



Tibetan Community in Switzerland & Liechtenstein

Tibeter Gemeinschaft in der Schweiz & Liechtenstein

## **6<sup>th</sup> action of the Tibetan Community in Switzerland and Liechtenstein for a 2-year campaign: UN to send an independent fact-finding mission to Tibet now!**

**“Dialogue now!”**

**The 6th action will take place on Place des Nations from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm on  
31<sup>st</sup> October 2011.**

Commencing May 30, 2011, Tibetans and their supporters have started a 2-year campaign to appeal to the UN to send an independent fact-finding mission to Tibet.

Tibetans will stage various symbolic actions, underlining their demand for an immediate start of a serious dialogue between the Peoples' Republic of China and Tibetans as the only meaningful way to resolve the situation in Tibet.

The current situation inside Tibet is at its worst. Tibetans are discriminated in all spheres of life and live under constant fear, control and intimidation resulting in massive rights and norms violation in all forms. The government of People's Republic of China (PRC) has massively stepped up state repression and has hardened its position on Tibet and His Holiness the Dalai Lama during the past few years. Instead of addressing the core issues over Tibet, the PRC government has been reacting with utter violence against all manifestations of protests or demands for the respect and protection of the fundamental rights of the Tibetan people.

No less than seven Tibetan monks have set themselves on fire during the past 8 months – four of them did not survive their injuries. All were demanding nothing more than religious freedom, democracy and the return of His Holiness the Dalai Lama back to Tibet. These dramatic acts underline the alarming level of perceived helplessness and despair among Tibetans in view the PRC's wrong policy. Government and security forces reacted to the first act of self-immolation by a monk by sealing off his monastery, committing brutal violence against lay people trying to protect the monastery compound, resulting in two Tibetans being beaten to death, and mass arrests and deportation of approximately 300 monks. Instead of dealing with the root causes of these acts of despair, security has been tightened and repression been increased each time after such an incident.

The government of the PRC has constantly been ignoring advice from within and outside China that the only way to resolving the situation in Tibet in a peaceful way is through a meaningful dialogue, before it is too late. His Holiness the Dalai Lama and his representatives have offered to start this dialogue at any time, at any place, and without any preconditions.

We call on the United Nations to take responsibility to facilitating the dialogue immediately!

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