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Further Information on EXTRA 89/02 (ASA 17/059/2002, 6 December 2002) and follow-ups (ASA 17/002/2003, 9 January 2003; ASA 17/006/2003, 22 January 2003; and ASA 17/009/2003, 29 January 2003) - Unfair trial/Fear of torture or ill-treatment/incommunicado detention/possible "disappearance"

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Tenzin Deleg Rinpoche (also known as Ngawang Tashi or A An Zha Xi) (m)
Tsultrim Dargye (m), aged 36
Tamdring Tsering (m), aged 33
Ashar (or Aka) Dhargye (m), aged 40
Tashi Phuntsok (m), aged 39
Tserang Dondrup (also known as Jortse or Jotse) (m), aged approximately 65
Choetsom (m), aged 19
Pasang (m), aged approximately 19

Tenzin Deleg Rinpoche has reportedly been moved to a secret location after his sentence was upheld on 26 January. He remains at risk of torture or ill-treatment. Meanwhile his relatives, and relatives of Lobsang Dhondup, who was executed on 26 January, have reportedly been threatened with punishment by the authorities if they speak about the case publicly. One relative was quoted as saying: "We are completely helpless, in a state of great fear of arrest and torture."

On 4 February, Radio Free Asia reported that it had interviewed relatives of the two men. During the interview the relatives claimed that the Chinese authorities had banned them from speaking publicly about the case and from travelling. They also stated that they only learned about Lobsang Dhondup's death from a public leaflet issued five days after his execution, and that his body had not yet been returned to his family. It is feared that this may indicate that the body bears marks of torture.

According to the relatives, the public leaflet stated that Lobsang Dhondup had been executed because he was found guilty of a series of bombings, because he had caused great economic damage to the Chinese government, and because many had been killed. The leaflet also reportedly named Tenzin Deleg Rinpoche as the instigator of the bombings and said that he possessed leaflets calling for independence for Tibet.

There is no further news about others who were reportedly detained in connection with this case.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in Chinese or your own language: (*Luo Rang Deng Zhu and A An Zha Xi are the Chinese names of Lobsang Dhondup and Tenzin Deleg Rinpoche. Please use these Chinese names in letters to the authorities*).

- calling on the authorities to publicly clarify the current whereabouts of Tenzin Deleg Rinpoche and provide immediate guarantees for his safety;
- urging the authorities to ensure that he has access to his family, a lawyer and medical treatment while he remains in detention;
- expressing concern that relatives of the two men have reportedly been threatened and prevented from discussing the case publicly and urging the authorities to ensure that they are not subjected to further intimidation or other human rights violations;
- expressing concern at reports that Lobsang Dhondup's body has not been returned to his family and asking that this be done without further delay;
- expressing grave concern that the trials of both Luo Rang Deng Zhu (Lobsang Dhondup) and A An Zha Xi (Tenzin Deleg Rinpoche) were unfair, and calling on the authorities to either release A An Zha Xi (Tenzin

Deleg Rinpoche) unconditionally or conduct a re-trial in an open court in line with international fair trial standards;

- once again, calling on the authorities to reveal the names and whereabouts of all those believed to be detained in connection with this case and to clarify the charges against them;

- once again, urging the authorities to release them unless they are charged or convicted of a recognizable criminal offence.

APPEALS TO: (NOTE: Fax numbers may be difficult to obtain, but please keep trying)

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