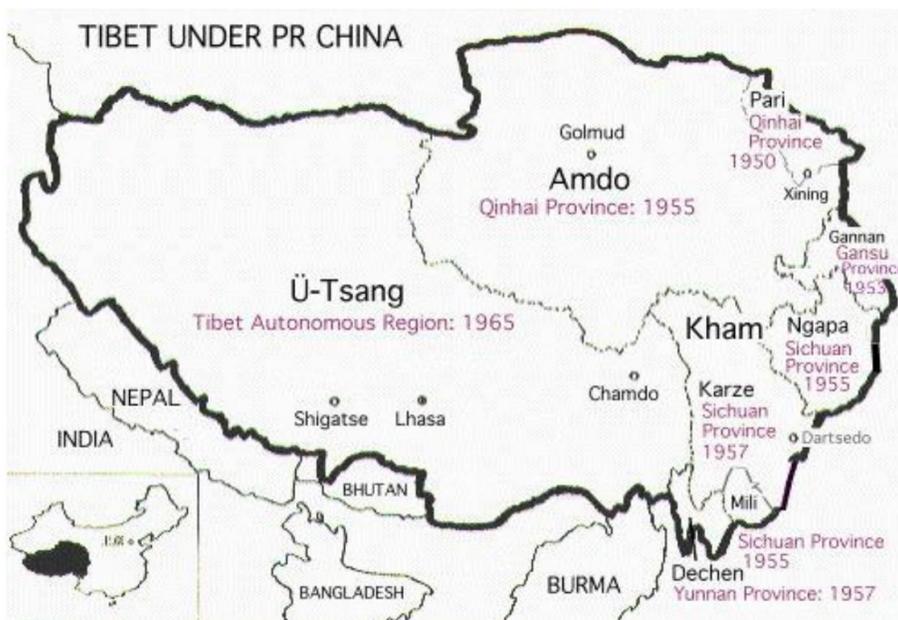
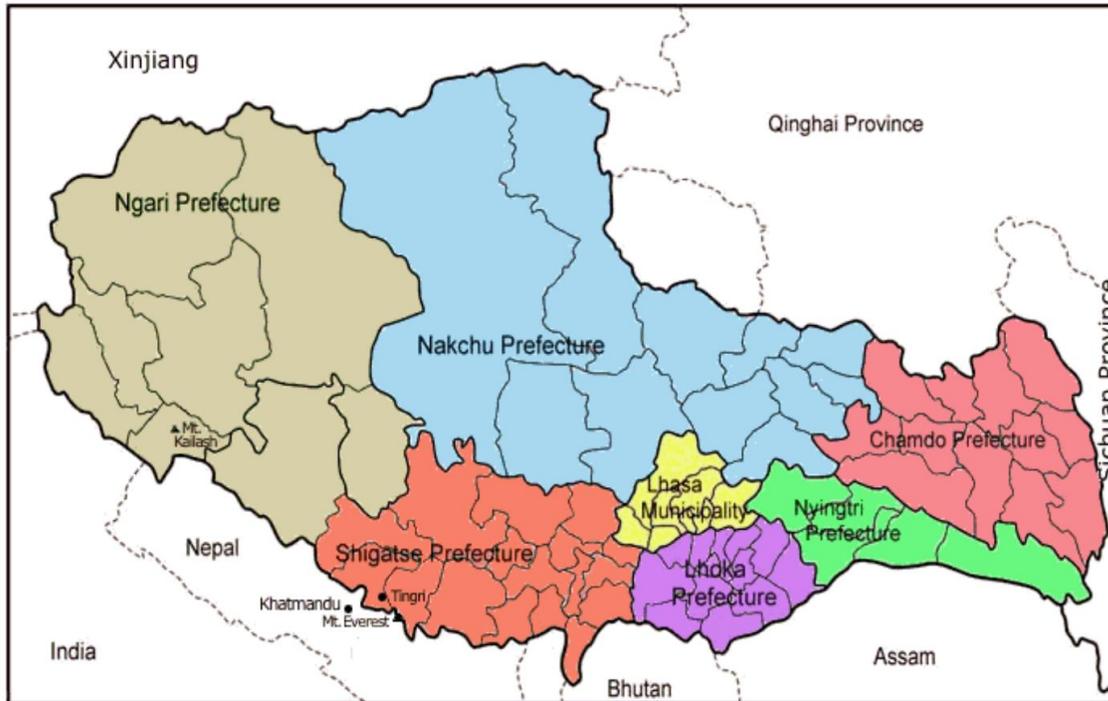


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## TAR NEWS

### **TAR People's Congress head inspects Tsuklakhang Area**

June 25, 2019

Deputy Secretary of TAR Party Committee and Chairman of the Standing Committee of TAR People's Government, Lobsang Gyaltsen inspected Tsuklakhang area of Lhasa around 20<sup>th</sup> of July reportedly to oversee 'improvement of low-income people's livelihood.' After the inspection, a symposium was held at the Dickyiling Community Centre to solicit opinions, suggestions, and hear reports. At the Symposium, Lobsang Gyaltsen reiterated that an education campaign build upon the theme "Old Heart with a mission" should be mandatory to maintain a bond between the party and people. The campaign he said should adhere to "Xi Jinping's socialism with Chinese Characteristics in the New Era."

The Chairman was accompanied by Pema Wangdue , member of the TAR Standing Committee and Party Secretary of Lhasa Municipal Party Committee.

### **Chairman and CEO of Jingdong Group mets Top TAR leader in Lhasa**

June 28, 2019

Qi Zhala, Chairman of TAR People's Government and Deputy Secretary of TAR Party Committee met a delegation led by chairman and CEO of Jingdong Group in Lhasa on June 28. The Chairman while welcoming the delegation said that Tibet has always received "special care" by Xi Jinping, CCP Central Committee and the State Council. Qi Zhala, after briefing 'social and economic' development of TAR to the delegation, said that TAR welcomes entrepreneurs, investors to Tibet to work together for stability and long-term development.

The Chairman stated that " the Chinese e-Commerce Company had attached great importance to Tibetan market by establishing a sales platform, a special warehouse logistical distribution centre in Lhasa" and that it has helped to bring Tibetan products to the market.

### **Lhasa uses facial recognition, big data analysis in new taxes**

March 05, 2019

The TAR authorities have adopted facial recognition and real-time monitor technology in 200 new taxis for the first time reportedly to ensure ‘driving security checks and passenger safety’. The new technology is a combination of biometric recognition, big data analysis and other technologies, which can accurately process the drivers' information. The company has set a management department for monitoring and recording the drivers' and driving conditions of the cars, said Cui Shaoyou, the Vice General Manager of the company.

Drivers have to scan their faces to sign up before starting the car and the system would recognize if the driver matches the car; if not, an alarm would go off. The Tibet daily also reported that the monitor would record the activities of of drivers, such as making a phone call while driving, not wearing a seat belt, driving tired or speeding. Also, passengers and drivers can press a button inside the car to make an emergency alarm when in trouble, said Cui.

### **TAR Party Head held symposium to strengthen Monastic Management**

June 28, 2019

A symposium was held in Lhasa on the 28th of June to strengthen Monastic Management across TAR. The symposium was presided over by TAR Party Secretary Wu Yingjie and attended by other TAR Officials Qi Zhala (Chedak la), Ding Yexian, Zhuang Yan, Jiang Jie, Penpa Tashi, He Wenhao, Pema Wangdui, Liu Jiang, Chen Yongqi and Danke.

The TAR Party Head stressed the necessity to “uphold basic guidelines of the CCPCC’s religious affairs and the need to promote the adaptation of religion to Socialism.” He further added, “it is imperative to win the cooperation of monks, nuns and religious believers for long term stability and development of TAR in the new era.”

The Symposium reportedly heard ‘challenges’ faced by the seven main Monastic Management Committees in Lhasa and some key Monastic Management Committees of TAR. Wu Yingjie reiterated Xi Jinping’s important ‘instructions’ for religious affairs and strengthening of Monastic Management and directed TAR officials to eliminate “the negative impact of religion by the 14th Dalai Lama”, and that religion must be treated in accordance with the law.”

**The TAR Party head went on to add the following points at the symposium:**

- Acceptance of monks and nuns towards Monastic Management has increased
- Reported ‘achievements made in the Monastic Management, thanked Party cadres stationed in the monasteries and nunneries
- to curtail “anti-separatist movements” and create innovative Monastic Management systems instead
- Safeguard ‘unification of the motherland’ and unify thoughts and actions in line with the CCPCC
- All Monastic Management cadres should implement ‘four consciousness’
- to teach monks, nuns and religious believers to learn to love and respect CCP leaders
- to eliminate the negative influence of the Dalai Lama and,
- to ask senior monks and nuns to interpret Buddhist teachings in accordance with the requirement of the ‘development and progress of Modern China.’

**Chinese Panchen Lama elected as the President of the Tibet Branch of the Chinese Buddhist Association**

June 22, 2019

According to a report, the first meeting of the 11th Council of the Tibet Branch of the Chinese Buddhist Association was held in the auditorium of the Political Consultative Conference of TAR and the Chinese appointment Panchen Lama, Gyaltzen Norbu was ‘elected’ as the President of the 11th Session of the Tibet Branch of the Chinese Buddhist Association, a position earlier held by Zhukhang Thupten Khedup and Sonam Rinzing.

Datsa Thupten Gelek and 18 others were elected Vice-Presidents of the 11th Council of the Tibet Branch of the Chinese Buddhist Association while Fan Hongbin was elected as the Secretary-General of the Branch. Phakpa Lha Gelek Namgyal was appointed as the Honorary President of the Association.

After the meeting, TAR Party Head Wu Yingjie met the elected officials and congratulated outgoing President, Zhukhang Thupten Khedup for his ‘contribution’ to the Tibet Branch of the Chinese Buddhist Association in the past five years. He directed the newly elected officials of the Tibet Branch of the Chinese Buddhist Association to “unite and lead the monks and nuns of TAR towards the Party’s decision-making arrangements, strengthen internal management, make them grasp Party’s basic principles on religious affairs, obedience to the law, inculcate trust and respect.

### **Gyaltsen Norbu, the Chinese Panchen Lama visits Tibet**

June 11- 24, 2019

On June 11th morning, Gyaltsen Norbu, a standing committee member of the CPPCC and President of the Chinese Buddhist Association landed at Gongga Airport, Lhasa. Ding Ye, the Secretary of the Party Committee of TAR and Secretary of the district Political Consultative Conference, received him. He resided at Dorjee Palace, which is his residence in Lhasa.

On the same day, he visited Jhokang Temple, where Phapalha Gelek Namgyal, President of Tibet’s Chinese Buddhist Association, received him.

On June 15th, he visited Dakyerpa monastery (Zhaba Temple). In the pictures published he was also shown meeting with very few locals.

On the birth anniversary of Buddha (June 17th), he visited Tibet Buddhist College in Qushui County where monks from all five sects of Tibetan Buddhism studies were present. He also visited several other monasteries including Dolma Lhakang. While visiting these places he highlighted how Tibetan Buddhism was flourishing under the Party’s policy.

On 18th, he went for inspection to the Yan Industrial Park, an emerging industrial sector of ethnic characteristics and handicrafts based on high energy and technology.

At Lhasa, Wu Yingjie, the Secretary of the TAR Party Committee along with TAR leaders like

Che Dalha, Zhuang Yan, Ding Yexian, and Liu Jiang met the Panchen Lama. Wu Yingjie said that the visit would help the Panchen Lama to have a deep understanding of the party's initiatives like poverty alleviation, rural revitalisation, construction of border defence village, strengthening of innovative temple management and ecological protection. He also congratulated him for becoming the new President of the Buddhist Association of Tibet Branch.

On 23rd, he set off to Tashi Lhunpo monastery in Shigatse by train. The monastery arranged a grand welcome ceremony for him.

### **Lhoka CPPCC makes the special promotion of private enterprise development**

June 20, 2019

The Lhoka (Shannan) CPPCC held a special meeting for the development and promotion of private enterprises. In the meeting, it was pointed out that the CPPCC organization should thoroughly study and understand the important expositions of General Secretary Xi Jinping on private economy, profoundly grasp the important role of the private economy, and resolutely implement the decision-making arrangements of the central and district party committees, municipal party committees, and municipal governments to encourage and support the development of the private economy.

The meeting stressed the necessity to focus on optimizing the business environment by implementing the laid policies and deepen the of distribution management. This will help to reduce the burden of corporate taxes and fees, solve the problem of financing difficulties of the private enterprises, and help in providing intellectual support for enterprises to attract more investment.

### **Lhoka State improves the quality and effect of the Cadre Training**

June 27, 2019

Lhoka (Shannan) is facing the problem of cadre talent training and has gone all out to find the reason of the problem, expand the way of thinking, and find ways to grasp the needs, and

summarize and evaluate the "trilogy" of the cadre training, and build a uniform system. The cadre education and training system have effectively improved the overall quality and ability of party members and cadres.

Based on full investigation and understanding of the needs, Shannan came up with a work plan which aims to improve the work of Shannan south city and improve the growth of cadre on lines of 'not forgetting the heart and remembering the mission'.

For 2019, they plan to have 4,908 training cadres, with funds of more than in 21.183 million yuan. They also plan to broaden the training channels and strengthen communication with universities and training institutions in Beijing, Zhejiang, Sichuan, Henan and other regions.

### **TAR encourages promoting 'red genes' in the Internet companies**

June 28, 2019

In the latest conference of the Tibet Autonomous Region Internet Enterprise Party, Construction Work Conference highlighted that there are 2.859 million internet users in TAR. There are more than 800 registered internet companies and 30,000 e-commerce companies.

Sonam Dondhup, the Deputy Director of the Party Committee of the Tibet Autonomous Region, said, "Internet companies have a deep and wide range of influence. Strengthening the party building work of Internet enterprises and injecting 'red genes' into Internet companies is the inevitable result of consolidating the political foundation of the party's long-term governance. The choice is an inevitable requirement for establishing and improving the work system of the pipe network."

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

**Nine individuals, and nine party organizations under Ganzi listed in provincial commendation, Sichuan**

June 20, 2019

The Sichuan Provincial Party Committee gives special recognition to several outstanding party members, outstanding party workers and advanced party organizations. On June 17, they announced 100 outstanding communist party members; 100 outstanding party workers, and 200 advanced party organizations in Sichuan Province.

The nine organizations selected by Ganzi Prefecture for the list of outstanding party organizations in Sichuan Province are: Party Branch of Haizi Village, Luding County; Party Branch of Yutu Village, Dege County; Zeba Village Party, Baiyu County; Party Branch of Litang County Committee Organization Department; Danba County Forest Public Security Bureau; Ganzi County Education and Sports Bureau Party Branch; Derong County Waka Town Party Committee; Ganzi Prefecture People's Hospital Eighth Party Branch, and Kangding Tianlong.

The four outstanding party workers are He Degui, the Party Secretary of Pengta Township; Dartsedo (Kanding), Ou Xiaolan, the Deputy Secretary of Nyarong (Xinlong) Party Committee, Disciplinary Committee member of Nyarong; Shen Linqing, the Director of the party construction office of the Sichuan Nationality, and Li Yi, the Secretary of Party Branch of the College of Agriculture, History, Culture and Tourism.

The five selected by Ganzi Prefecture for the list of outstanding Communist Party members in Sichuan Province are: the party member of the Sida County, Director of the Poverty Alleviation and Development Bureau, Yongdong, Political Committee of the Shiqu County Public Security Bureau, Dunqing, Party Secretary of Xiayu Town, Batang County, Ji Cun, Section Chief of Gan Linzhou Culture Radio and Television and Tourism Bureau Industry Management, Lithang County, and the village head of Geri, Nachukha (Yajiang) County, Tashi Wangdue.

### **GEF funds 3 million to the conservation of Qinghai- Tibet Plateau, Qinghai**

June 24, 2019

China continues to introduce foreign capital for the environment conservation of Qinghai-Tibet plateau. A project supported by UNDP-GEF (Global Environment Fund) has kickstarted to

strengthen the protected area (PA) system in the Qilian Mountain and the Qinghai Lake, said Gao Jingyu, deputy director of Qinghai forestry and grassland administration.

The project involves a 3 million dollar grant from the GEF and another 18 million dollars from Chinese authorities. It aims to strengthen the legal and systematic framework, and engage local communities in managing natural resources, said the Program Director of the UNDP office in China.

In recent years, the number of protected area in the Tibet area of Qinghai has increased enormously, and restricted locals' access to many of the religious sites of mountains and lakes.

### **Forty Villages from Ganzi Prefecture select for the 5th Batch of Chinese Traditional Villages, Sichuan**

June 25, 2019

Under the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, the State Administration of Cultural Heritage, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Natural Resources, and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs announced the fifth batch of villages listed in the list of traditional Chinese villages. The latest report includes 40 Tibetan villages from various counties under Ganzi Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture like Dege, Danba, Ganzi etc.

In 2012, to promote and protect the so-called Chinese traditional villages, the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, the Ministry of Culture, the State Administration of Cultural Heritage, and the Ministry of Finance jointly established the Department of Architecture, Folklore, Planning, Art, Heritage, and Anthropology. It also has an expert committee called 'Chinese Traditional Villages Directory'. Those listed will be supported and supervised by the state in terms of capital, planning and even design. So far, 3,155 villages in the first four batches have been given 3 million yuan of protection and support for each village to improve public infrastructure and protect cultural heritage.

## **Monks and Nuns Eviction continues in Yarchen Gar, Sichuan**

June 29, 2019

According to sources from Tibet, the eviction of monks and nuns continued at Yanchen Ganzi, Sichuan. Since May, the authority forced monks and nuns to leave the monastery and send them back to their hometown. In June, they again evicted 70 more nuns and monks. Later, they were forcibly taken from their homes to Jomda District. The inside source reveals that they are all put in a re-education camp where they had to disrobe, and memorise party's political education guideline. They were forced to denounce the Dalai Lama and his followers as a separatist group.

## **DIASPORA TIBETAN NEWS**

### **United States seeks Nepal's clarification for deporting its citizen as Dalai Lama agent**

June 29, 2019

After deporting on Jun 22 a man for being an alleged agent of the Dalai Lama, Nepal said it deported a US passport-holder named Penpa Tsering back to the US after consulting the Chinese government. It was a case of mistaken identity, which Nepal failed to clear up even after hours of questioning the man at the country's Tribhuvan International Airport. The man was, in fact, of Nepali origin, as it turned out, an easily verifiable fact.

Penpa Tsering, the US citizen of Nepali origin, was mistaken for Penpa Tsering, a former Speaker of the Tibetan Parliament in Exile, a candidate for the exile Tibetan Presidential election in 2016, and, most recently, the Representative of HH the Dalai Lama at the Office of Tibet in Washington, DC. The US embassy in Kathmandu has said it was troubled by the deportation.

### **Nepal denies Tibetans request to hold Dalai Lama's birthday celebration**

July 07, 2019

The Tibetan community in Nepal called off plans to mark the birthday of their spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama after their request for a public celebration was rejected over security concerns.

Krishna Bahadur Katuwal Assistant District Administrator of Kathmandu was quoted saying by the Reuters that infiltrators could organise demonstrations or try to self-immolate.

Airport immigration authorities in Kathmandu also refused to admit a U.S. citizen of Tibetan origin and deported him last month, reportedly at China's request.

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