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Personal Details

CECC Record Number	2010-00264	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	REL?	Sex	M
Issue Category	eth/rel	Age At Detention	35
Main Name	Ngawang Thogme	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist (Gelug)
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	阿旺托梅(音)	Occupation	monk, temple-keeper
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)		Affiliation	Shag Rongpo Mon.
Additional Name(s)	Dhunphug Ngawang Thogme?	Residence Province	Tibet [Xizang] Auto. Region
Pinyin Name	Awang Tuomei	Residence Prefecture	Naqu [Nagchu] Pref.
		Residence County	Naqu [Nagchu] Cty.

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2010/05/17
Current Prison	Nagchu pref. (general location)
Sentence Length (Years)	2
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Tibet [Xizang] Auto. Region
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Naqu [Nagchu] Pref.
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	(na)

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg?/tri?/sent?/rel?	Formal Arrest Date	
Trial Court		Trial Date	
Sentence Court		Sentence Date	
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court		Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)			

Short Summary

Based on Phayul ([23 July 10](#), [27 July 10](#)) and Tibetan government-in-exile ([27 July 10](#)) reports, events from May to July 2010 at Shag Rongpo Monastery in Naqu (Nagchu) county, Naqu prefecture, TAR, resulted in the expulsion and apparent house arrest of the 75-year-old abbot and senior Tibetan Buddhism teacher, the expulsion of 17 monks, the detention of 5 additional monks and 1 layperson, the subsequent imprisonment of 1 detained monk, the apparent sentence to "public surveillance" of another detained monk, and the suicide of a 70-year-old monk, Ngawang Gyatso. On May 17, authorities detained senior teacher [Dawa Khyenrab Wangchug](#) (or Dawa, apparently regarded as a reincarnated Tibetan Buddhist teacher), monks Ngawang Jangchub, Ngawang Thogme, and Dungphug, and layman Tashi Dondrub while the men were in Lhasa. Officials accused Dawa of contacting the Dalai Lama about the [search for the reincarnation](#) of another Shag Rongpo teacher. Authorities reportedly released Ngawang Jangchub, Dungphug, and Tashi Dondrub but sentenced Ngawang Thogme to 2 years in prison for possessing photos of the Dalai Lama. Information on the charge against him and the location of his prison is not available.