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POLITICS

1. National security concept propaganda event

On China's 8th National Security Education Day on April 15, large [public propaganda events](#) were held throughout Lhoka (Chinese: Shannan) prefecture-level city. According to Chinese state media reports, propaganda events in Dranang, Gyatsa and Sangri counties were all held under the theme of "implementing the overall national security concept, enhancing the national security awareness and quality of the whole people, and consolidating the social foundation for a new development pattern guaranteed by a new security pattern." During the "awareness" day, publicity materials on China's National Security Law, Anti-Espionage Law, Anti-Terrorism Law and Measures for Rewarding National Security Intelligence Information Clues Reporting were widely distributed to the Tibetan public from all walks of life. Chinese state media reported that 2,700 copies of legal materials and political manuals were distributed and 50,000 text messages were sent in Dranang county, 8,500 copies of the party-defined national security materials were distributed in Gyatsa county and 6,000 copies of China's national security materials were distributed in Sangri county.

2. Military-civilian co-education program

Armed Police Tibet Corps and Lhasa No. 8 Middle School held a [military-civilian joint construction signing ceremony](#) for "military-civilian friendship and co-education." State media reported that about 400 officers and soldiers from the Armed Police Corps and teachers and students from the school attended the signing ceremony. About 400 officers and soldiers from a certain unit of the Armed Police Corps and teachers and students from Lhasa No. 8 Middle School attended the signing ceremony.

According to the political commissar of the Armed Police Tibet Corps, "the purpose of the signing is to allow the army and the school to explore a

suitable communication mechanism, share the army's unique military culture, and to allow the students to broaden their horizons and feel the charm of the army at close range." Similarly, Yang Xiaojun, Director of the Party Office of the middle school, said that "the platform jointly created by the army and the school for mutual construction, mutual learning, mutual visits, and mutual help and win-win will continue to carry out moral education, party building, and national defense education."

3. Fostering consciousness of the Chinese nation's community indoctrination

For a research visit to stimulate "patriotism" for the ["National Unity Beijing Research Exchange"](#) on April 20, 27 students from 10 schools in Lhasa's Chengguan District were taken to Beijing for a 10-day visit to "understand the profound culture of the Chinese nation, and to further strengthen the consciousness of the Chinese nation's community."

In another activity to indoctrinate Tibetan children to foster Chinese identity under the slogan "Looking for the Red Road, Inspiring Patriotic Feelings," 76 students from Lhasa Beijing Experimental Middle School and Lhasa No. 4 Senior Middle School were taken for a research education tour within the so-called "Tibet Autonomous Region," which spans much of western Tibet. The "education" tour to Lhasa, Lhoka and Nyingtri was carried out to give "patriotic" education to the children by "experiencing the revolutionary history."

4. Propaganda campaign to disseminate 20th Party Congress messages

A [mass propaganda](#) campaign to disseminate the messages of the 20th Party Congress was held in Lhundrup and Nyemo counties in Lhasa City. Tens of thousands of Tibetans were reached through art, health and volunteer activities during the campaign, according to Chinese state media on April 21. Five hundred seventy-six state employees were deployed for the campaign, and a total of 61,300 netizens tuned in during the virtual campaign, according to state media.

5. Fluency in Chinese language contest for farmers and herders

As part of an assimilation program targeting the vast agricultural and pastoral areas in the officially designated Tibet Autonomous Region, Chinese authorities in Tibet organized a contest titled ["Farmers and herders national common language speech contest."](#) Chinese state media on April 21 reported that eight finalists out of 2,800 contestants delivered eulogy speeches in Chinese on themes of the 20th Party Congress, rural revitalization and ethnic unity. Five contestants were declared as winning the first prize, 10 as winning the second prize and 35 as winning the third prize.

6. Tibet University as research base for fostering Chinese identity

The General Office of the United Front Work Department of the Central Committee, the General Office of the Central Propaganda Department, the General Office of the Ministry of Education and the General Office of the National Ethnic Affairs Commission announced the list of research bases for strengthening the consciousness of the Chinese nation community for the 2023-2025 period, which included the Institute of the Chinese Nation Community at [Tibet University](#). Chinese state media on April 24 reported that the Institute has made major research achievements and established a research direction for the consciousness of the Chinese nation community for its approval as a research base for the consciousness of the Chinese nation community.

7. Indoctrinating Chinese identity in Tibetan children

As part of its activities to forge Chinese identity in Tibetan children, the Chinese authorities organized a poetry recitation competition for [Gongkar County middle schools](#) on the theme of “National unity and family, building the Chinese dream together” on April 23.

Similarly, Langjie Xuexiang Primary School held a speech contest on April 19 with the theme of “Building a Consciousness of the Chinese Nation Community” to cultivate students’ loyalty to the Chinese nation. The children were required to express their loyalty to China as part of their belief in a better future.

8. Border area Tibetan party cadres tour to Chinese cities

The Ethnic Affairs Commission of the Tibet Autonomous Region organized a tour called [“The Red Pomegranate”](#) for a group of minority ethnic party cadres from the Tibet Autonomous Region. The delegation consists of 80 party cadres representing masses from district-level party organs in 21 border counties and nine ethnic townships. The purpose of the tour is to “study and implement the spirit of the 20th Party Congress and the 7th Central Tibet Work Forum.” The cadres visited Zhejiang and Fujian provinces in mainland China in April.

Nyima Dorjee, the Deputy Secretary and Director of the Party Organizational Department of the Tibet Autonomous Region, emphasized the importance of increasing the awareness of the Chinese national community among party cadres and masses of all ethnic groups in border areas. He has also stressed the significance of enhancing ideological and operational consciousness for border security and stability.

RELIGION

9. Former dialogue participant named Vice-Chairman of Tibet Autonomous Region government

The Chinese Communist Party's United Front Work Department in charge of indoctrinating the monastic community continues to implement the "three consciousness" campaign in monastic venues in the Tibet Autonomous Region. Following are four examples of the United Front Work Department's activities in Tibetan monastic venues and communities.

On April 13, the "Three Consciousness" Promotion Meeting in the religious community and the third meeting for the special governance of religious work in society was held in Nyingtri City.

The meeting outlined several requirements to improve the "three consciousness" education in the religious community: (1) ensure the spirit of the 20th National Congress of the Party runs through the education (2) implement the work responsibilities of the "three consciousnesses" (3) increase the intensity of preaching (4) innovate on the carrier of the activity (5) strengthen supervision and assessment and (6) explore the establishment of regulations and systems to consolidate the achievements of special governance of religious work in society.

On April 17, a meeting to promote the "Three Consciousness" in the religious community was held in [Gyatsa County](#) and was presided over by the Minister of the United Front Work Department and attended by various officials and cadres. The meeting discussed the progress of the "Three Consciousness" education and Chinese language training in the first quarter, identified problems and shortcomings, and planned the next steps. The meeting emphasized making everyone think alike to steer their loyalty to China through the "Three Consciousness" education.

The "Three Consciousness" Education Office of the United Front Work Department of the Kongpo [Gyamda County](#) Committee of Nyingtri City conducted the first-stage work assessment of the "Three Consciousness" education for eight monastery-based institutions in the county from April 17 to 18. The assessment team used the "Implementation Opinions on the 'Three Consciousness' Education and Assessment in the Religious Circles of Nyingtri City (Trial)" and the assessment quantitative standards to assess the completion of six aspects of education work organization and leadership, publicity and education, seminars and exchanges, classified guidance, information submission and atmosphere creation. According to state media, the assessment provided a strong foundation for promoting the "three consciousnesses" education in the religious circle in the next stage.

The United Front religious departments in [Lhasa City](#) organized a knowledge test for the "Three Consciousness" education from April 11 to 13 to test the monastic community's understanding of the "three consciousness" indoctrination to date. The test enables the cadres and religious personnel in

the city's temple management committee to identify shortcomings and provide a basis for publicity work.

DEVELOPMENT

10. Tibetan lithium exhibition in Shenzhen

Chinese state media on April 9 reported that the Government of the Tibet Autonomous Region hosted a [Lithium exhibition](#) in mainland Chinese city Shenzhen to promote investment in the lithium industry. The promotion meeting focused on the current situation and trend of new energy development, the distribution of lithium resource reserves in Tibet, the development layout of the lithium industry, investment exchanges and cooperation, and the development prospects of lithium resources in Tibet. The Tibetan-Qingdao Industrial Park is included in the key projects of the State Council to support Tibet to carry out the deep processing of resources. The promotion meeting attracted over 100 companies, and eight projects were signed in total.

11. China-Nepal border trade and cooperation meeting in Lhasa

The first meeting of the [China-Nepal border trade and cooperation coordination mechanism](#) was held in Lhasa on March 29. Chen Yongqi, the Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee of the Tibet Autonomous Region and Executive Vice Chairman of the Autonomous Region Government, and Madhu Kumar Marasini, Secretary of the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies of Nepal, co-chaired the meeting for the acceleration of the joint construction of the "Belt and Road."

12. State-incentivized Amdo meat production to enter European and American markets

The Gansu Amdo Halah Green Food Company announced that it has received the [organic processing certification](#) issued by ECOCERT (certification institute) for the EU, UK and US markets, according to Chinese state media on April 11. This certification is a significant milestone for Amdo Organic Meat Products, marking its entry to international markets. ECOCERT's certification is widely accepted by the organic industry and consumers in EU countries, the UK and United States. The certification enables state-incentivized meat production on the Qinghai-Tibetan plateau to enter the organic markets of major European and American markets.

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