

An appeal.

Unprecedented economic and technological advancement in China is being paired with openly oppressive, high-handed and discriminative Human Rights abuses that have made headlines across the world. Peaceful Tibetan protestors have been largely set aside, forgotten or ignored in the wake of this, just as the situation within Tibet grows more severe. The recent trend in self-immolation can attest to this—both a ploy to grab the world's attention, and a desperate cry for help from an otherwise muted folk to let us all know just how bad things have become for them.

The Chinese government continuously undermines International Human Rights Standards for Expression, particularly those contained in Article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and Article 29 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This not only harms the Tibetans, but it undermines Chinese credibility on the world stage.

Setting us Tibetans aside for a moment, the general Chinese population—who are like our brothers and sisters—have also been deprived of Fundamental Human Rights. In fact, they are more likely to be exploited for economic gain, than to benefit from it. Moreover, the Chinese authorities have forfeited loyalty, sympathy, and patriotism amongst its own people, leading to an entrenched need for investment in security forces both within China and Tibet, and in neighboring countries like India and Nepal. Such investments are made under the guise of financial assistance, but the true motive is to strengthen China's strategic interests, while boosting its image. China's economic and technological progress has clearly not led to commensurate gains in rule of law or improvements in Human Rights.

With renewed political unrest in Tibet, China continues to take more drastic measures, including wielding its influence in India and Nepal. After risking their lives to make it to Nepal or India, Tibetan refugees can no longer be assured of finally reaching safe ground. In fact, the opposite is becoming the norm, with refugees forced back after reaching Nepal, only to face certain detention, or worse.

Hence, the safety of Tibetan refugees in India and Nepal is seriously jeopardized by mounting political pressure on India in the wake of renewed political unrest in Tibet, and the new Maoist dispensation in Nepal.

'Strike Forces' are the latest in the flagrant misuse of Chinese rule of law to brutally repress peaceful Tibetan protestors. Fundamental Human Rights are being openly and blatantly violated on the roof of the world.

The world should feel more compelled to lend its attention to protestors who choose peaceful, non-violent means as a medium of protest for a genuine cause, no matter how giant and powerful the government is towards which the protest is being directed, rather than paying more attention towards those who opt nonviolence means to bring the international attendance which is happening in other part of the world.

Mutually beneficial attempts have been made by the exiled Tibetan Administration under the able and righteous rule of His Holiness the Dalai Lama (the 14th incarnation, and until recently both the temporal leader, and religious leader for the past 639 years), to resolve the issue by means of dialogue. A series of dialogues was arranged by sending delegates appointed by Central Tibetan Administration, Dharamsala, India. No concrete results were achieved, since there was no response from the Chinese government side. Clearly, the purpose of China's willingness to have a dialogue is no other than a lame means of distracting the world while China fulfills short-sighted political and economic motives, and to improve its tarnished reputation in international politics.

Many of us Tibetans have been left Stateless. We are devoid of nationality due to the illegal occupation of our rightful homeland, and due to the merciless repression that's gone along with it, we are left with no place to turn.

We would like these issues to be solved immediately with the help of international intervention in the form of a legislative mandate passed in every country calling for the monitoring of Human Rights. We'd like to see the development of peace among all nations, with

equal economic improvement in each and every nation—including China—without any criticism or grievances. We should implement the motto, 'Think Globally and Act Locally'. International media personnel should have ready access to complete and detailed reports about Tibetans detained, charged, and sentenced while exercising their right to protest. We demand immediate rescindment of the repressive policies in Ngaba region of Tibet. The demands of Tibetan martyrs should be heard, felt, and discussed on the international agenda, and should—ultimately—be fulfilled.

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