

U.S. GOVERNMENT:

U.S. State Department releases International Religious Freedom Report, 2010: On November 17, the U.S. State Department released its annual International Religious Freedom Report. The report stated that the United States continues to be concerned for the preservation and development of the Tibetan people's unique religious, cultural, and linguistic heritage and the protection of their fundamental human rights. In its findings, the Chinese Government control over religious practice and the day-to-day management for monasteries and other religious institutions continued to be extraordinarily tight. It stated that the U.S. diplomatic personnel were only allowed five closely controlled and monitored visits to the TAR during the reporting period and that U.S. government protested religious persecution and discrimination, discussed individual cases with authorities, and requested further information about specific incidents. The complete Tibet section of the report can be found at <http://www.savetibet.org/media-center/tibet-news/state-department-releases-international-religious-freedom-report-2010>

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT:

European Parliament adopts resolution in support of a genuine bilingual language policy in Tibet: On November 25, the European Parliament adopted a resolution in support of a language policy in Tibet in which all subjects can be taught in Tibetan language. The resolution was passed during a plenary session and a press release issued by the European Parliament said, "MEPs urge the Chinese authorities to support a genuine bilingual language policy, in which all subjects can be taught in the Tibetan language. They condemn the increased crackdown on the exercise of cultural, linguistic, religious and other fundamental freedoms of the six million Tibetan people as well as the Chinese authorities' plan to make Chinese the main language of instruction in Tibet."
<http://www.tibet.net/en/index.php?id=2007.&articletype=flash&rmenuid=morenews&s&tab=1#TabbedPanels1>

AUSTRALIA:

Australian Parliament convenes hearing on Tibet: On November 24, Australia's Parliamentary Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Human Rights convened a hearing on Tibet - on the status of dialogue between the envoys of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the Chinese leadership, and human rights situation in Tibet. The hearing was held under the Chairmanship of Mr. Michael Danby, a member of the Australian House of Representatives. Mr. Danby had led an Australian Parliamentarian delegation to visit Dharamsala in July 2009. Three senior officials of the Central Tibetan Administration attended the hearing.
<http://www.tibet.net/en/index.php?id=2006.&articletype=flash&rmenuid=morenews&s&tab=1#TabbedPanels1>

INSIDE TIBET:

Clamp down in Tibetan schools after fresh language protests: On November 24, Radio Free Asia reported that authorities in Kanlho, Gansu Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, have stepped up surveillance in Tibetan high schools following a small-scale protest in support of Tibetan language in schools over the weekend. Local Tibetan sources said that a group of two or three students walked for about a mile, carrying a white banner and shouting slogans calling for independence of Tibet. The students were taken away by police, who arrived in three vehicles. According to sources, the principals of the schools have been fired, along with two of the teachers and the parents of the students have been required to go to the Machu County center to hold meetings with local government leaders. Last month, Gansu saw a wave of protests by Tibetan students after authorities announced plans to drop Tibetan language as medium of instruction. <http://www.rfa.org/english/news/tibet/students-11242010145840.html>

Missing Tibetan writer traced to detention center in Barkham county: According to a report by Radio Free Asia, a noted Tibetan writer, Tashi Rabten (Pen name: Theurang), arrested on April 6 and missing since then, is being held at a detention center in Barkham County, Ngaba Tibet Autonomous Prefecture. Sources said that authorities have not allowed family members to visit him but allowed delivery of food and clothes. It is believed that Tashi might be tried soon but little is known what the charges might be. Tashi Rabten edited the banned literary magazine *Shar Dugri* (Eastern Snow Mountain) on the 2008 Tibet protests and co-authored a collection of works called "Written in Blood."
<http://www.phayul.com/news/article.aspx?id=28592&article=Missing+Tibetan+writer+traced+to+detention+center+in+Barkham+County&t=1&c=1>