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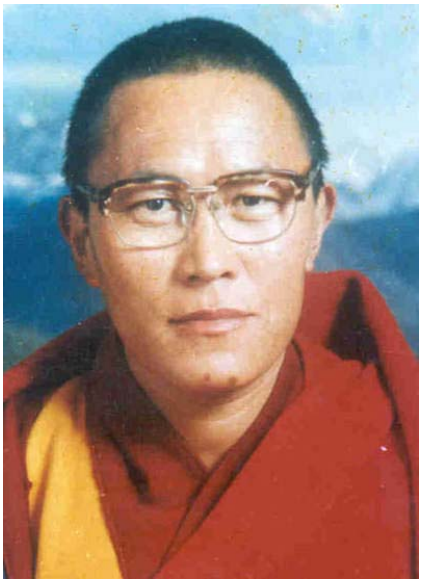
Tenzin Deleg Rinpoche



On December 2nd 2002 a court in the West-Chinese province of Si-chuan spoke out a death sentence for the high-ranking Tibetan Lama Tenzin Deleg Rinpoche and his assistant Lobsang Dhondup. The court convicted them on the basis of "confessions" that both are supposed to have made after their arrestment on April 7th 2002. They are accused of being responsible for numerous unsolved bomb attacks in the years 2001 and 2002 in the region of Kardze (Ganzi) in Sichuan. Details about the trial were not given by Chinese authorities, both men were deprived from lawyers of their choice.

The state news agency Xinhua confirmed on January 26th 2005 that the death sentence against Tenzin Deleg Ringpoche was converted into a life-long prison term. According to the ISHR this is a result of the international campaign to save his life.

Tenzin Deleg got into the sight of Communist authorities in 1998 when he tried opening a monastery without official permission. Later on he led the peaceful protest against deforestation through a local wood manufacturer in the region. Tenzin Deleg's 28-year old assistant, Lobsang Dhondup, was executed on January 26th 2003. The broadcasting station Radio Free Asia reported on February 4th 2003 that family members of both men were prohibited to talk about the case in public and to travel. Lobsang Dhondup's body was not given to the family, which implies that it may have shown torture marks.

With my signature I appeal for an immediate and unconditional release of Tenzin Deleg Rinpoche.

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