



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.

Lobsang Khedrup and Gyalpo

Lobsang Khedrup, 22, and Gyalpo, 26, two monks from Kardze, Sichuan Province, "Tibet Autonomous Prefecture" ("TAP"), were sentenced to 11 years' imprisonment for hoisting the banned Tibetan national flag. Incidentally, there have been numerous incidents of Tibetan national flags being hoisted on the radio frequency jamming tower of the region.

Lobsang Khedrup, is originally from Dado Township, Kardze, Sichuan Province, while Gyalpo is from an area called Shungteng in Kardze. According to reports, Gyalpo was arrested in January 2004 while Lobsang Khedrup was arrested a month later in his hometown in February 2004. The Chinese authorities withheld information on their whereabouts and well-being for nearly a year while they were detained incommunicado. Their families learned of their fate only when the two monks were reportedly convicted by Kardze Intermediate People's Court and sentenced to 11 years' prison term for hoisting Tibetan national flag.

The process of detention and conviction of Lobsang Khedrup and Gyalpo violates not only international human rights standards including the right for freedom of expression, the right for freedom of belief, and the right for fair trial but also many provisions within China's Criminal Procedure Law. The two monks were arbitrarily arrested, held incommunicado for prolonged period, and convicted in an unfair trial where they could

not defend their innocence in the court. In addition, their family members were not informed about their arrest nor of their detention.

They are now imprisoned in Dartsedo Prison in Kardze but their visiting rights, which entail of two family members being able to visit, have also been denied. There is a great concern for their health as political prisoners are targeted by prison authorities, routinely ill-treated and tortured systematically.

In recent years, a growing number of arrests, detentions and other cases of human rights violation have been reported from this region suggesting that Kardze region has become a centralised point of

repression by the Chinese authorities.

Source: Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy

Name:	Lobsang Khedrup and Gyalpo
Age:	22, 26
Arrested:	January 2004 and February 2004
Reason:	Hoisting the banned Tibetan national flag
Sentence:	11 yrs
Expected release:	2015
Prison:	Dartsedo Prison in Kardze, Sichuan Province



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Write to the Chinese authorities listed, requesting:

- The immediate release of Lobsang Khedrup and Gyalpo
- A commitment that the torture and maltreatment of all prisoners arrested for offences of freedom of expression and belief will cease. (China does not recognise the expression "political prisoners".)
- An independent investigation into prison conditions in Dartsedo Prison, Kardze Sichuan with the investigation's findings to be made public.
- Unconditional access for the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture to all prisons run by the Chinese authorities.

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