

INSIDE TIBET:

China holds two top level conferences on Tibet's public security and monastic activities: According to Chinatibetnews.com, the Public Security Ministry of the PRC organized a two-day meeting of Public Security Bureaus in the Tibetan Autonomous Region and the four provinces. The two day meeting was held in Lhasa on August 18 – 19, and assessed the results and experiences of “upholding public security, struggle against the current separatist movement and identified current challenges facing stability in Tibetan areas.” Few days prior to this meeting, the United Front Work Department organized a meeting on August 14-15. This was held in Shigatse, and attended by heads of monastic institutions and local United Front leaders in the “TAR” as well as Tibetan areas in four provinces with a purpose to tighten religious institutions in Tibetan areas. The conferences are believed to be follow up meetings to the Fifth Work Forum on Tibet conducted in January 2010.

<http://www.tchrd.org/press/2010/pr20100821.html>

Chinese Communist Party demands reforms in Tibetan monasteries: In a move that could be aimed at weeding out pro-Dalai Lama elements, Du Qinglin, head of the United Front Work Department of the Party's Central Committee, also demanded that “greater, concerted and solid efforts” must be made to implement democratic management in the monasteries. Du, also vice-chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, said that in implementing monastery democratic management, the lawful rights of monasteries, orderly religious activities of monks and nuns, and normal religious practice of believers must be ensured. His remarks were timed even as another powerful Communist Party leader He Guoqiang, a member of the Standing Committee of the Politburo undertook a tour of the region, visiting the Potala Palace. http://www.dnaindia.com/world/report_chinese-communist-party-demands-reforms-in-tibetan-monasteries_1424193

China tightening grip on Tibetan Business Class: Dorjee Tashi, a Tibetan tycoon, who runs a chain of hotels and real estate business, is the second influential Tibetan to be targeted by China. 37 yr old, Dorjee Tashi, popularly known as “Yak Tashi” with an estimated property value of 450 million pounds was arrested by authorities in the wake of the 2008 uprisings in Lhasa. The young business man was held incommunicado since his arrest until June 26, 2010, when the Lhasa Municipality Intermediate People's Court convicted him for “illegal business operations” in a secret trial that lasted three days, details of which are not available. Dorjee Tashi is a communist party member, and a recipient of numerous awards from the Chinese govt including “Outstanding Private Business Award,” “Poverty Alleviation Special Contribution Award,” and “Youth Civilization Individual Achievement Award.” In 2005, Dorjee Tashi had met Chinese President Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao. Dorjee Tashi is the second influential Tibetan, after environmentalist and philanthropist Karma Samdrup, to be targeted by China. Both of them were known to have kept their distance from political activities and have been honored by the Chinese govt as model citizens in the past.

<http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,2011548,00.html>

U.S. GOVERNMENT:

U.S. must publicly pursue clear Tibet policy says FPI director democracy and human rights: In an article in the Wall Street Journal, FPI Director of Democracy and Human Rights, Ellen Bork writes, “American officials should know by now that nothing is gained by acquiescing China's overbearing behavior on Tibet and any other issue. Adapting to Beijing's “correct understanding” of Tibet undermines not only the Dalai Lama and human rights for Tibetans, but also America's own “core interest” in seeing these respected in Tibet and China as well. To be credible, America must clearly and publicly pursue a well-established policy on Tibet.”

<http://www.savetibet.org/media-center/tibet-news/us-must-publicly-pursue-clear-tibet-policy-says-fpi-director-democracy-and-human-rights>