Chronology of Tibetans Self-immolates in Tibet 2016

1. **Feb 29, 2016**
   Kalsang Wangdu, a monk of Retsokha Aryaling monastery, set himself on fire near his monastery around 4 pm on 29 February in Nyarong county, Kardze (incorporated into China’s Sichuna Province) in an expression of protest against the Chinese government.

   He raised slogans calling for Tibet’s complete independence. “Passersby tried to douse the fire and rushed him to a hospital. However, he died on the way. Wangdu’s father name is Sotra, and mother name is Urgyen Dolma.

2. **Mar 11, 2016**
   Tashi, a member of the Deyang family aged in his 30s, died on March 11 in the Tsangshul detention center in Markham (in Chinese, Mangkang) county in the Chamdo (Changdu) prefecture of the Tibet Autonomous Region. He was severely beaten and tortured while in detention, and became so desperate that he ended his life.

3. **Mar 23, 2016**
   Sonam Tso, a mother of five children set herself on fire in March this year at the circumambulation path around Sera Monastery in Akyi Township in Dzoege County to protest the repressive policies implemented by Chinese government in Tibet.

   Information received by TCHRD confirms that Sonam Tso set herself on fire at around 12.30 pm local time on 23 March at the circumambulation path at Sera Monastery. At the time, she was circumambulating the monastery along with her husband Kelsang Gyatso. She had asked her husband to continue walking and excused herself to visit the nearby prayer wheel temple.

4. **Dec 08, 2016**
   Tashi Rabten, 33, set himself ablaze on Dec. 8 at about 7:00 p.m. local time on a road leading from the Machu (in Chinese, Maqu) county center to the Machu Bridge, local sources said following the protest.

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