



“People who tortured me should be sanctioned” say Tibetans on Tibet Lobby Day

What: Media conference

For: Tibet Lobby Day, Monday 9th September

Time: 9.30 - 9.45 am

Place: Mural Hall, Parliament House

At the Media Conference:

- Susan Templeman MP - Co-Chair of the Australian All-Party Parliamentary Tibet Group
- Senator Dean Smith - Co-Chair of the Australian All-Party Parliamentary Tibet Group
- Senator Barbara Pocock - Co-Chair of the Australian All-Party Parliamentary Tibet Group
- Former Tibetan Political Prisoners
- Tibetan youth from Tibetan refugee communities across Australia
- Australia Tibet Council - Human Rights NGO

What is happening?

Members of the Tibetan Community of Australia, along with the Australia Tibet Council, will be presenting the names of Chinese Communist Party Officials - responsible for Human Rights violations in Tibet to the Government.

They will be joined in solidarity by the Co-Chairs of the Australian All-Party Parliamentary Tibet Group, Susan Templeman MP, Senator Dean Smith and Senator Barbara Pocock.

The Co-Chairs will refer the names of these CCP officials to the Foreign Minister for consideration of *Magnitsky* Sanctions.

Attributable quotes:

“I grew up under the Chinese Communist Party’s oppression in Tibet and experienced first-hand their attempts to destroy Tibetan language and culture” - Yangkyi (Newcastle)

“My parents were imprisoned in Tibet for their political beliefs; they had to flee Tibet and came to Australia as refugees; we need to end the impunity. CCP officials should be held to account for their Human rights violations in Tibet” - Lungtok (Sydney)

“Currently, the Chinese Communist Party is committing human rights violations in Tibet with impunity,” Says Dr Zoe Bedford, Executive Officer, Australia Tibet Council - “The only way things will change in Tibet is if CCP officials know that countries like Australia will sanction them for their human rights crimes in Tibet”.

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Help end the impunity for Human Rights abuses in Tibet

The People's Republic of China (PRC) has targeted Tibetans under "social stability" work programs for decades. Tibetans have been subject to serious human rights abuses in what China has named the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR), including arbitrary detention, extrajudicial killings, and physical abuse, as part of the PRC's efforts to severely restrict religious freedoms.

The following are Chinese Communist Party (CCP) officials responsible for some of the human rights abuses being committed in Tibet. We, the Australia Tibet Council, would like these individuals to be considered for Magnitsky-style sanctions under *Australia's Autonomous Sanctions Act 2011* and *Autonomous Sanctions Amendment (Magnitsky-style and Other Thematic Sanctions) Act 2021*:

Wu Yingjie was the TAR Party Secretary between 2016 and 2021. During this period, Wu directed government officials to engage in "stability policies." The implementation of these stability policies involved serious human rights abuses, including extrajudicial killings, physical abuse, arbitrary arrests, and mass detentions in the TAR.

Additional abuses during Wu's tenure include forced sterilisation, coerced abortion, restrictions on religious and political freedoms, and the torture of prisoners.

Wu is currently under Magnitsky-style sanctions in the USA after being designated to be a person who is responsible for or complicit in, or has directly or indirectly engaged in, serious human rights abuse.

Ao Liuquan has been the Party Secretary of Nagchu City from January 2020. He was the Deputy Party Secretary of Nagchu Prefecture and then Nagchu City from January 2016 to January 2020.

He has spent the majority of his postings in Chamdo Prefecture, where local officials are notorious for their harsh and brutal approach to "stability maintenance" in the Tibetan region.

His elevation through the ranks of the CCP in Nagchu Prefecture has been marked by an intensification of violent crackdowns in Driru and Sog (Chinese: Suo) counties.

Numerous serious human rights abuses, such as torture, arbitrary detention and extrajudicial killings, have been carried out in the furtherance of the Chinese government's "stability maintenance policy," and local authorities in Nagchu have issued and enforced repressive directives to fine and imprison local Tibetans for contacting relatives and friends living abroad.

Zhang Hongbo has been the director of the Tibetan Public Security Bureau (TPSB) since 2018 through at least November 2022. Zhang has worked to advance the PRC's goals and policies in the TAR as "Tibet's police chief."

During Zhang's tenure, the TPSB engaged in serious human rights abuses, including at TPSB-run detention centers that were involved in the torture, physical abuse, and killings of prisoners, which included those arrested on religious and political grounds.

Additional abuses perpetrated by security forces in Tibet include arbitrary arrests, persecution of religious and political freedoms, and mass detentions in the TAR.

Zhang is currently under Magnitsky-style sanctions in the USA after being designated a person who is or has been a leader or official of the TPSB, an entity that has engaged in, or whose members have engaged in, serious human rights abuse relating to his tenure.

Chen Quanguo, Chinese Communist Party Committee Secretary of Tibet Autonomous Region from 2011 to 2016 and of the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region from 2016 to 2021.

Chen Quanguo (Chen) was the Party Secretary of the XUAR (Xinjiang region), a position he was appointed to in 2016 following Chen's notorious history of intensifying security operations in the TAR to tighten control over the Tibetans. While Chen was already known for his ability to control "ethnic unrest," in Tibet, following his arrival to the Xinjiang, Chen began implementing a comprehensive surveillance, detention, and indoctrination program in Xinjiang, targeting Uyghurs and other ethnic minorities through the Xinjiang Public Security Bureau.

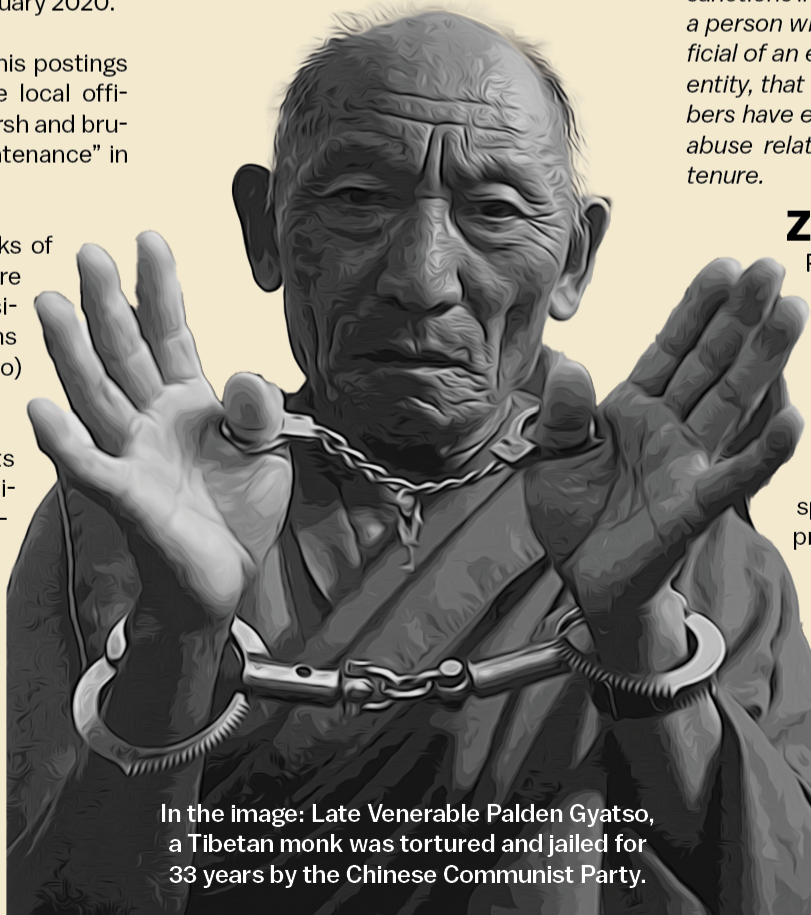
As part of Chen's plans, the large-scale construction of mass detention camps, labelled "training centres," greatly escalated in 2017.

Chen is currently under Magnitsky-style sanctions in the USA after being designated a person who is or has been a leader or official of an entity, including any government entity, that has engaged in, or whose members have engaged in, serious human rights abuse relating to the leader's or official's tenure.

Zhang Qingli was the Party Secretary of TAR from 2005 to 2011.

Throughout his tenure, Zhang oversaw human rights abuses and crimes against humanity in the TAR, including torture and extrajudicial killings. He was responsible for policies of harsh repression that resulted in the torture and death of Tibetans.

He also oversaw the Chinese government's response to the 2008 protests against Chinese rule in Tibet, which resulted in the killing of unarmed protesters by security forces and the detention and torture of hundreds of Tibetans.



In the image: Late Venerable Palden Gyatso, a Tibetan monk was tortured and jailed for 33 years by the Chinese Communist Party.