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Dear Procurator,

I am writing to call for the immediate and unconditional release of Runggye Adak (Rongji Azha), a 54 year-old Tibetan from Youru Village, Lithang County, Kardze (Ganzi) Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture in Sichuan Province, sentenced to eight years' imprisonment for staging a protest during which he called for the Dalai Lama's return to Tibet.

I also call for the immediate and unconditional release of Lupoe (Lupo), a nephew of Runggye Adak, sentenced to ten years for "endangering national security", of Kunkhyen (Jacmyang Goinqen), sentenced to nine years for the same "offence" and Lothok (Lutog), sentenced to three years.

Runggye Adak was formally arrested on 27th August and charged with "inciting to split the country", after making a public statement at the Lithang Horse Festival on 1st August. Far from being a "splittist" as you have labelled him, Runggye Adak's call for the return of the Dalai Lama to Tibet, and for the release of Gedun Choekyi Nyima are nothing more than a public expression of what the overwhelming majority of Tibetans, in all the Tibetan areas under the PRC and those outside of Tibet, privately feel. This is evidenced by the fact that eye-witnesses have reported that Tibetans present during Runggye Adak's protest at the horse festival appeared to be in total agreement with his opinions.

Your sentencing of Runggye Adak, Lupoe, Kunkhyen and Lothok will be viewed by the outside world as proof that the Chinese government does not respect the fundamental rights of the Tibetan people to freely express their opinion and expression as enshrined under Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

If China is ever to be respected as leader on the global stage you will need to demonstrate to the world that your respect for the rights of the Tibetan people, as set out even in your own laws, extend to more than mere rhetoric. Your current actions reflect nothing more than that of an occupying power brutally suppressing any dissent expressed by the Tibetan people and your international image is consequently tarnished.

In recognition of the concerned individuals' human rights, we urge you to quash the sentences of Runggye Adak, Lupoe, Kunkhyen and Lothok and release them immediately. I am shocked about this travesty of justice.

Yours faithfully, Name, Address:

Dear Madam,

I am outraged to learn that Runggye Adak (Rongji Azha), a 54-year old Tibetan nomad and father of 11 children, has been sentenced to eight years in prison for doing nothing more than exercising his basic right to free speech. Adak was unjustly convicted of "provocation to subvert state power" by the People's Court in Dartsedo in Eastern Tibet [Chinese: Kangding, Ganzi Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan province]. Runggye Adak is an innocent man and must be immediately released. I am also deeply concerned about Adak's nephew, Lupoe (Lupo), along with Kunkhyen (Jacmyang Goinqen) and Lothok (Lutog) who have also been given sentences ranging from three to ten years in prison.

By persecuting Runggye Adak for his peaceful act, China is violating his fundamental right to freely express his views without fear of punishment. According to Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights "every person has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers."

The Chinese government is trying to promote the illusion that Tibetans are happy and prosperous under Chinese rule. Their handling of this incident and blatant violation of Runggye Adak's fundamental human rights reveals the reality of the brutal occupation of Tibet.

We therefore ask you to intervene on behalf of these prisoners of conscience and urge the Chinese authorities to release these innocent nomads immediately or at least to give Runggye Adak and the others a fair re-trial with adequate legal representation and also to follow all domestic and international legal norms. I am really shocked about this travesty of justice.

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