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## Personal Details

<b>CECC Record Number</b>	2013-00023	<b>Ethnic Group</b>	Tibetan
<b>Detention Status</b>	DET	<b>Sex</b>	M
<b>Issue Category</b>	eth/assoc/info	<b>Age At Detention</b>	
<b>Main Name</b>	Tashi Sonam	<b>Religion</b>	Tibetan Buddhist
<b>Chinese Characters (Main Name)</b>	扎西索郎	<b>Occupation</b>	
<b>Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)</b>		<b>Affiliation</b>	
<b>Additional Name(s)</b>		<b>Residence Province</b>	Gansu Province
<b>Pinyin Name</b>	Zhaxi Suolang	<b>Residence Prefecture</b>	Gannan [Kanlho] Tibetan Auto. Pref.
		<b>Residence County</b>	Luqu [Luchu] Cty.

## Imprisonment or Detention Details

<b>Date of Detention</b>	2012/12/06
<b>Current Prison</b>	Luchu PSB Det. Ctr?
<b>Sentence Length (Years)</b>	
<b>Sentence Length (Months)</b>	
<b>Sentence Length (Weeks)</b>	
<b>Sentence Length (Days)</b>	
<b>Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)</b>	Gansu Province
<b>Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)</b>	Gannan [Kanlho] Tibetan Auto. Pref.
<b>County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)</b>	Luqu [Luchu] Cty.

## Legal Process

<b>Legal Process</b>	PSB	<b>Formal Arrest Date</b>	
<b>Trial Court</b>		<b>Trial Date</b>	
<b>Sentence Court</b>		<b>Sentence Date</b>	
<b>Appeal Court</b>		<b>Appeal Date</b>	
<b>Appeal Ruling Court</b>		<b>Appeal Ruling Date</b>	
<b>Sent. Ends Per PRC</b>		<b>Actual Date Released</b>	
<b>Charge (Statute)</b>			

## Short Summary

According to a Phayul report ([27 December 12](#)) citing Tibetan blogger Woesser, on a date described as 10 days after the November 26, 2012, self-immolation Gonpo Tsering (VOA, [26 November 12](#)), a 24-year-old father of three children, public security officials in Ala (De'ugo) township, Luqu (Luchu) county, Gannan (Kanlho) TAP, Gansu province, detained Gonpo Tsering's father, Tashi Sonam, and his unnamed grandfather. Information is unavailable on the men's status, location, and charges, if any, against them. According to the Phayul report, Woesser said in her blog that members of Gonpo Tsering's family recently had spoken to journalists representing the French newspaper Le Monde who had traveled to Gannan TAP. Phayul did not provide a link to Woesser's reported blog entry or to a Le Monde report. (According to Gansu Daily (Chinese, [3 December 12](#); translated in OSC ([11 December 12](#)), the Supreme People's Court, Supreme People's Procuratorate, and Ministry of Public Security issued a joint "[opinion](#)" calling for persons authorities regard as linked to a self-immolation to be prosecuted for "intentional murder.")