

**INSIDE TIBET:**

**ICT Report: Tibetan monks shot as police open fire on Tibetans praying on Dalai Lama's birthday:** On July 6, 2013, two Tibetan monks were shot in the head and several others injured when Chinese police opened fire at a crowd gathered to peacefully celebrate the 78th birthday of the Dalai Lama in Nyitso, Tawu (Chinese: Dawu/Daofu), Kardze (Chinese: Ganzi) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture in the Tibetan area of Kham. Graphic images received by ICT show a monk identified as Tashi Sonam from Nyitso monastery, with a severe head wound. Tashi and another monk identified as Ugyen Tashi, are in critical condition in a hospital in Chengdu, the provincial capital. <https://www.savetibet.org/tibetan-monks-shot-as-police-open-fire-on-tibetans-praying-on-dalai-lama's-birthday/>

**HRW Report: "They Say We Should Be Grateful": Mass Rehousing and Relocation in Tibetan Areas of China:** On June 27, 2013, Human Rights Watch released a 115-page Report on the mass rehousing and relocation programs in Tibetan areas. The Report documents extensive rights violations ranging from the absence of consultation to the failure to provide adequate compensation, and it addresses defects in the quality of houses provided, absence of remedies for arbitrary decisions, failures to restore livelihoods, as well as a disregard for autonomy rights nominally guaranteed by Chinese law in Tibetan areas. [www.hrw.org/node/116642](http://www.hrw.org/node/116642)

**UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL:**

**ICT Report: 23RD Session of the Human Rights Council:** The 23rd session of the UN Human Rights Council concluded on June 14, 2013. ICT's Elena Gaita, Policy and Advocacy officer for ICT Brussels amplified Tibetan voices, to speak on Tibet for the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights at the Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary and arbitrary executions on May 30, eliciting a response from China. Ms. Gaita also made an oral statement at the Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on Rights to Education on May 31. In addition, Mr. Ngawang Drakmogyapon spoke for Tibet on behalf of the Helsinki Human Rights Foundation during the "General Debate on Human Rights situations that require the Council's attention." The next session of the Human Rights Council will be held in September, 2013. <https://www.savetibet.org/23rd-session-of-the-human-rights-council/>

**U.S. - CHINA:**

**ICT Press Release: At S&ED, United States should demand China investigate and prosecute those responsible for the shooting of unarmed Tibetan worshippers:** On July 9, ICT urged Secretary of State, John Kerry, during the high level US-China "Strategic and Economic Dialogue (S&ED)," to ask the Chinese leaders to undertake an objective investigation into the shooting of unarmed Tibetans participating in a religious ceremony to venerate the Dalai Lama, and to bring those responsible to justice. Secretary Kerry, and Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew, were scheduled to meet with Chinese counterparts, China State Counselor Yang Jiechi and Vice Premier Wang Yang, at the annual S&ED meeting on July 10-11, 2013. <https://www.savetibet.org/ict-at-sed-united-states-should-demand-china-investigate-and-prosecute-those-responsible-for-the-shooting-of-unarmed-tibetan-worshippers/>

**TIBETAN SELF-IMMOLATIONS:**

**ICT Report: Tibetan singers jailed after release of songs about self-immolation, Dalai Lama:** Two Tibetan singers Pema Trinley, 22 and Chakdor, 32, from Me'urama nomadic village in Ngaba (Chinese: Aba) have been imprisoned for two years each following their release of a music DVD including songs about self-immolations and the Dalai Lama. They were first detained in July 2012, just days after the release of the song album titled 'The Agony of Unhealed Wounds.' Their families have not been able to see them since the imprisonment and their current location is unknown. <https://www.savetibet.org/tibetan-signers-jailed-after-release-of-songs-about-self-immolation-dalai-lama/>

**Voice of America releases a documentary on Self-Immolations in Tibet:** Voice of America has released a new 56-minute long documentary entitled, "Fire in the Land of Snow" that explores the causes behind the Tibetan self-immolations, combining smuggled videos, first-hand accounts and interviews with experts, scholars and officials, providing an in-depth and comprehensive look at the recent history of Tibet. <https://www.savetibet.org/fire-in-the-land-of-snow-a-documentary-on-self-immolations-in-tibet/>

**ICT NEWS:**

**Rowell Fund for Tibet to receive application for 2013-2014 Grant Cycle:** The application form for the Rowell Fund for Tibet's 2013-2014 grant is now available for download. The Rowell Fund for Tibet seeks to support Tibetans who can make a significant contribution to their community and/or an international audience in the field of visual arts and media, and environmental and women's rights. <https://www.savetibet.org/rowell-fund-for-tibet-to-receive-application-for-2013-2014-grant-cycle/>