

## THE 55<sup>TH</sup> TIBETAN NATIONAL UPRISING AND MATYRS DAY!

On this fateful day, March 10 1959,

87,000 Tibetans were massacred by the occupying forces of communist China.

Since the occupation of Tibet by communist China 1.2 million Tibetans have lost their lives as a direct result of this heinous act.

Tibetans have not only lost their nation but are subjected to unheard of brutality by the violent Chinese communist regime. This regime is also responsible for the death of 70 million Chinese under its watch. However, the murder and mayhem created in Tibet has no parallel in the annals of history. The rampaging red guards destroyed every Tibetan monastery that existed in Tibet, murdered and imprisoned tens of thousands of innocent monks and nuns and ordinary people with a frenzy only known to the Chinese communists.

Tibetans sacred scriptures were burned and used as toilet papers in utter disregard for the sentiments of the Tibetan people. The sacred icons of Buddhas and Bodhisattvas were torn to pieces and dumped in cesspools or septic tanks while millions were taken away to China and sold via Hong Kong to the International market for foreign currency.

Tibet suffered the most savage attack on its people, its culture and its religious traditions. To this day, the Chinese occupation is grinding with ruthless ferocity to break the will of the Tibetan people. In defiance and utter desperation 127 Tibetans from all walks of life have self immolated themselves to stop the cultural genocide in Tibet.

Instead of understanding the obvious cause of their fiery act, communist China criminalizes such acts as a deterrent and even imprisons innocent family members including children to lengthy jail sentences. Instead of rectifying their more than six decades of oppression of the Tibetan people, they continue to use sheer violence against the Tibetan people and blame His Holiness The Dalai Lama for everything that goes wrong inside Tibet.

No one is fooled that this tactic is just to deflect criticism of Chinese misrule but what the communists don't realize is, this will in no way solve the problem. The Tibetan people are made of sterner stuff than the Chinese would have estimated. We are very proud people and there is no way we will ever accept Chinese occupation.

Just like the Chinese people have a grudge against the Japanese invasion and occupation of China during the second World War, it is only natural Tibetans would have the same feeling of begrudging resentment against the occupation of our Nation by communist China. All Chinese people across the world must understand this. This is not anti-China. This is a very natural instinct of all living beings. Everyone needs a territory for their survival. When they are dispossessed by foreign occupation force you do not expect the true custodians of the land to welcome you with a bouquet of flowers!!!!

The burnings are not the result of the insinuation of the Dalai Lama, rather, it is the ruthless occupation that is creating an atmosphere of resentment and frustration that drives innocent Tibetans from mothers, fathers, monks, nuns, children and adults to sheer desperation in this suffocating atmosphere of military occupation. There was no instability in Tibet prior to the Chinese invasion and occupation Tibet. The instability is the direct result of the Chinese jack boot occupation and not the Dalai Lama.

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