



Free Tibet Campaign's *Stop the Torture in Tibet* initiative will highlight persistent torture and maltreatment in Tibet's prisons, detention centres and labour camps. Since 2002 China has released at least 14 political prisoners early as a result of pressure from governments and individuals worldwide, thereby demonstrating sensitivity to international criticism of its human rights record. By highlighting individual political prisoners who have experienced torture, we aim to both contribute to their early release from prison and to bring to an end the practice of torture in Tibet.



Jamyang Dhondup and Dhargay Gyatso

Four Tibetan monks from Labrang Tashikyil Monastery in Sangchu County, Ganan Tibet Autonomous Prefecture ("TAP"), Gansu Province, have been arrested by Chinese Public Security Bureau (PSB) officers on 23 May 2005, according to reliable sources. Jamyang Dhondup, 25, Dhargay Gyatso, 23, and two other unidentified monks were arrested on suspicion of pasting numerous bills calling for "freedom in Tibet" on the walls of Labrang Tashikyil Monastery and its surrounding areas on the previous day.

Dhargay Gyatso was born in Arig Village and admitted to Labrang Tashikyil Monastery at an early age. He travelled to India in 1996 where he studied Buddhist scriptures for six years in a south Indian Tibetan monastery. He returned to Tibet in 2003.

Jamyang Tharchin is originally from Malho County.

Detailed information on the other two monks is not yet available.

Their whereabouts is currently unknown after they were led away by the PSB officers from the monastery.

The Chinese authorities launched a pre-emptive campaign aiming to restrict any political unrest in the time leading to, and during, China's 40th anniversary celebrations of the founding of the Tibetan Autonomous Region by China. Strict measures have been placed in Lhasa City and its neighbouring counties on Tibetans suspected of engaging in political activism and former political prisoners. Many were detained or held for interrogation. Their families have been instructed to ensure that they do not engage in political activities during this time. In some cases, former political prisoners have been ordered to leave

Lhasa as a precautionary measure so that a smooth celebration of the 40th anniversary can take place.

Source: Tibetan Centre for Democracy and Human Rights



Name:	Jamyang Dhondup and Dhargay Gyatso
Age:	25, 23
Arrested:	23 May 2005
Reason:	Suspicious of pasting protest posters .
Sentence:	Unknown
Prison	Unknown
Release:	Unknown

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Write to the Chinese authorities listed, with the following demands:

- Call on the authorities to publicly clarify the current whereabouts of Jamyang Dhondup and Dhargay Gyatso and the two other monks from Labrang Tashikyil Monastery, and provide immediate guarantees for his safety.
- Urge the authorities to ensure that the 4 monks have access to their families, a lawyer and medical treatment while they remain in detention.
- Demand the authorities release the 4 monks unless they are charged or convicted of a recognizable criminal offence.
- Urge China to fulfil its obligation under Article 18 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights on Freedom of Thought, Conscience and Religion and Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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