

British government "calls for restraint" in Ngaba

[28 June 2011] A number of questions relating to Tibet were raised in Parliament, by Fabian Hamilton MP, chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Tibet. Amongst the questions was a request for the Foreign Minister to call on China to withdraw its troops from Ngaba, release those detained and allow access for international observers and journalists.

In response, Jeremy Browne (Minister of State at the Foreign Office with responsibility for the Far East and South-East Asia) said the issue had been raised with China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Chinese Embassy in London, "asking for information and calling for restraint". He added that officials in Beijing and at the consulate in Chongqing "continue to press for access to Tibet and Tibetan regions". [Click here to read all the parliamentary questions raised and the answers received.](#)

Mr Hamilton also tabled an Early Day Motion: EDM 2009 for MPs to sign, condemning China's military crackdown in Ngaba, including the violence used against protestors, the detention of 300 monks from Kirti monastery and the political re-education of Kirti's remaining monks. The EDM also urges the Prime Minister to make a public statement on the situation. (Text of EDM can be read below).

TAKE ACTION

Please write to your MP and ask him/her to sign EDM 2009, which supports Tibetans inside Tibet who are peacefully protesting against oppressive policies and condemns the Chinese government's crackdown in Ngaba and calls on the Prime Minister to make a public statement on the situation.

To find out your MP's contact details go to www.writetothem.com (where you can also send your MP a direct email). To see which MPs have signed EDM 2009 go to www.parliament.uk/edm.

EDM 2009: Actions of Chinese Troops in Ngaba, Tibet

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That this House condemns the use of violence to quash a peaceful demonstration by monks and lay people in Ngaba, Tibet that has resulted in the deaths of two elderly local residents; further condemns the cordoning off of the local Kirti monastery, the political re-education of its monks and the disappearance of 300 monks; also voices grave concern about the continued high level of troops in the area, effectively putting the town under martial law; and calls on the Prime Minister to make a public statement about this grave situation to reinforce the requests made by the EU China delegation for further information on the fate and whereabouts of the disappeared monks and for an independent representative to visit Ngaba to validate the current situation.

Note: Tibet Society is the Secretariat for the All Party Parliamentary Group for Tibet.

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