

TIBET AND HUMAN DIGNITY
Notes for address by David Kilgour
Parliament Hill Protest by Toronto Tibetan Youth Congress
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Soyez le bienvenu!

Welcome to all of you and thank you for boarding nine or ten buses at 2am in Toronto to bring your message to MPs and senators in our capital.

Permit me to highlight a few only of the points made by your president in his letter of today to our parliamentarians:

- **The situation in eastern Tibet is dire, with ten young Tibetans having lit themselves ablaze since March, seven since October 3rd. The last words they shouted were, “Free Tibet” and “HH the Dalai Lama’s return to Tibet.”**
- **These acts are unprecedented and were done to draw the world’s attention to the repression of Tibetans by China’s regime, which amounts to ethnic cleansing and the destruction of Tibet’s rich culture, religion and language.**
- **The methods include bringing in more soldiers, making arbitrary arrests, expelling monks from monasteries, and vilifying His Holiness the Dalai Lama.**

Specifically, you are calling upon our MPs and senators to:

Urge the UNHCR to send a fact-finding team to assess the situation in Ngaba County and Kirti Monastery and to take measures to ease the crackdown in Tibet,

Initiate a coordinated international response by world leaders to condemn the Chinese repression in Tibet to Hu Jintao at the G20 summit.

Join the Parliamentary Friends of Tibet (pft-apt@sen.parl.gc.ca) and sign a pledge to stand up for Tibet (www.standupfortibet.org).

Thank you again for coming today.

Merci.