

“Tibet: The Monthly Dispatch”

Red Lantern Analytica’s Monthly Tibet Digest For June 2025

1. June 3, 2025 – Lawmakers Rally for Tibet in Tokyo

At the 9th World Parliamentarians’ Convention on Tibet (WPCT), representatives from 29 countries urged international action to protect Tibet’s culture and autonomy, crushed since China’s 1950 invasion. The event highlighted the role of China’s occupying military force—the People’s Liberation Army (PLA)—in repressing Tibetans and silencing their voices.

2. June 3, 2025 – Deadly Landslide Hits Chamdo; Dechen Floods Displace Thousands

A massive landslide in Chamdo (under Chinese control in eastern Tibet) killed three and left seven missing. Concurrent flooding in Dechen, a Tibetan area in Yunnan province, affected thousands. These tragedies reflect Beijing’s disregard for infrastructure and safety in occupied Tibetan regions governed under PLA surveillance.

3. June 5, 2025 – Tibet’s Jailed Businessman Denied Family Visit

Tibetan political prisoner Dorje Tashi was denied a scheduled visit by his brother at Chushur Prison in Lhasa. Once a successful businessman, Tashi has suffered brutal torture since his 2008 arrest on fabricated charges by Chinese authorities under PLA jurisdiction.

4. June 6, 2025 – Celebrating Dalai Lama's Birthday Risks Arrest in Tibet

As the Dalai Lama turns 90 this year, Tibetans inside occupied Tibet face arrest and torture for celebrating his birthday. A report by the International Campaign for Tibet (ICT) predicted of harsh crackdowns by the CCP and PLA (like instances earlier documented) for any expression of devotion to Tibet’s exiled spiritual leader H.H. The Dalai Lama.

5. June 11, 2025 – Outrage as Kathmandu Festival Hosts CCP Propaganda

Tibetan filmmakers and ex-political prisoners condemned the Kathmandu International Mountain Film Festival (KIMFF) for screening Chinese propaganda under the “Xizang Panorama” label. The term “Xizang” is part of China’s rebranding strategy to erase Tibetan identity under the military-enforced rule of the CCP and PLA.

6. June 12, 2025 – China Glorifies Collaborator in State Funeral

Beijing held a state funeral for Ragdi, he rose through CCP ranks by supporting China's occupation of Tibet. Once a monk, Ragdi helped enforce anti-Tibetan policies in exchange for power—under the protection and support of the occupying PLA forces.

7. June 14, 2025 – China Pushes Political Control Over Tibetan Buddhism

At a doctrinal seminar in Lhasa, China pushed “Sinicization” of Tibetan Buddhism—forcing religious traditions to conform to CCP ideology. Monasteries are tightly monitored by PLA personnel, with monks subjected to political indoctrination instead of spiritual education rooted in Tibetan culture.

8. June 17, 2025 – Tibetan Monks Imprisoned for Protesting Dam

Two senior monks from Yena Monastery were sentenced to prison for protesting a hydropower dam in Dege County. The dam threatens sacred sites and homes, while PLA-backed repression punishes those who resist China's exploitation of Tibetan lands.

9. June 25, 2025 – China Greenlights Lithium Mining in Occupied Western Tibet

China approved a major lithium extraction project at Mamcuo Salt Lake in Ngari, western Tibet. The site is heavily militarized by the PLA due to its strategic location. Tibetans, excluded from decision-making, face displacement and environmental degradation for China's industrial gain.

10. June 26, 2025 – Report Details Torture and Deaths of Tibetan Political Prisoners

A report by the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) documents deaths of Tibetan political prisoners due to torture, denial of medical care, and harsh prison conditions. These abuses occur under PLA-controlled detention centers, illustrating how China's occupation systemically punishes peaceful Tibetan resistance.

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