinping at the core, strengthen their ideals and beliefs, keep in mind the trust of the Party and the people, live up to the mission of the times, and contribute their youthful strength to the long-term stability and high-quality development of Tibet.” Yan Jinhai, Chairman of TAR People’s Government read out the “congratulatory letter from the CCP Central Communist Youth League.”



Wang Junzheng emphasized that it is necessary to strengthen ideals and beliefs and strive to be a reliable successor to the cause of socialism with Chinese characteristics. He stressed the need to cultivate revolutionary ideals, build a solid foundation of belief, improve theoretical literacy, deeply understand the decisive significance of "two establishments", deeply understand the care and concern of General Secretary Xi Jinping and the CCP Central Committee and always listen to the party's words and appreciate the party's gratitude.

### **Ngari's Tsamda County Conducts Emergency Drill for Geological Disasters**

June 11, 2023

Tsama County (Ch: Zanda) of Ngari on June 11 conducted the 2023 Emergency Drill for "Geological Disasters in Ngari Region." Sponsored by the Ngari Regional Geo-Disaster Emergency Response Headquarters and undertaken by the Regional Natural Resources Bureau and the Tsamda County People's Government, the Emergency Drill was held in Dheya Town in Tsamda Township.

After the drill, a seminar on the knowledge of geological disaster prevention and control was held. It focused on the basic knowledge of geological disaster prevention and control, meteorological services, disaster prevention and mitigation. The drill reportedly improved the rapid response, decision-making and response-ability of various departments in Tsamda county to natural disasters, and the ability of the masses to prevent and avoid disasters, and further improved the rescue and disaster relief system.

### **Tsona County of Lhoka holds a Special Meeting of the Inspection Secretaries**

June 12, 2023

On June 12, the Tsona (Ch: Cuona) County of Lhoka held a special meeting of the fourth round of the Inspection Secretaries of the 10<sup>th</sup> County Party Committee.

The meeting emphasised the importance of "good feedback, handover of inspection problems, and rectification of the Inspection Party Organization." The meeting also discussed timely follow-ups of the inspection conducted, and timely submission/transfer of cases to the County

Discipline Inspection Committee, County Organization Department, and other concerned Departments.

## **TAR Propaganda Department Propagates Chinese nationalism in Tsomei County of Lhoka**

June 15, 2023

On June 14, the TAR Propaganda Department went to Tsomey (Ch: Cuomei) county of Lhoka (Ch: Shannan) to conduct lectures on forging the ‘communal consciousness of the Chinese nation and propagate the ‘Three Consciousness’ campaign in the county. The TAR Propaganda Department conducted “lectures” on the following topics:

1. “Accurately grasping Xi Jinping’s important thoughts improving and strengthening national work”.
2. “Accurately grasping the correct connotation of the Communal Consciousness of the Chinese nation/nationalism”.
3. Importance of firmly maintaining ‘Five Identities’
4. Promoting the unity of the Chinese nation with practical actions
5. “Consolidating ideological foundation of unity and progress.”

The Propaganda Department mandated all departments in Tsomey at all levels to understand and practice, to enhance the publicity of the spirit of the 20<sup>th</sup> Party Congress, increase patriotic re-education campaigns to forge a communal sense of the Chinese nation and promote awareness about the civil, rule of law and national consciousness in the county. The TAR Propaganda Department said that the County Party Secretary and County-level leaders must take the lead to go “deep into the grassroots and frontline of the county to carry out and conduct these propaganda campaigns. Similar “lecture” series were carried out across all counties of Lhoka by the TAR Propaganda Department.

## **DEVELOPMENTS IN TIBETAN ETHNIC AREAS OUTSIDE OF TAR**

### **China pays Tibetans to receive blessings from Beijing-backed Panchen Lama**

June 07, 2023

Radio Free Asia (June 7) reported that the Chinese government is paying Tibetans 100 yuan (about US\$14) each to attend visits and receive blessings from Gyaltzen Norbu, the Chinese-backed Panchen Lama. Gyaltzen Norbu is Tibetan Buddhism's second-most important spiritual leader behind the Dalai Lama. The Panchen Lama's responsibilities include leading a council of high lamas to find the reincarnation of the Dalai Lama after the current one dies. The recognition of the 11th Panchen Lama by the 14th Dalai Lama in 1995 angered Chinese authorities, who three days later took the boy and his family into custody. They have since disappeared. Beijing then installed another boy, Gyaltzen Norbu, as their candidate in his place. Gyaltzen Norbu is touring parts of the Tibetan region to give his blessings. In 1995, the exiled Dalai Lama chose 6-year-old Gedhun Choekyi Nyima to be the 11th Panchen Lama, recognizing him as the reincarnation of his predecessor.

RFA quoted a Tibetan resident as saying: "The Chinese government has told the local Tibetans that anyone who attends and receives Gyaltzen Norbu's blessings will be rewarded with 100 yuan". "The Chinese government has also put in lots of effort to stage Norbu's visit in Lithang and Bathang as a very grandiose and popular event."

The resident said that Gyaltzen Norbu recently completed a tour to Gyalthang (Shangri-La, in Chinese Xianggelila), Lithang (Litang), Bathang (Batang), Markham (Mangkang) and Dhapa (Daba) County in Tibet, where he visited the Gyalthang Sumtsen monastery and Lithang monastery.

#### **EXILE TIBETAN NEWS**

### **Exile Tibetan leader calls for a united front against China**

June 9, 2023

Inaugurating a three-day conference to deliberate on "China and the Changing Global Order" on June 8, the Sikyong, or executive head, of the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) Penpa

Tsering called for the establishment of an alliance of like-minded diplomatic allies and partners in confronting the common opponent, China. Around 50 research scholars and experts on China gathered in Dharamshala for the conference.

Representatives from Taiwan, Hong Kong, Inner Mongolia, and Uyghur were stated to have “reiterated in unison the common need to forge an alliance in tackling the growing repression of China.” Agreeing with them and assuring complete cooperation, Penpa Tsering said, “We need to jointly pool together every effort and resource in the periodic assessment of the developing situation in China and its approach to global governance.”

The participants in the conference were to “discuss and deliberate on wide-ranging key issues concerning Tibetans, Uyghurs, Hong Kongers, Taiwanese and Mongolians.”

The participants have been described as “representatives of nations and ethnic groups dealing with the brunt of China’s repressive policies and programs”. They spoke on “China’s internal political dynamics vis-a-vis its evolving foreign policy.”

The Tibet Policy Institute of the CTA’s Department of Information and International Relations organised the conference.