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TAR NEWS

20th Party Congress and the Tibetan Delegation

The list below is a compilation of all the TAR and Tibetan delegates from other Tibetan areas in Qinghai, Gansu, Sichuan and CCP Central Agencies to the 20th Party Congress. The list also includes Han delegates from TAR.

There are a total of 49 delegates, including 30 from TAR (19 Tibetans, 11 Han Chinese), four Tibetans from Qinghai, four Tibetans from Sichuan, two from Gansu, two Tibetans from Yunnan, three delegates of Tibetan ethnicity from the People's Liberation Army, one Tibetan from the Central Bank of China, one Tibetan from Fujian and two Tibetans from Central and State Agencies.

Among the delegates from TAR, Wang Junzheng (Han) and Yan Jinhai (Tibetan) were appointed full members of the 20th CCP Central Committee. In contrast, three Tibetans: Phurbu Dhondup (TAR), Karma Tsetan (TAR) and Tsering Thaye (Qinghai), were appointed Alternate members of the 20th CCP Central Committee.

Of the eleven Han Delegates from TAR, five delegates, Ao Liuqian, Xu Chengcang, Duan Hai, Gong Huicai, and Phurbu Dhondup, are the Party Secretaries of Nyingtri, Lhoka, Ngari, Chamdo and Lhasa respectively. Interestingly, unlike the border Administrative Districts of Nyingtri, Lhoka and Ngari, Zhang Yangqin (a Tibetan) and the Party Secretary of another border Administrative District, Shigatse, were not delegated to the 20th Party Congress. However, he was a delegate during the 19th Party Congress.

Of the 20 delegates of Tibetan ethnicity from TAR, 11 are women, and six are from the border villages of Lhoka, Nyingtri, Shigatse and Ngari.

Also, apart from the TAR People's Congress Chairman Lobsang Gyaltzen, all the other 29 delegates from TAR are new.

Outside TAR: Among the 29 delegates from Qinghai, only four are Tibetans. Sichuan had four Tibetan delegates out of the 73 from Ngaba and Kanze. There are representatives from other Tibetan areas of Sichuan. Yunnan had only two Tibetans out of the total 47 delegates, and Gansu had two Tibetans as well out of the total 40 delegates.

Others: Unlike at the 19th Party Congress, there are three Tibetan delegates from the PLA and two Tibetans representing Central and State Agencies this time.

List of Full and Alternate Members from TAR or of Tibetan ethnicity in the 20th CCP CC

1. Wang Junzheng: Party Secretary of TAR. He was earlier an alternate member of the 19th Central Committee.

2. Yan Jinhai: Chairman of the People's Government of the TAR. He is of Tibetan origin but with a Chinese name.

Tibetans as Alternate Members of the 20th CCP CC:

1. Karma Tsetan: Head of TAR UFWD and a standing member of the TAR Party Committee.

2. Tsering Thaye: Director of the Standing Committee of the People's Congress and Secretary of the Leading Party Group of the Haixi Mongolian and Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Qinghai Province

3. Phurbu Dhondup: Secretary of Lhasa Municipal Party Committee

Tibetan Delegates from TAR:

1. **Pema Trinlay (Padma Choling)** (白玛赤林) (藏族) -Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress

2. **Lobsang Gyaltzen** (洛桑江村) - Member of the 19th Central Committee, Deputy Secretary of TAR Party Committee and Chairman of TAR People's Government.

3. **Tsering Döndrup** (次仁顿珠) - a native of Kangma County, Shigatse, and currently Party Secretary of Panam County, Shigatse. He travelled to 111 administrative villages for field investigation to promote village collective economy through rural revitalisation and industrial development. Under this initiative, he helped 111 households, with 379 people eliminated from the risk of returning to poverty.
4. **Zhuo Ga/Dolker** (卓嘎) (**Female**)- Director of the Village Affairs Supervision Committee of Yuma Village, Yumai Township, Longzi County, Lhoka (Ch: Shannan) Tibet Autonomous Region.
5. **Luo Dan/Loden** (罗丹) -Account Manager of China Construction Bank, Tibet District, Linko North Road Sub-branch. In 2018, he was awarded the honorary title of " Model Labour Award on May Labour Day" and praised for contributing to poverty alleviation projects.
6. **Phurbu Dhondup** (普布顿珠)- Member of the Standing Committee of the TAR Party Committee and Secretary of the Lhasa Municipal Committee
Phurbu Dhondup (50) was born in Gyantse, Tibet, and joined the CPC in January 1996. He has been working in Tibet for a long time. He served as a member and Secretary-general of the Lhoka Municipal Party Committee, the Standing Committee of the Lhasa Municipal Party Committee, Secretary of the Chengguan District Party Committee, and Deputy Secretary of the Nagchu Party Committee, and Director of the Organization Department. He has also served as the Party Secretary of Chamdo. He is currently a standing member of the TAR Party Committee and Party Secretary of the Lhasa Municipal Party Committee.
7. **Sonam Nyima** (斯朗尼玛) (藏族) - Director of the Development and Reform Commission of the TAR.
8. **Pemba Dolma** (边巴卓玛) (女, 藏族- Section Chief and Level-4 Investigator of the Population Monitoring and Family Development Education (Health Department), Nyingtri,

Deputy Director of Nyingtri PSB, Vice President of Lhasa People’s Hospital, and Health-Guard of Plateau Women and Children -gynaecology and obstetrics by profession

9. **Tsering Lhamo(f)** (次仁拉姆) (女, 藏族)- Deputy Secretary of the Genji County Party Committee, TAR, graduated from Tibet University for Nationalities. She is the Principal of Nagchu Special Education School. The Nagchu Special Education School was established in 2013; a particular school in Nagchuthat provides nine-year compulsory education for children and adolescents with various types of disabilities.
10. **Yan Jinhai** (严金海) (藏族) - Chairman of the People's Government of the TAR. He is a Tibetan born in 1962 in Tsoshar Kamalog in Tsongon of Amdo, now in Qinghai. He was promoted to the Chairman of TAR People’s Government in 2020. He was earlier the Vice-Governor of the Qinghai Provincial Government and an alternate member of the 19th CCP CC. He has built his career in Qinghai province for over 30 years. Before his transfer to the TAR, Yan held important positions in Qinghai province. He was a standing committee member of the Qinghai provincial party committee and the Vice-Governor.
11. **Tsering Wangmo/Zeren Wangmu(f)** (泽仁旺姆) (女, 藏) - First-level Police Chief and Director of the Administrative Committee of Gensha nunnery in Gongju county, Chamdo. She graduated from the People’s the Public Security University of China in 2008. She had been working in the nunnery for more than ten years. She was awarded the ‘outstanding award’ for her work in the propagation of the Party’s policies and the rule of law, for instilling a sense of the Chinese nation and for conducting bilingual learning centres in the nunnery.
12. **Sonam Dekyi(f) (Monpa Ethnic)** - is from Kyipa Monpa Village in Beipeng town, Tsona County of Lhoka (Ch: Shannan). She studied at the Huinan Women’s vocational training. She worked at Gegyen Dzong, Ngari and moved to Kyipa monpa village in 2015. She is reported to have visited all the 59 households (199 residents) in the village and believes in “good deeds to enrich border areas, resettlement and mobilise the mass for border defence.”

13. **Shelok Dolma/Xiluo Zhuo Ma(f)**(西洛卓玛) - Retired Tibetan female wrestler - she is currently the Section Chief of the Training Section of the Sports Managing Center of the TAR. In 2014, she won the silver medal in Women's Freestyle Wrestling at the Asian Games. She is from Drayib chu (Ch: Bayi) Nyingtri and was born in 1987.

14. **Tenzin Dhondup** (旦增顿珠) (藏族) - Deputy General Manager of Tibet Gaozheng Building Materials Co., Ltd, (བོད་ལྗོངས་མཚོ་བོ་རྩེ་ཡར་ལས་རྒྱ་ཆ་མ་རྟེན་ཚད་ཡོད་ཀྱང་མིའི) Lhasa. In 2020, he led the team to perform a technical transformation of the equipment and processing system. The innovation improved production efficiency and reduced power consumption per ton of cement by about 2 degrees, saving the company more than 7 million yuan in electricity costs that year. He won the title of 'Model Worker of the TAR' and the 'National May 1st Labour Medal.

15. **Yaxia (f) (Lhoba Ethnic, 39)** - a member of the Discipline Inspection Committee of Nanyi Village, Nanyi Lhoba Ethnic Township, Milin County, Nyingtri. The village has five ethnic groups: Lhoba, Tibetan, Monba, Han, and Hui. She is also in charge of border patrols in the mountains. Under her leadership, Nanyi village propagated inter-ethnic marriages, and now there are 42 people from 18 households intermarrying between different ethnic groups in the town. She carries out door-to-door party propaganda activities, viz., the national common language policy, as most people in the region still speak and use lhoba dialects. She was born in 1983 and joined the CCP in 2009.

16. **Choetso(f) (曲措) (39):** General Manager of Wine Industry Co. Ltd. Markham, Chamdo. She was born in 1989. She graduated from Tibet University's Technology Department in 2010. In 2016, her company established a party branch and employed 34 people from eight nationalities.

17. **Kelsang Choedon/Gasong Quzhen(f)** (嘎松曲珍) - First Secretary of Tashi Community in Changguan district of Lhasa. She is a grassroots party worker with over ten

years of experience. She is credited with using “her heart to narrow the distance between the party and the people.” She has helped 644 residents with household registrations and has contributed to property reform policy. Kelsang Choedon also propagates the difference between “old Tibet and new Tibet.”

18. **Nyima Lhazom Sherpa(f)** - President of the Xuebugang Village Women’s Federation before the earthquake in 2015. After the earthquake, the entire village was relocated to settle in Dram (Ch: Zhangmu), a border village bordering Nepal and India. She is a party member and head of the Neighbourhood Cadres Committee. Nyima conducts regular home inspections of the towns and promotes the rural revitalisation policy. She reportedly helped build a pepper factory along with two other village committees, which generated an income of more than US\$ 1.2 million.

19. **Nikiyi(f) (尼吉)** -She is from the border village of Tashi Gang in Demchok Town of Gar County in Ngari (Ch: Ali). She walks limp as she was disabled in an accident in 1997 when she was 13 years old. She dropped out of school and has stayed at home since. After therapy and rehabilitation, her life reportedly got better, and she applied for a loan of US\$ 40,000 from the party and set up her shop and restaurant. After that, she became a party member and felt “grateful” for the party’s policy in the border areas.

Han Chinese Delegates from TAR:

20. **Wang Junzheng** - TAR Party Secretary:

Wang Junzheng was appointed as the Party Secretary of TAR in October 2021. He was earlier the head of Xinjiang's Political and Legal Affairs Commission. Between 2016 and 2019, he was the Communist Party Secretary of Changchun. Before his position in Changchun, he served in various posts as Vice Governor of Hubei, the Party Secretary of Xiangyang, and the Mayor and Party chief of Lijiang.

21. **Ao Liuqian** - Nyingtri Party Secretary

Ao Liuquan (male), Han nationality, was born in May 1974 in Guiyang, Guizhou, and joined the Communist Party of China in July 1996. He graduated from Sichuan Business

Administration Institute. Liuqian replaced Ma Shengcheng (Han) and became the Party Secretary of Nyingtri in September 2021. He was the Party of Secretary of Nagchu before transferring to Nyingtri.

22. **Xu Chengcang** - Lhoka Party Secretary

Xu Chengcang (male), Han nationality, was born in July 1963 in Lu'an, Anhui. He joined the Chinese Communist Party in December 1990 and has a postgraduate Degree in Public Administration. He is currently the Deputy Director of the Standing Committee of the TAR People's Congress and Secretary of the Lhoka Municipal Party Committee. Earlier, he worked in Chamdo as Deputy Secretary of the Administrative Commission and in Lhasa as Deputy Secretary of the Party Leadership Group and Director of the District Education Department.

23. **Zhuang Jisong** - Nagchu Party Secretary

Zhuang Jinsong (Han) became the Party Secretary of Nagqu in September 2021 after Ao Liuquan was transferred to Nyingtri. Before that, he was Deputy Director of the Propaganda Department of the TAR and Secretary of the Party Leadership Group of the Chamdo Office of the TAR People's Government.

24. **Zhuang Yan:** Executive Deputy Secretary of the TAR Party Committee, Secretary of the Party Group of TAR PPCC, President (Dean) of the TAR Party School, and the Director of the office of the Comprehensive Deepening Reform Commission. Zhuang Yan (Han) was born in August 1967 in Nong'an, Jilin. He joined the Chinese Communist Party in May 1985 and started working in July 1988. He has a Doctorate in Economics.

25. **Chen Yongqi** - Deputy Secretary of the TAR Party Committee, Executive Vice Chairman of the Party Group of TAR People's Government, and Director of the Organization Department of the TAR Party Committee. He was the Vice Governor of Shanxi Province. In 2019, he was transferred to the Standing Committee of TAR and the Director of the Organization Department of TAR.

26. **Liu Jiang:** Han, born in June 1967 in Qu County, Sichuan Province, joined the Chinese Communist Party in June 1991 and started working in March 1986 with an on-the-job postgraduate degree. He is currently a standing Member of the TAR Party Committee, Secretary of the TAR Political and Legal Committee, and President of the Law Society of TAR.

27. **Wang Weidong:** Member of the Standing Committee of the TAR Party Committee, Secretary of the TAR Commission for Discipline Inspection and Director of the TAR Supervision Commission. During the 20th Party Congress, he was appointed a member of the 20th Central Commission for Discipline Inspection of the Chinese Communist Party. He is of Han nationality. Born in May 1968 in Wenshui, Shanxi Province, he joined the Chinese Communist Party in November 1993 and started working for the Party in August 1991. He has a Master's degree in Engineering.

28. **Lai Jiao:** Standing Member of the TAR Party Committee

He was born in April 1972 and is of Han nationality. He is from Chongqing and was formerly Vice Chairman of the People's Government of Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region. Lai Jiao is currently a member of the Standing Committee of the TAR Party Committee and the Director of the Organization Department of TAR.

29. **Gong Huicai:** was appointed Party Secretary of Chamdo on April 8, 2022, during the meeting of the 14th Standing Committee of the 10th TAR Party Committee. He was earlier Deputy Director of the TAR Public Security Bureau and the Party Secretary of the Lhasa Municipal Public Security Bureau. He had served in Nagchu in 2013 as the Deputy Secretary of the Nagchu Party Committee.

30. **Duan Hai:** Party Secretary of Ngari, born in September 1973, Han nationality, from Yubei, Chongqing, has a postgraduate degree from the Central Party School. He joined the Chinese Communist Party in 1994 and joined work in 1995. He graduated from the Tibet Institute of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry with a major in Agriculture. He studied Economic Management in the on-the-job postgraduate class of the Central Party School from 2005 to 2008. On September 30, 2021, Duan Hai was appointed Party Secretary of Ngari.

Outside TAR: (12 from Qinghai, Sichuan, Gansu and Yunnan. 3 from PLA, one from Central Bank, one from Fujian and two from Central and State organs)

Qinghai: (total 29),

Number of Ethnic Minorities Representatives: 9

Tibetans: 4 Hui: 2, Turkish-1, Mongolian-1, Nixi: 1

31. **Tsering Thaye** (才让太) (藏族) - Director of the Standing Committee of the People's Congress and Secretary of the Leading Party Group of the Haixi Mongolian and Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Qinghai Province
32. **Choeyang Kyi (Female)** (切阳什姐) - She is the first Olympic champion in Qinghai Province and the first Tibetan Olympic champion.
33. **Pa Tselo** (པ་ཙེལོ་ 巴才洛) (藏族) - Assistant to the Station Chief of a service station of Yanqiao South Road, Fire Rescue Detachment, Golmud, Qinghai Province. He was given a second-level fire chief rescue title.
34. **Ban Guo** (班果) (藏族) -- Standing Committee member of the Provincial Party Committee and Minister of the United Front Work Department of the Provincial Party Committee of Qinghai.

Sichuan: (total-73),

Number of Ethnic Minorities Representatives: 10

Tibetans: 4

Tujia: 3

Yi: 2

Miao:1

35. **Zha Ba/Dakpa** (扎巴) (藏族) - Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee and Executive Deputy Director of Ganzi. He is a third-level police supervisor.

36. **Chen Wanghui (陈望慧)(f)** (Tibetan) Secretary of the Party Branch of Maoshui Village, Dawei Town, Xiaojin County, Ngaba (in Chi: Aba) Prefecture, Chairwoman of Jiajinshan Qingduoxiang Wild Resources Cooperation. She joined the Party in 2011.

37. **Luo Zhenhua (Tibetan)** - Deputy Secretary of the Ngaba (in Chi: Aba) Prefecture Committee of Sichuan Province, Secretary of the Party Group of the State Government, Governor, and Principal of the State Minority Cadre School. He was from Southwest Nationalities University and joined the Party in 1990.

38. **Chime Dorje (其美多吉)**- The driver of a long-distance mail truck and leader of the driving escort team of the Ganzi County Branch of China Post Group.

Yunnan: (Total 47),

Total Ethnic Minorities Representatives: 15

Tibetans: 2

Bai: 2,

Yi: 3

Hani: 2,

Miao:1

Tai: 1,

Yi: 3,

Wa: 1

39. **Dhondup Phuntsok (顿珠培楚)**- Director of Yangla Police Station, Dechen County, Instructor at Criminal Investigation Brigade of the Forest Police Detachment, Dechen PSB, Deputy head of Yangla County,

40. **Norbu Yangzom (农布央宗) (Female)** - Party Secretary and Chairman of Yunnan Women's Federation

Gansu: (Total: 40

The number of Ethnic Minorities Representatives: 6

Tibetans: 2

Hui: 1

Bai: 1

Miao:1

Tujia: 1

41. **Yang Wu** (杨武) (Tibetan) Governor Kanlho Tibetan (in Chi: Gannan) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Gansu

42. **Lhamo Tsering/Lumao Cairang** (鲁毛才让) - Principal of Kanlho (in Chi: Gannan) Special Education School, Gansu

From PLA:

43. **Jamyang Choedup** (加央欧珠) - PLA Armed Police delegation

44. **Dawa Dolker(f)** (达娃卓嘎) is from Lhoka. A member of the women's SWAT team Tibet Armed Police. She is the sniper in the team. In 2020, she was awarded the "Top Ten Loyal Guards of the Chinese Armed Police" by the People's Armed Police Force.

45. **Lang Jie** (朗杰) (Tibetan from Lhasa)- Deputy Commander of Qinghai Military Region, Member of the Standing Committee of the 13th People's Congress of Qinghai Province from May 2022

46. **De Qing/Dechen(德青)**: Deputy Director of Publicity Department of People's Bank of China Nyingtri Central Sub-branch

Fujian: Total 41, one Tibetan

47. **Cui Yuying(f)** (崔玉英) (Tibetan) - Chairman of the Fujian Provincial PPCC and Secretary of the Party Leadership Group. She is from Bomi County, Nyingtri. She was also a representative of the 17th and 19th Party Congresses.

Central and State Organs: (Total 296, Two Tibetans)

48. **Tselo:** (48) is from Shigatse. He is an international mountain guide and the 'National Sports Medal of Honour winner. He is currently the coach of the National Mountaineering Team and the captain of the 2020 Mount Everest Elevation Surveying Team.

49. **Li Ying(f)** (李莹) : (Tibetan) Dean of the School of International Education and Deputy Director of the International Cooperation Office of China Women's University, Beijing.

On October 15, the delegates attended a plenary meeting presided over by the TAR Party Secretary Wang Junzheng.

During the plenary meeting, the delegates and participating TAR leaders studied Xi Jinping's "important speeches" given at the seventh plenary session of the CCP Central Committee (CC), the list of the members of the Representatives in the Qualification Examination Committee, members of the Presidium of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General. The meeting also decided on Wang Junzheng as the Head of the Tibetan Delegation, Lobsang Gyaltsen and Yan Jinhai as the Deputy Heads and Zhuang Yan as the Secretary-General of the Delegation.

At the meeting, TAR Party Secretary Wang Junzheng pointed out that the 20th Party Congress is an important meeting being held at a "very critical juncture" for the whole party and the people of all ethnic groups as it is a time when the party and people are embarking on a new journey of building a socialist and modernised country in all aspects and marching towards the second centenary goal. He emphasised that the 20th Party Congress is a prominent political event to "inspire, mobilise, and promote" socialism with Chinese characteristics, build a modernised socialist country and the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. He told the delegates that they should unremittingly arm their minds with Xi Jinping Thoughts on

Socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era, deeply understand the significance of the “Two Establishments”, strengthen the “Four Consciousness”, “Four Self-Confidence”, and achieve “Two Maintenances.” He added that the delegates must continue improving their political positions, judgement, comprehension, and execution with the CCP CC, with Xi Jinping at the core of ideology, politics and action.

The 20th Party Congress was broadcast mandatorily across TAR and other parts of Tibet through loudspeakers, LED displays, publicity banners and billboards, convenience police stations, offices, Universities, schools, monasteries, hospitals, public places and even in nomadic areas. In TAR alone, the 20th Party Congress was broadcast through 17 ‘New Era Civilization Practice Stations’ and 32 Loudspeakers.

In the nomadic areas, where there is no community hall, special TV arrangements were made at open grasslands and the masses dressed up in traditional costumes holding a Chinese flag in their hand were made to watch it. However, more than 95% don’t understand the Chinese language.

Kampa TV launched a unique column called “Welcome to the 20th Party Congress: Change that I witnessed”, where people from different walks of life express their “gratitude” to the Party and state what changes they witnessed in their village. So far, people have spoken mainly on themes such as poverty alleviation, education quality, and improvement in ethnic unity.

The Tibetan Language Department of the Advanced Buddhist College organised a discussion post-live broadcast - where Zhang Qi, Secretary of the Party Group and Vice President of the Party Group, summarised three takeaways for the college: first, to improve ideological understanding and political position, and to study, publicise and implement the spirit of the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China as the primary political task for the current and future period. Second, in keeping with the requirements of the CCP and the UWFD, the college must thoroughly understand the spirit of the 20th Party Congress and accurately grasp the theoretical essence and core essentials. Third, the college must use the heart of the 20th Party Congress to guide and promote the work, continuously improve the

work level of the college in all aspects, and constantly improve the quality of personnel training.

Although not listed in the official list of the delegates from TAR and other parts of Tibet as such, the China-appointed Panchen Lama and the former head of the TAR People's Government, Che Dalha (Ch: Qi Zhala), were sitting in the front rows on the opening day of the 20th Party Congress.

(Comment: They appeared to be special invitees.)

Metok County carried out work promotion of national unity and progress

October 20, 2022

Medok (in Chinese: Medog) County, Nyingtri, held the second work promotion meeting on "National Unity and Progress" in the third week of October. The meeting was chaired by Li Qiqi, Deputy Secretary of the County Party Committee and County Head of the Government. The panel also awarded and named the Third Batch of "National Unity and Progress Model" institutions and individuals and the first batch of "Multi-ethnic Harmonious Families in Metok County". They named six harmonious multi-ethnic families in the first batch.

Li Qiqi pointed out at the meeting the following points at the meeting:

- i. Establishing a national model area for national unity and progress is a major strategic plan made by the TAR's new party committee and government, an inevitable requirement for strengthening and improving ethnic work, and a measure to promote long-term stability and high-quality development in Metok. Departments at all levels must thoroughly study and implement the spirit of the 20th National Congress and adhere to the guidance of Xi Jinping's essential thoughts on strengthening and improving ethnic work. All should have a deep understanding of the great significance of creating a model area for national unity and progress by Keeping the sense of community of the Chinese nation as the leading party line.
- ii. Departments at all levels should further improve the sense of responsibility and urgency in creating a model area for national unity and progress across the country. It is necessary to strengthen political security, social security and supervision continuously. The national unity

and progress work should help enhance the realisation of the Chinese dream of great rejuvenation.

iii. Departments at all levels should resolutely unify their thoughts and actions to the decisions and deployments of the Municipal Party and the Government. It is necessary to consolidate responsibilities, form synergy, and firmly establish the idea of "one game of chess" on national unity and progress.

Metok Education Bureau carried out Putonghua training

October 24, 2022

Metok Education Bureau says, "Putonghua is a must and a requirement for becoming a good leader". The Metok County Education Bureau held a five days Vocational Skills and Putonghua Training from October 24 for the Party officials to consolidate further the awareness of the community of the Chinese nation, improve the ability of grass-roots cadres to use the "national common language, and improve their ability to serve the "two committees". Hu Zhibin, Secretary of the Party Group and Director of the County Education Bureau, and Meng Jianhua, Deputy Head of the County, attended the training. Thirty-five people from the "two committees" teams, village-level party members, young and middle-aged labourers and urban labourers who cannot communicate in Putonghua participated in the training.

Meng Jianhua told those attending:

1. All young village cadres should be the key to publicising and implementing the Party's various policies and connecting the party and the people at the "last mile" -- referring to the remotest border. They should strive to master Mandarin writing, speaking, and vocational skills.
2. All trainees should take this training as a great opportunity to improve their personal qualities and enhance their work skills for achieving the high-quality economic and social development of Metok.
3. All trainees must strictly abide by the disciplinary requirements, obey the unified staff management, and strictly abide by the epidemic prevention and control guidelines.

Drayib Dzong reviews grassland contractual management rights of the farmers and herders.

October 24, 2022

Drayib Dzong (in Chinese: Bayi County) has set up a working group based on townships and villages for reviewing/renewing grassland contract management rights and reconfirming rights and boundary demarcations. The working group selected Mirui Township as a pilot unit for carrying out grassland contractual, certification and management rights. They mentioned that the confirmation, registration and accreditation of grassland contractual management rights are related to the vital interests of farmers and herders and the overall sustainable economic development of farming and pastoral areas. The initial work began at the beginning of 2022.

The Bayi District Natural Resources Bureau has conducted training and policy publicity for seven townships and 69 administrative villages using household publicity to avoid problems. They distributed more than 3,000 policy publicity copies, hung more than 70 banners, and gave 15 lectures. By the end of October, they had checked and confirmed documents such as household registration information, household head ID cards and grassland subsidy registration cards etc., in more than 12 administrative villages in Mirui Township. The data collection was from more than 500 households, and 437 recovered their original grassland contract management certificates and grassland subsidy registration cards. According to reports, further investigations will be conducted to compile the internal data, and the pilot project in Mirui Township will be completed by the end of 2022.

Recently, there have been increasing cases of land contracts or land management rights not being renewed in Tibet. During the contractual period, the farmers and herders have a certain degree of autonomy in how they use the land.

Nyingtri carries out State Council's ninth primary inspection and ratification work.

October 24, 2022

Nyingtri carried out the State Council's ninth primary inspection and problem rectification work promotion meeting on October 21. Fu Yongbo, a member of the Standing Committee of the Municipal Party Committee and Vice Mayor, attended the meeting. The meeting notified relevant departments of the TAR People's Government and Nyingtri's "rectification work plan and feedback form of the Ninth State Council Supervision". Fu Yongbo demanded that "all relevant departments of counties should take the opportunity to study and implement the spirit of the 20th Party Congress to deepen their ideological understanding further, improve their political position, and take the rectification work as a "touchstone" to test their loyalty to the party". All should approach the rectification work with a firm resolution, correct attitude and pragmatic style, and do a solid job by setting up special classes and refining the process of rectification work. Departments at all levels should be able to reflect and combine rectification work in critical projects and rural revitalisation and strive to submit satisfactory results to TAR and the Municipal governments.

TAR announced ten villages as a new batch of critical rural tourism villages

October 31, 2022

The Ministry of Culture and Tourism, TAR, official website released a public announcement disclosing the list of the fourth batch of 'key' villages for rural tourism and the second batch of critical towns (townships) for rural tourism in the country. The selection was carried out jointly by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism and the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) as per the relevant requirements of the Law of Promotion of Rural Revitalization and the 14th Five-Year Plan for Tourism Development. They have identified and recommended 200 villages and towns for the fourth batch of key villages for rural tourism. The following are in the lists of selected towns and villages in TAR,:

1. Caina village, Caina Town, Chushul County, Lhasa
2. Pasang village, Tashi Dzong, Dingri County, Shigatse

3. Zamarong village, Baidi Towns, Nangkar Tse County, Lhoka
4. Metok village, Metok Dzong, Nyingtri
5. Laigu Village, Ranwu Town, Basu County, Changdu, Lhoka
6. Yiga Village, Niwu Township, Jiali County, Nakchu
7. Kyirong (in Chi: Jilong), Kyirong County, Shigatse
8. Pai Town, Milin County, Changdu, Nyingtri
9. Gangtuo Town, Jiangda County, Changdu, Nyingtri
10. Baga Town, Purong (in Chi: Pulan) County, Ngari (in Chi: Ali)

DEVELOPMENTS IN TIBETAN ETHNIC AREAS OUTSIDE OF TAR

Heavy sentences were awarded to Six Tibetan writers and activists in Kardze Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan.

October 18, 2022

Six Tibetan writers and activists were sentenced to prison terms ranging from four to 14 years on alleged charges of “inciting separatism” and “endangering state security” by the Kardze People’s Court in Kardze (Ganzi) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan.

The six were sentenced in September 2022 and held incommunicado for one to two years following their arrest. Those convicted were: Gangkye Drupa Kyab, a writer and former school teacher now serving a 14-year prison term; Seynam, a writer and environmental activist given a 6-year term; Gangbu Yudrum, a political activist now serving 7 years; Tsering Dolma, a political activist given eight years; Pema Rinchen, a writer assigned four years; and Samdup, a political activist now serving an 8-year term.

According to Tibet Watch, they have been arrested before and served different prison terms related to the 2008 uprising or for inciting “separatist activities” in 2012. Most of them were arrested in 2021 and detained until last month.

The Chinese-appointed Panchen Lama met with Choedup Rinpoche

October 27, 2022

Choedup Rinpoche (in Chinese: Qiu Zhu) from Dege, Kardze Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, met the Chinese-appointed Panchen Lama, who is currently a member of the Standing Committee of the National Committee of the CPPCC, Vice President of the Chinese Buddhist Association and President of the Tibet Branch of the Chinese Buddhist Association.

Choedup Rinpoche is a Chinese-recognised Living Buddha who usually stays in Taiwan. He briefed the Panchen about his work in Taiwan. The Panchen praised him for his contribution to raising the cause of patriotism and religion over the years. He wished him good health and future work for the “prosperity of the motherland and spread of Buddhism”.

Choedup is a Rinpoche from the Nyingma School of Tibetan Buddhism and was originally from Dege County, Ganzi Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan. He was the Director of the China Tibet Cultural Protection and Development Association in 2016.

Qinghai UWFD carries out 20th Party Congress education to cadres and religious groups.

October 30, 2022

The United Front Work Department (UWFD) of the Qinghai Provincial Party Committee has quickly pushed a craze of learning, publicising and implementing the spirit of the 20th National Congress of the CPC to party members, cadres and religious groups. The UWFD, Qinghai Provincial Party Committee, said: “the cadres of the United Front and representatives from religious groups of the whole province to study and implement the spirit of the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China as the primary political task in the current and future, strengthen theoretical armed forces, deeply understand the spirit of the Party's 20th National Congress, draw strength and improve their skills”. The cadres were further told that it is necessary to consolidate and develop the broadest patriotic united front, take the protection and improvement of people's livelihood as an essential part of the United Front work, highlight its value around the centre and the overall situation of service and focus on the magic weapon role of the united front to do a solid job in ethnic, religious and other

fields. Qinghai UWFD will use the official social media account to timely publicise and report on the progress of their cadres and groups like the non-public economy, non-party intellectuals, new social classes, ethnic and religious circles, overseas Chinese and other members, to create an intense atmosphere actively, and strive to build a modern socialist country in an all-round way.

Xilling to Chengdu railway construction begins

October 31, 2022

The new railway line from Xilling (in Chinese: Xining) Qinghai to Chengdu, Sichuan, covers many Tibetan areas in Qinghai, Sichuan and Gansu. According to the latest China Railway First Survey and Design Institute Group Co., Ltd., the construction of the Xining-Chengdu high-speed railway from the overall survey and design began on October 29, marking the "eight vertical and eight horizontal" Lan (West) Guangzhou high-speed railway corridor of China's high-speed railway network. The construction of the whole section from Xining to Chengdu has also started.

The length of the main line from the east-west sea to the Huangshengguan section will have 502.5 kilometres, and the design speed is 200 kilometres per hour. The Langmu Temple to Gakog (in Chinese: Hongyuan) section can reach speeds of 250 kilometres per hour. The overall construction period is 7.5 years, and 80% of the line comprises bridges and tunnels. The sequence begins from Xilling hub Haidong Station. After passing through Haidong, it covers Malho (in Chinese: Huangnan) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Qinghai, Kanlho (in Chinese: Gannan), Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Gansu and Ngaba (in Chinese: Aba) Tibetan and Qiang Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan. It is connected with the Chenglan Railway, which is also under construction from the same Station. There are 29 stations on the line, including four existing and 25 new stations.

According to Rongcheng, the chief designer of the Xining-Chengdu high-speed railway project, the line passes through ten major fault zones, and 60% of the roads are located at an altitude of more than 3,000 meters above sea level. It also passes through four national nature

reserves, one provincial and two county nature reserves. There is a massive responsibility for the state as the geological conditions are complex.

EXILE TIBETAN NEWS

Tibet groups seek a meeting with the Dutch gov't over Chinese intimidation of their members.

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Citing phone call intimidations of their members by people claiming to be from or speaking on behalf of the Chinese government, three Tibet groups in the Netherlands have sought a meeting with Prime Minister Mark Rutte to complain about illegal Chinese police stations operating in the country, said Washington-based Tibet advocacy group International Campaign for Tibet (ICT) Nov 1.

Especially in recent months, Dutch citizens of Tibetan descent and other Tibetans residing in the country have been receiving phone calls from unknown individuals. In their joint letter to the Prime Minister, they said some of these callers identified themselves as representatives of the Chinese embassy, and some concealed their affiliations.

One of the signatories, the Tibetan Community in the Netherlands, headed by Dawa Tsering Tsalung, has said at least 10 Tibetans had received such calls from such Chinese individuals. The group said one such call was documented in detail, including an audio recording and a Dutch phone number, and this information will be shared with the police. The ICT added that the calls affected quite a few Tibetans.

Earlier, the human rights group 'Safeguard Defenders' had said in a report issued in September that Chinese authorities had 54 "police" stations overseas being run as Overseas Service Stations. Ireland last month became the first country to order such a police station to close. On October 26, the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs said no Chinese authority had sought its permission to set up the "police stations."
