

PETITION

Prime Minister of Japan
Mr. Yasuo Fukuda

I am writing to express my serious concern about the violent suppression of Tibetans by the Chinese government. Demonstrations being held peacefully were suppressed using extreme force and 140 people have since died. Over 1400 people have been arrested or detained and the number missing is in the hundreds. While hundreds of monks have been incarcerated, temples in cities outside Lhasa have been in a near state of siege, no food or water going in. As a result of this there are now reports of monks starving to death.

The ICCPR (International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights) ensures freedoms and rights including: freedom of thought, political or other opinion and religion, right to liberty of movement, and freedom of public safety and health. However, the Chinese government does not grant the freedom to gather or expression of opinion and enforces this, even on peaceful demonstrators, with the use of violent force. These actions by the Chinese government violate the statutes for human rights. In no way can I continue to condone such violence against innocent people.

I, as a peace loving member of an international society, urge that the following be considered. I also request that the Japanese government strongly pressure the Chinese government on these same issues.

Immediately stop violent suppression and provide food, water, and medical aid to those arrested or detained; then release them.

Allow an independent international delegation of inspectors from the United Nations to interview and report freely in Tibet without obstruction.

I strongly request the Japanese government, as a leader in Asia, take action regarding this situation to work towards human rights and peace in Asia.

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