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The 54th TIBETAN NATIONAL UPRISING and MARTYR'S DAY

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It is fifty four years since the Tibetan people rose up against the Chinese invaders, in Nineteen Fifty Nine (1959), ten years after Communist China came into existence in Nineteen Forty Nine (1949) after the Chinese civil war.

As soon as they came to power, they continued the imperialistic design of successive Chinese governments. The difference was, however, the communists lost no time to stir up trouble in Tibet, by using the sixteen year old Panchen Lama.

Mao openly insinuated the Tibetan people to over throw the Tibetan Government. To their dismay, nothing of the sort ever happened, since the Tibetan people were happy with their own Government, especially after His Holiness the XIIIth Dalai Lama's reincarnation was discovered and His Holiness the XIVth Dalai Lama assumed political power in Tibet on November Seventeenth Nineteen Fifty (17/11/1950).

His Holiness the XIVth Dalai Lama was only fifteen years old, but the Tibetan people exhorted him to take the political reigns, since the danger from communist China loomed large on the horizon.

Four years later, in Nineteen Fifty Four (1954), he went to China for talks with the Chinese leader Mao. His efforts for a peaceful resolution failed as the communists were bent upon the complete subjugation of Tibet, and were prepared to use military force and intimidation, in order to achieve their goal of occupying Tibet.

On May the Twenty Third, Nineteen Fifty One (23/05/1951), Tibet was forced to sign a treaty with communist China, the so called 'Seventeen point measures for the peaceful Liberation of Tibet', after the Chinese communists had already invaded Tibetan territory, prior to the actual assault on Lhasa {on October Seventh Nineteen Fifty (05/10/1950)}, with Forty thousand troops.

Tibet was *conquered* and *raped* by communist China.

The treaty was a sham, and the Chinese used it only as a pretext to thwart international criticism of its invasion, while simultaneously renegeing on every point of the agreement, right from the very start. The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) went on a killing spree in Kham and Amdo (Tibetan regions) in the Eastern part of Tibet.

High Lamas' and religious leaders were the CCP's main targets. They arrested them and took them to secret locations in the dark of the night, forcing them to dig their own graves, before shooting them, just like the Nazi's did to the Jews during the Second World War.

The Chinese Communist Party's second target was the leaders of the Tibetan communities. The CCP would ostensibly call a supposed meeting, only to have the meeting place surrounded by the Chinese Peoples' Liberation Army and murder the Tibetan Leaders.

This led to the flight of thousands of young Tibetan men and women, who traveled to Lhasa, seeking refuge, unknowing the atrocities, were yet to occur there, as well. Lhasa was by now, filled with refugees from Kham and Amdo, Tibetans who had become refugees in their own country.

The air in Lhasa was thick with suspicion of the Chinese Communist design and machinations.

The Chinese had now showed their true colours, by arbitrary arrests and executions of Tibetan leaders, Lamas' and religious leaders, as well as the unreasonable demands made upon the Tibetan Government. Tibetans seethed with discontent and resentment of the occupying forces. It took just one spark for the already highly charged atmosphere to explode, and it did.

The Chinese Communist Party 'invited' His Holiness the XIVth Dalai Lama, for a theatrical show, but demanded, he be not accompanied by his body guards. This fueled well placed suspicion that he would be kidnapped by the Chinese and the whole Tibetan population in the Tibetan capital and all those from Kham and Amdo, went to the Norbu Linka to protect the Dalai Lama.

This is the day we Tibetans celebrate as '*The Tibetan National Uprising Day*', and now it has also been proclaimed by the Tibetan Exile Government as '*The Tibetan Martyr's Day*', after One Hundred and Seven (107) Tibetans' have self-immolated since September Two Thousand and Nine (2009), when Tapey, a monk from Kirti Monastery, self-immolate in Tibet.

Today, after Fifty Four (54) years since that fateful day, Tibet is still under military occupation.

The Tibetans are undergoing one of the most brutal occupations and colonial subjugation's the world has ever known. Tibet has become an 'open air prison', as one Tibetan policeman in Lhasa put it. A most grotesque apartheid system of a diabolical nature, is impose upon the Tibetan people.

Tibetans cannot travel freely in their own country, while the Chinese can travel freely anywhere they like. Tibetans are stopped at every checkpoint, for interrogation and stripped searched for no apparent reason. All Tibetans are treated with suspicion and disdain by the Chinese police state. Thousands of monks, nuns and lay people have disappeared without a trace, especially, after the Two Thousand and Eight (2008) pan-Tibetan Uprising against Chinese occupation. Arbitrary arrests, torture, imprisonment and death are the norm of the day, for Tibetans.

Owing to such inhuman treatment and untold misery, wrought by the Chinese occupation, One Hundred and Seven (107) Tibetans have self-immolated in Tibet and three (3) outside Tibet!

The communist Chinese military occupation, is so insidious, it has driven Tibetans to burn themselves to make a statement of disgust! The world has never seen such a magnitude of self-immolation quite like the Tibetan self-immolations since Two Thousand an Nine (2009). Also of great significance and note, not one self-immolation has harmed another being, let alone a Chinese person, nor has even one word of anger or vengeance been uttered against the Chinese tormentors.

The communist Chinese government use extreme violence by shooting self-immolators, as they did with the first immolator Tapy in September Two Thousand an Nine (2009).

They use spiked batons to beat people engulfed by flames!

They call them terrorists, even though, not a single Chinese person has been killed. In fact, it IS the Chinese police state, that is terrorizing the Tibetan people with mid-night knocks, arbitrary arrests, interrogations, kidnappings, disappearances and cold-blooded murder of innocent Tibetans.

The Chinese punish even the family members of self-immolators by criminalizing such acts. Even people who help the burning victims, who take the suffering or deceased victims home or to hospital to be cared for and attended to (in suffering or death), are also punished, with severe sentences ranging from Fifteen (15) years to death sentences.

Monks, Nuns and lay people, who offer condolences to the bereaved family and prayers for the deceased, are also punished harshly, with imprisonment, and *re-education*, accompanied by hard labour.

The most basic human decency of helping another human in dire distress has now been inverted into a criminal act, by an immoral regime that has revealed itself to be the *godfather* of all immoral regimes across the world.

Even though it is clear as day, that the cause of the self-immolations,

is the military occupation of Tibet, the cultural genocide and the ethnic cleansing of the Tibetan people, perpetuated by the Chinese colonialists, the Chinese, with their sick imagination, continue to blame His Holiness the XIVth Dalai Lama and the Tibetan Government in Exile, without a shred of evidence.

The Exile Government has invited the Chinese to come an investigate, at the Government in Exiles Headquarters, if they are in any way involved with the self-immolations, yet, the Chinese have still not responded.

The International Community lead by the United Nations Human Rights Commissioner, Navi Pillay, along with The European Union, the USA, Australia and Canada, have appealed to allow representatives, to visit Tibetan areas, where the self-immolations have occurred. Still the Chinese resolutely refuse to allow any such visits by the International Community.

Why is this happening?

If the Chinese communist party have nothing to hide, why don't they allow these International Organizations and Representatives access to Tibet?

If they allow impartial UN Representatives along with Government Representatives and International Journalist, they will surely find out, who is responsible for these self-immolations.

And, if, it is the Tibetan exiles, as China alleges, then China will be vindicated.

Why is communist China not allowing the International Community to investigate?

WHAT HAVE THEY GOT TO HIDE?

We challenge the communist Chinese party to have the guts to allow the International Community to ascertain the true reasons for the continuing tragic self-immolations in Tibet.

If, they don't allow impartial visitors into Tibet, that speaks volumes about the Chinese communists duplicity and double talk.

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