

INSIDE TIBET:

Four Tibetans shot, 30 injured as Police fire on mining protestors: On August 17, at least four Tibetans were fatally shot and 30 others wounded when Chinese police opened fire on a group of Tibetan protestors outside Palyul (*Ch: Baiyu*) county government offices in Sichuan's Kardze, (*Ch: Ganzi*) Tibetan Autonomous prefecture. The Tibetans were protesting the expansion of the gold mining operations in the region. Kartin, a Shanghai-based mining company, has been operating gold mines in the area for nearly 20 years, but enlarged to large-scale capacity in August 2006 bringing increasing quantities of heavy machinery and equipment. Local Tibetans concerned about the mining expansion leading to increased natural disasters in the area, have had frequent standoffs with authorities. The Chinese official Xinhua News Agency reported, on August 30, that a 47-year-old Tibetan named Babo died after being hit "by a stray bullet" when police fired warning shots with an anti-riot shotgun. <http://www.rfa.org/english/news/tibet/mine-08262010142756.html>

Another Tibetan intellectual arrested: Kalsang Tsultrim, a Tibetan intellectual, was arrested on July 27, 2010 at Dzoge County in Sichuan Province. Kelsang is remembered for his widely distributed video testimonial in 2009 in which he discusses Tibetan history, recent events in Tibet and Chinese policies, and talks about current desires, aspirations, concerns, and dreams of Tibetan people in Tibet. He also wrote *Miyul La Phul Ve Sempa* (summarized as *Sharing the Inner Thoughts in My Heart*) a book which illustrates the concerns of the Tibetan people. Kalsang's arrest is not unexpected and it is yet another example of the Chinese crackdown on Tibetan intellectuals. <http://www.tchrd.org/press/2010/pr20100822.htmlb>

EXILE TIBET:

Hundreds attend First Tibetan General Meeting in South India: Over 300 delegates from around the world, representing all aspects of the Tibetan diaspora in exile, are participating in the first Tibetan General Meeting in Bylakuppe, organized by the Tibetan Parliament in Exile from August 26 to August 31. This meeting, along the lines of the special meeting held in 2008, is an effort to explore ways to reform the exile Tibetan government's policies. Discussions are taking place on a wide array of issues, including policy, promotion of democracy and education, sustenance of Tibetan settlements and status of Tibetans living in foreign countries, among others.

<http://www.phayul.com/news/article.aspx?id=28048&article=Delegates+scour+for+solutions+at+Tibetan+General+Meeting&t=1&c=1>

NEPAL

US reminds Nepal to allow free passage for Tibetan refugees: On August 18, the United States called on Nepal to honor its commitment in relation to Tibetans fleeing from Tibet. Visiting US Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs, Atul Keshap raised the issue of free passage for Tibetan refugees in his meeting with Home Minister Bhim Rawal and reminded Rawal of a UN-brokered "gentlemen's agreement" in 1989 to allow Tibetan refugees a free passage through Nepal to Dharamshala in India. This is not the first time that US officials have raised the issue of safe passage for Tibetans with Nepali officials. US Deputy Under-Secretary for Population, Refugees and Migration Kelly Clements had made a similar request to Foreign Minister Sujata Koirala and Minister Rawal, during her visit to Nepal in June. Nepal has put up new security posts along its northern border in recent months to prevent Tibetans from entering Nepal illegally and in June, Nepal sent back three Tibetan refugees who had entered the northern Rasuwa district, saying they had no legal documents. <http://www.ekantipur.com/the-kathmandu-post/2010/08/18/top-story/us-to-nepal-respect-gentlemens-accord/211721/>

U.S. GOVERNMENT:

The Obama Administration submits annual report on Tibet negotiations: The Obama administration has submitted its Annual report on "Tibet Negotiations" to the Congress, as required by the "Tibetan Policy Act of 2002." The "Report on Tibet Negotiations: March 2009 - February 2010" outlines the "Status of discussions" between the two sides and recounts steps taken by the Obama administration to encourage the PRC government to enter into a dialogue with the Dalai Lama "leading to a negotiated agreement on Tibet". The report can be viewed at http://www.savetibet.org/files/documents/Report_on_Tibet_Negotiations_2010.pdf