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Tibet: fighting for a free home

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I have been advocating for the Tibetan cause for 25 years because the consequences of the occupation by the People's Republic of China are a true genocide with the loss of over a million lives, the erasure of human rights, cultural heritage, and identity of an entire People.

China is running a capitalist economy with no human rights, even for its own people, and is annihilating anyone who does not have as much power. Nevertheless, each and every

Tibetan has a special power, that of embodying the “Never Give Up” mantra of the 14th Dalai Lama, Nobel Peace Prize laureate in 1989. All Tibetans are precious teachers who, despite having lost their own lives or the lives of their loved ones, have never lost their determination to fight for independence and autonomy, embodying true resilience and continuing to believe in a future of Freedom and Peace.

I would like to share the thoughts of Tenzin Tsundue, an exiled Tibetan activist who has dedicated his life to the cause of Tibetan freedom.

In an interview he said: "Most of us, wherever we live, we're used to calling that place our house, not our home, because a home is sacred, and it will only be established when we go back. Our home is Tibet.

Here is his testimony:

“Why does everybody talk about peace while supporting war? Everybody is divided between Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Russia. War is business. Politics is war. Foreign invasion is destroying a country, the homeland of HH the 14th Dalai Lama and his people: Tibet. The highest and largest plateau in the world, free and independent until the occupation by the People's Republic of China in 1950.

The issue of Tibet was discussed at the UN, where three resolutions (1959, 1961, 1965) recommended the right to self-determination for the Tibetan people.

Tibetans have lost a sixth of their population. Over a million Tibetans have been killed, 6000 historic universities and monasteries have been destroyed. All rights to freedom of speech, religion, and the press are banned in Tibet.

Any expression of protest is brutally suppressed, and family members, friends and acquaintances are rounded up for interrogation.

Everyone has become a number. Ration cards, telephones, bank accounts and Wechat IDs are all linked to a single number. Public mobility is under scrutiny. Facial recognition and racial profiling are part of everyday surveillance. China has turned Tibet into a police state, surpassing the Orwellian Deep State. Freedom House has declared Tibet the most repressed country in the world.

More than 157 Tibetans have set themselves on fire for freedom.

One million children are forced to attend China's colonial boarding schools from the age of five, where they are trained to question their grandparents' inability to speak Chinese. This Sinicization will create a new, unrecognizable generation. This is genocide.

China is displacing Tibetan nomads and farmers into artificial villages that resemble reservoirs, bombing mountains, and digging up grasslands to turn them into mines.

China has held almost the entire world in check, making it dependent on its own trade and supply chains. It has also weaponized trade, dictating terms to its trading partners.

We must support Tibet! It is the least we can do in the face of genocide. Now is the time for us to live up to the sacred and solemn vows we have made”.



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