

Press Release about Chinese Police Station Scandal

Tibet Groups Wants Primeminister Mark Rutte To Discuss With Them Chinese Intimidation

Amsterdam, 31 October 2022 - Three Tibet groups in the Netherlands have sent a letter to PM Mark Rutte on behalf of the 1000 Tibetans living in the Netherlands, and on behalf of their Dutch supporters, and expressed their wish to discuss with him the Chinese Police Station matter.

It is stated in the letter to the Primeminister, that for some years now, an increase in abuses by the Chinese authorities towards Tibetans living in the Netherlands has been observed. Specifically, in recent months, Tibetans living here (with and without Dutch citizenship) have been called by alleged Chinese authority representatives.

Some of these people identified themselves as representatives of the embassy, and some concealed their affiliations. The leaders of the Tibetan Community have done a quick research which revealed that approximately half of the 10 Tibetans asked were affected by these calls. Obviously, there is a systematic approach.

Wangpo Tethong, the director of the International Campaign for Tibet/Netherlands, states: "We are aware that these violations of privacy, which are just below or slightly above the border of illegality, are difficult for the Dutch authorities to handle and can't be pursued in an adequate manner. Consequently, this also has the potential of trivialization of these offences and stigmatisation of the victims if not a clear and loud stand is taken."

The Tibet groups have documented one case, including an audio recorded and a Dutch phone number that it will share with the police in the coming days.

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