

## 66 Years of Occupation - 66 Years of Resistance

Today, 10th March, we, Tibetans and supporters, stand united in commemorating the 66th anniversary of the 1959 Tibetan National Uprising. This day marks not only the brutal crackdown against the Tibetan people but also the enduring spirit of Tibetan resistance.

On the 10th of March 1959, hundreds of thousands of Tibetans rose up in protest against the occupying Chinese army that invaded Tibet by force in 1950. They gathered in the streets of the capital, Lhasa, to protect His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, who they feared was in danger of abduction or assassination.

The mass uprising was followed by a brutal crackdown by the Chinese government, both in the city and across Tibet, claiming tens of thousands of lives. The 14th Dalai Lama was forced to flee into exile, where he has remained ever since.

For 66 years, the Tibetan people have faced relentless oppression, the systematic erosion of their culture, the suppression of religious freedom, and the denial of fundamental human rights.

Today, seven decades later, Tibet remains under brutal occupation and in February 2025, it scored zero out of a hundred for 'freedom', scoring lower than North Korea, Sudan and Gaza.

Yet, the resolve for freedom in Tibet has never wavered.

We honour the brave men and women who rose up in Lhasa in 1959 and all those who have since sacrificed for the Tibetan cause. We remember those who have lost their lives, those who endured imprisonment, and those who continue to resist within Tibet.

The Tibetan struggle is a testament to the enduring power of the human spirit. We will not be silenced. We will not be defeated. We will continue to resist until justice and freedom prevail in Tibet.

We call upon the international community to stand in solidarity with the Tibetan people and to hold the Chinese government accountable for its actions.

Bod Gyalo.



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## In solidarity,

## The Following 140 International Tibet Network Members Groups Sign This Declaration

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Alaskans for Tibet

Amigos del Tibet, El Salvador

Amigos del Tibet, Santiago de Chile

Amigos de Tibet, Colombia

Amigos de Tibet, La Unión Chile

Anterrashtriya Bharat - Tibbet Sahyog Samiti

Asociación Cultural Peruano Tibetana/

Asociación Cultural Tibetano Costarricense

Association Cognizance Tibet, North Carolina

Association Drôme Ardèche-Tibet

Associazione Italia-Tibet

Australia Tibet Council

Balijara Foundation - Maharashtra

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Bharat Tibbat Sahyog Manch

Bharat Tibbat Samanvay Sangh

Bharat Tibet Sangh - India

Bharat Tibet Sangh - Jammu

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Casa del Tibet - Spain

Casa Tibet México

Centro Cultural Columbo Tibetano

Centro De Cultura Tibetana, Brazil

Centro para la Apertura y el Desarrollo de Am**é**rica Latina

Circle of Friends (Philippines)

Comite de Apoyo al Tibet (CAT)

Committee of 100 for Tibet

Core Group for Tibetan Cause, India

**Czechs Support Tibet** 

Dream for Children, Japan

**EcoTibet Ireland** 

Foundation for Universal Responsibility of H. H. the Dalai Lama

France-Tibet

Free Indo-Pacific Alliance

Free Tibet

Free Tibet Fukuoka

Friends of Tibet Costa Rica

Friends of Tibet in Bulgaria

Friends of Tibet in Finland

Friends of Tibet New Zealand

Ganasamannay Kolkata

Grupo de Apoio ao Tibete, Portugal

Himalayan Committee for Action on Tibet - Kinnaur

Human Rights Network for Tibet & Taiwan

India Tibet Friendship Society

India Tibet Friendship Society

India Tibet Friendship Society - Bihar

India Tibet Friendship Society - Dashthrathpuni

India Tibet Friendship Society - Delhi

India Tibet Friendship Society - Muzaffarpur

International Tibet Independence Movement Israeli Friends of the Tibetan People

Jal Kalyan Seva Samiti, Rajasthan

Japan Association of Monks for Tibet (Super Sangha)

Le Club Français, Paraguay

Les Amis du Tibet Luxembourg

Liberté au Tibet (Colmar, France)

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National Campaign for Free Tibet Support, India

National Democratic Party of Tibet

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Students for a Free Tibet-Japan

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**Swedish Tibet Committee** 

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The Global Alliance for Tibet & Persecuted Minorities

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Tibet Action Group of Western Australia

**Tibet Action Institute** 

**Tibetan Association of Germany** 

Tibetan Association of Ithaca

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Tibetan Association of Philadelphia

Tibetan Community Austria

Tibetan Community in Australia (Queensland)

Tibetan Community in Britain Tibetan Community in Denmark

Tibetan Community in France

Tibetan Community in Ireland

Tibetan Community in Japan

Tibetan Community of Australia (Victoria)

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Tibetans of Mixed Heritage

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Tibet Support Group Kenya

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