Chronology of Tibetans Death in Tibet 2016

1. **Feb 08, 2016**¹

   The body of the man known as Trigyal was recently turned over to family members. He died due to severe torture under Chinese detention.

   Trigyal was one of three men from Mukhyim village in Tibet’s restive Driru (in Chinese, Biru) county who received stiff sentences for refusing to fly the Chinese national flag in 2014. County residents were being required to fly the flag from their houses in a government campaign to force them to show loyalty to Beijing. While Trigyal was given a 13 year sentence in 2014, the two other men, Ngangdrak and Rigsal, were handed 10-year terms.

2. **Mar 25, 2016**²

   Gyaye Phuntsok, 85, died on March 21 almost two decades after suffering crippling beatings and torture in prison. He had long been ill-treated in prison in Chabcha (in Chinese, Gonghe) county in northwestern China’s Qinghai province.

   He was severely tortured, leaving him unable to stand owing to serious injuries to his legs along with many other injuries on his body. Phuntsok had been confined to his bed ever since his release in 2000 after serving a two-year prison sentence.

3. **June 30, 2016**³

   Yeshi Lhakdron, a nun from Dragkar Nunnery went missing after her detention along with two other nuns eight years ago in Kardze (Ch: Ganzi) County in Kardze Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan Province, in Tibetan province of Kham. The two other nuns are identified as Sangay Lhamo and Tsewang Khando from the same nunnery. Both nuns were sentenced to two years each and were released after completing their prison terms.

4. **July 1, 2016**⁴

   Yudruk Nyima, aged about 40 and a resident of Dzakhok township in Kardze (in Chinese, Ganzi) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture’s Dege (Dege) county, was detained by police after returning from a trip to collect cordyceps, a valuable medicinal fungus, a Tibetan living in India told RFA’s Tibetan Service.

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⁴One Tibetan Killed, Another Presumed Dead in Sichuan's Kardze; http://www.rfa.org/english/news/tibet/killed-07012016144036.html