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**Further information on UA 164/93 (ASA 17/20/93, 19 May 1993) and follow-ups:  
ASA 17/21/93, 25 May 1993 and ASA 17/24/93, 17 June 1993 - Mass arrest/Fear  
of Ill-treatment**

**People's Republic of China Lobsang Yonten  
(Tibet Autonomous Region): Gendun Rinchen  
Damchoe Pemo**

**and new names: Lobsang Gyaltzen  
Tashi Topgyal  
and an unknown number of other Tibetans**

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According to a number of unofficial reports, Damchoe Pemo, the Tibetan woman arrested in Lhasa on 20 May 1993, miscarried a week later after police forced her to remain standing for at least 12 hours and beat her with electric batons. She was said to have been in a critical condition in early June.

Damchoe Pemo, a Lhasa trader in her mid-twenties, was reportedly four or five months pregnant when she was detained. According to one source, the incident was believed to have taken place after she had refused to reveal names of Tibetan underground activists during interrogation. She remains in Seitru Detention Centre, north of Lhasa. Amnesty International considers her to be a prisoner of conscience. Although a nurse has apparently been allowed to visit her in prison every day since the miscarriage, it is not thought that she was transferred to hospital at any stage.

Amnesty International is very concerned about Damchoe Pemo's state of health and the lack of suitable medical treatment she is receiving. She miscarried 20 weeks into her pregnancy - close medical supervision is therefore highly desirable.

Damchoe Pemo was first arrested in 1988 and then in 1989 for her involvement in a demonstration. She was imprisoned for an unknown period of time. Her arrest in May 1993 was apparently on suspicion of being a member of a pro-independence organization. Police had raided and searched her home following the arrest on 15 May of her uncle, Lobsang Gyaltzen, a 33 year-old farmer from Nyemo, west of Lhasa, who was also suspected of belonging to a pro-independence group. Another source reports that on 23 June Damchoe Pemo's husband, Tashi Topgyal, was also detained, although the circumstances of his arrest are not known. It is not known where either of these men are being held.

A week before Damchoe Pemo's detention, human rights monitors Lobsang Yonten and Gendun Rinchen were arrested from their homes. To date they are the only two Tibetans whose detention has been confirmed by the Chinese authorities

this year. However, at least 107 Tibetans have reportedly been arrested from April to July 1993 either for their involvement in activities in support of dissidents in Tibet or for taking part in independence protests. Demonstrations which initially began in Lhasa have spread to rural villages beyond the capital and led to the arbitrary arrest of many farmers and laypeople as well as nuns and monks.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters in English or your own language:**

- expressing deep concern at reports that Damchoe Pemo miscarried and is in poor health due to torture and ill-treatment;
- urging the authorities to release her immediately and unconditionally and to ensure that she receives all appropriate medical care;
- urging the authorities to launch an impartial and public investigation into the circumstances of Damchoe Pemo's ill-treatment;
- urging the authorities to disclose the whereabouts of Lobsang Gyaltzen and Tashi Topgyal and the charges made against them and calling for their immediate and unconditional release if the charges against them are not based on recognizably criminal offences in accordance with international standards.

**APPEALS TO:**

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and to diplomatic representatives of China accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat,  
or your section office, if sending appeals after 24 September 1993.