

[ADDRESS FOR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT]

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Dear [NAME OF MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT],

I am appealing for your help to save the lives of two Tibetans sentenced to death by the Chinese government.

On April 8th, 25-year old Loyak and another man, Lobsang Gyaltzen, were sentenced to death for allegedly "setting fatal fires" during last year's protests in Tibet's capital, Lhasa.

Two others, Tenzin Phuntsok and Kangtsuk, have also been sentenced to death, but with a two-year reprieve, and Dawa Sangpo has been sentenced to life imprisonment. Without a reprieve, Loyak and Lobsang Gyaltzen could be executed within a matter of weeks.

These death sentences clearly signal an escalation in the Chinese government's violent campaign to punish and intimidate any Tibetan who dares to speak out against Chinese rule.

A report released by Human Rights Watch in March 2009 concludes that the process of trials and imprisonment in Tibet over the past year has been politically motivated and that the "principle of independence of the judiciary is thoroughly undermined by leadership's demand that court and police tailor their actions to political requirements."

As you know, Minister Stockwell Day is currently on a trade mission to China and he is in a unique position to speak out on this issue and to help save the lives of Tenzin Phuntsok and Kangtsuk.

I urge you to raise their plight in the House of Commons to ensure that the Canadian government takes immediate action on this critical issue. It is a matter of life and death.

Thank you for supporting the Tibetans people at this dark time.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]

[YOUR ADDRESS]