

Chronology of Tibetans Sentenced in Tibet 2016

1. Feb 22, 2016¹



Shokjang aka Druklo, a prominent Tibetan writer, was sentenced to three years in prison on Wednesday, 17 February. The sentence was pronounced by the Peoples' Intermediate Court in Rebgong (in Chinese, Tongren) of Malho (Huangnan) prefecture in Qinghai province.

Shokjang was accused of writing material the Chinese government said could incite discord among nationalities and maintaining secret contact with so-called splittists who want to separate Tibet from China, and causing instability in the community.

2. Feb 22, 2016²



Gomar Choephel, 47, was sentenced on Feb. 17 by the People's Intermediate Court in the Malho (in Chinese, Huangnan) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture in northwestern China's Qinghai province in accused of passing a photo of exiled spiritual leader the Dalai Lama to friends via social media.

3. April 11, 2016³



Rinchen Dorje, Kurde Yeshe and Phurko received two-year jail terms, while Jigje Kyab was given a three-year term, for their part in the attempt to take the land back from the government.

None of the Tibetans will have to serve out their entire sentence in prison, however, as an unusual sentencing arrangement allowed them to serve their terms on parole, as long as they agreed to serve an additional six months.

The four were part of a group of Tibetans who had briefly reoccupied confiscated community land in Thangkor town in Dzoerge (in Chinese, Ruo'ergai) county in the Ngaba (Aba) Tibetan and Qiang Autonomous Prefecture.

4. May 9, 2016⁴



Lobsang Jamyang (Pen-name: Lomik), a prolific and courageous writer who is also a monk from the local Kirti Monastery was sentenced on charges of "leaking state secrets" and "engaging in separatist activities" at a closed-door trial held at Lunggu (Ch: Wenchuan) County in Ngaba (Ch: Aba) Tibetan and Qiang Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan Province. His family members were not informed about the trial and were not provided any details on the exact date of his sentencing.

¹ China Sentences Shokjang, a Prominent Tibetan Writer to Three Years in Prison; <http://tibet.net/2016/02/china-sentences-shokjang-a-prominent-tibetan-writer-to-three-years-in-prison/>
<http://www.rfa.org/english/news/tibet/tibetan-writer-sentenced-to-three-years-in-prison-in-chinas-qinghai-province-02192016134844.html>

²Tibetan Monk Jailed For Two Years Over Dalai Lama Photo; <http://www.rfa.org/english/news/tibet/photos-02222016163847.html>
<http://tibet.net/2016/02/tibetan-monk-imprisoned-for-possessing-his-holiness-the-dalai-lamas-photo/>

³ Tibetans Sentenced For Attempt to Retake Community Land; <http://www.rfa.org/english/news/tibet/tibetans-sentenced-for-attempt-04112016154205.html>
<http://www.phayul.com/news/article.aspx?id=37388&article=Four+Tibetans+sentenced+for+trying+to+reoccupy+confiscated+land&t=1&c=1>

<http://www.tchrd.org/four-tibetan-land-rights-petitioners-given-suspended-sentence/>

⁴Tibetan writer sentenced to 7.5 years after more than a year of secret detention; <http://www.tchrd.org/tibetan-writer-sentenced-to-7-5-years-after-more-than-a-year-of-secret-detention/>

<http://www.rfa.org/english/news/tibet/tibetan-monk-and-writer-05092016160254.html>
<http://tibet.net/2016/05/tibetan-monk-lomik-sentenced-to-7-5-years-in-prison/>

5. July 19, 2016⁵



The monk, who was identified only by his first name Lobsang, was sentenced in a secret trial, with none of his close family members informed at first of the verdict. Lobsang will serve his sentence at the prison in Maowun [Mao] county.

6. July 26, 2016⁶



Argya Gya, formerly a monk at Kirti monastery in Sichuan's Ngaba (in Chinese, Aba) county and now a layman, was taken into custody on Nov. 18, 2015 and sent to prison in Lunggu [Wenchuan] county in China's Sichuan province for his involvement in a social media chat group celebrating last year's 80th birthday of exiled spiritual leader the Dalai Lama.

7. Aug 1, 2016⁷



Jampal Gyatso, 22, a Tibetan monk was sentenced by authorities in southwestern China's Sichuan province for three years in prison in a secret trial for staging a solitary protest in Ngaba county, with no opportunity given to his parents or other relatives to attend the hearing or hire a lawyer to present his case. His family members learned about this only on Aug 1.

8. Aug 4, 2016⁸



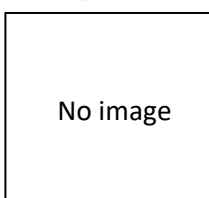
Adrak, also known as Lobsang Drakpa, a Tibetan monk missing since his detention by police last year following a solo protest in southwestern China's Sichuan province has been tried and sentenced in a secret hearing. His family members were not informed, but after a long search they finally learned that he had been given a three-year sentence. He is now being held in a prison in Maowun [in Chinese, Mao] county, and his family members were not allowed to see him.

9. Sept 1, 2016⁹



Lobsang Kelsang, then 19, launched his protest at around 3:00 p.m. on September 7 on a central street of the main town of Sichuan's Ngaba (in Chinese, Aba) county and was quickly overpowered by police stationed nearby. He was carrying a photo of [exiled spiritual leader] His Holiness the Dalai Lama over his head and was calling out for Tibetan freedom," one source said, speaking on condition of anonymity. A Tibetan layman who attempted to interfere with the arrest was also detained, and police at one point fired gunshots into the air to disperse a forming crowd.

10. Sept 19, 2016¹⁰



Jinpa Gyatso, about 39, and Kelsang Monlam, 37, were each sentenced to one year and a half on 12 September by the Sangchu County People's Court. Both monks belonged to the college of Buddhist Dialectics at Labrang Tashikyil Monastery in Sangchu County. They were arbitrarily detained separately on 4 June 2015 and held in prolonged incommunicado detention.

⁵Tibetan Monk Handed Three-Year Prison Term in a Secret Trial; <http://www.rfa.org/english/news/tibet/secret-07192016164107.html>
⁶Second Tibetan Jailed Over Dalai Lama WeChat Group; <http://www.rfa.org/english/news/tibet/second-07262016170418.html>
⁷Tibetan Monk Given Three-Year Prison Term For Ngaba Protest; <http://www.rfa.org/english/news/tibet/protest-08012016132800.html>
⁸Tibetan Monk Given Three-Year Term in Secret Trial; <http://www.rfa.org/english/news/tibet/secret-08042016124241.html>
⁹Tibetan Monk Missing in Detention is Found Serving Prison Term in Sichuan; <http://www.rfa.org/english/news/tibet/found-09012016143721.html>
¹⁰Two Tibetan monks sent to prison for sharing information about self-immolation; <http://tchrd.org/two-tibetan-monks-sent-to-prison-for-sharing-information-about-self-immolation/>
<http://www.rfa.org/english/news/tibet/sentenced-09202016135125.html>

11. Dec 7, 2016¹¹



A court in Sichuan's Ngaba Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture this week sentenced seven Tibetans to jail terms ranging from five to 14 years, some for celebrating last year's 80th birthday of the Dalai Lama.

¹¹Seven Tibetans Handed Long Jail Terms by Chinese Court; <http://www.rfa.org/english/news/tibet/jail-12072016130024.html>