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Personal Details



CECC Record Number	2004-00835	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
Issue Category	eth/rel	Age At Detention	6
Main Name	Gedun Choekyi Nyima	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist (Gelug)
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	更登确吉*尼玛	Occupation	trulku
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)	Panchen Lama	Affiliation	Tashi Lhunpo Mon.
Additional Name(s)	Gendun Choekyi Nyima, Gedhun Choekyi Nyima	Residence Province	Tibet [Xizang] Auto. Region
Pinyin Name	Gengdeng Queji Nima	Residence Prefecture	Naqu [Nagchu] Pref.
		Residence County	Jiali [Lhari] Cty.

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	1995/05/17
Current Prison	Beijing? (general location)
Sentence Length (Years)	
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Beijing Shi (prov.)
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Beijing Shi Muni. Urb. Area (pref.)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	(na)

Legal Process

Legal Process	PSB	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

On May 14, 1995, the Dalai Lama announced that he had recognized 6-year-old [Gedun Choekyi Nyima](#) as the 11th reincarnation of the Panchen Lama, the second-most prominent trulku (a teacher Tibetan Buddhists believe is a reincarnation) in the Gelug tradition of Tibetan Buddhism. Government officials denounced the Dalai Lama's announcement as "[illegal and invalid](#)" and took Gedun Choekyi Nyima and his parents into custody on May 17. They have been held incommunicado in one or more unknown locations since then. In November 1995, the Chinese government oversaw the selection and installation of another boy, [Gyalsten Norbu](#), as the Panchen Lama. In March 2010, Chairman of the TAR government Pema Choling (Baima Chilin) told reporters Gedun Choekyi Nyima and his family were "living a very good life in Tibet," and that they were "reluctant to be disturbed" (Associated Press, [reprinted](#) in Phayul, 7 March 10). The government has not permitted a representative of an international organization to visit Gedun Choekyi Nyima so that he can express his wishes with respect to privacy. Gedun Choekyi Nyima was born in Lhari county, Nagchu prefecture, TAR, on April 25, 1989. (See TCHRD, 2010, [report](#).)