

Anti Chinese government protests in Ngapa and Zoegey county led by Kirti monasteries in Tibet

Fresh reports from Tibet saying that huge anti Chinese government demonstrations are being done peacefully by Tibetan monks and lay people in the region of Amdo Zoegey and Ngapa. 15 Tibetans have already killed in Ngapa County.

1. March 15, 2008, demonstrations at Taktsang Lhamo Kirti Monastery in Zoegey County.

Around 4pm local time, around four hundred Tibetans, both lay and monastic, Marched from outside the monastery to the main market shouting slogans. The main slogans were " Long live H.H the Dalai lama.", "The owner of Tibet is Tibetans" and " Tibet is a purely independent Country". They burned Chinese flag, smashed the board of the police station and broke the doors and windows of Chinese shops and restaurants. After that, they marched back from the market to the monastery still shouting slogans. Then they stopped and planned to do a second demonstration in the evening.

At that time, some people from the Chinese authorities in Ngapa prefecture and Zoegey County were having a meeting in the monastery with the staffs of the monastery and the so-called Committee of the Monastery. They tried to stop the demonstrations but failed. Then two trucks of armed policemen arrived and surrounded the monastery, so the second demonstration could not be carried out. Now Kirti monastery in Taktsang Lhamo is still surrounded by the armed soldiers. A fresh report just arrived from Tibet saying that Tibetans in Thakor area in Zoegey have started to demonstrate today.

2. On March 16, 2008, at 11am local time, led by monks of Kirti monastery in Ngapa, more than 10,000 Tibetans, both lay and monastic did demonstrations in Ngapa County.

At that time, a huge number of monks and lay Tibetans were in Kirti Monastery in Ngapa performing the special prayer of Accumulation of billions of the six syllables Mantra< the Mantra of Buddha of compassion>. The protesters started to march from the debate field of the monastery towards the main market of the County City, but they were stopped by more than 6,000 armed soldiers outside the monastery, so the monks returned to the monastery and marched around the main temple of the monastery shouting slogans. The mains slogans were "Long live H.H the Dalai Lama!", " We want freedom!", etc. The lay people kept on marching towards the

County City but the soldiers started to suppress and some people were arrested, so a clash occurred between the Tibetans and soldiers. Two Tibetans got seriously injured on the spot and the situation became more and more severe, so the monks came out of the monastery again and joined the lay people marching towards to the County City while clashing with the soldiers. Slowly Tibetans from the three regions of Ngapa including the students from the County middle school, monks from Ser Monastery, Kashi Monastery, Adu Monastery and Gomang Monastery, people from Ngapa Lower Chuk Le, Upper Ngapa and Cha Ra Nak arrived in the county city and joined the protest and the suppression of the soldiers also became very heavy. Some monks from Acham Apal Monastery entered the police station to protest and the police fired gun at them. A monk injured a leg and six others were killed.

According to the reports, total 15 Tibetans have already been killed. The Chinese hospital there refused to admit the injured Tibetans, so the hospital in the county city called Zoegey Menkhang got burned by the people.

The monks and lay Tibetans did the demonstration peacefully but the Chinese soldiers suppressed and arrested them with severe brutal means so that the Tibetans were forced to clash with the soldiers. They burned and destroyed the house and vehicles of the police station and also some Chinese shops and restaurants. As for the destroying and burning Chinese shops and restaurants, some people in Tibet say that it is the result of the involvement of Chinese spays, so investigations are required on this. The Chinese solders are using tear gas on the Tibetans and the number of death and injured is increasing. A fresh report just arrived saying that at 11am local time today, nuns from Suwi Mama Nunnery arrived in the County City and have started demonstrating with the photo of His Holiness and Tibetan national flag.

Another report said that at 12 today, around 1000 Tibetans, both lay and monastic, in Meri Ma, a nomadic place in Ngapa, have started demonstrating with Tibetan national flag in their Shang< the smallest head quarter of the communist Chinese>.

Kirti Monastery

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