

Chronology of Tibetans Self-immolates in Tibet 2016

1. Feb 29, 2016¹



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 Urygen Dolma.

2. Mar 11, 2016²



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, 2016³



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 Dzoerge 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, 2016⁴



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.

¹Monk Dies after Setting Self on Fire in Kardze, Total Self-immolation Reaches 143; <http://tibet.net/2016/03/monk-dies-after-setting-self-on-fire-in-kardze-self-immolation-toll-reaches-143/>

<http://www.rfa.org/english/news/tibet/burns-03012016164905.html>

²Tibetan Kills Himself to End Torture in Jail; <http://www.rfa.org/english/news/tibet/torture-04012016162039.html>

<http://www.tchrd.org/tibetan-man-kills-self-in-detention-to-avoid-custodial-torture/>

³Tibetan Mother of Five Burns to Death to Protest Chinese Rule; <http://www.rfa.org/english/news/tibet/mother-05062016131403.html>

<http://www.tchrd.org/chinese-government-destroys-evidence-of-tibetan-womans-self-immolation/>

⁴Tibetan Self-Immolator Was Husband, Father of Three; <http://www.rfa.org/english/news/tibet/husband-12092016124603.html>

Tibetan Self-Immolates in China's Gansu Province; <http://www.rfa.org/english/news/tibet/burns-12082016120643.html>