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Chinese police detain protesting sister of Tibetan businessman serving life imprisonment

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Chinese police have taken into custody Gonpo Kyi and her husband Choekyong, after they staged a protest for justice in front of the Tibet Autonomous Region Higher People's Court on Dec. 13, according to credible sources. Gonpo Kyi, also known as Gontey, had already staged multiple [sit-ins](#) in front of the court against the unjust sentencing of her brother, Dorjee Tashi, to life imprisonment in 2010, according to credible sources.

Formerly a successful businessman, Dorjee Tashi was arrested in July 2008, shortly after the spring 2008 pan-Tibet protests against Chinese rule. He was initially accused of supporting the Tibetan protesters but was later sentenced to life imprisonment on trumped-up charges of financial fraud, which were [refuted](#) by his family members.

During Gonpo Kyi's past protests, she has been [manhandled](#) by police, [beaten](#), [forcibly removed](#), visually blocked by a [banner wall](#), held in overnight detention and threatened with imprisonment for continuing her protests.

Despite the threats and violations of her right to express her opinions and thoughts, Gonpo Kyi remains steadfast in her demand for the release of her brother.

Dorjee Tashi is known to have been subjected to [torture](#) during pretrial detention in 2008 and is currently in poor health within the Tibet Autonomous Region Prison No. 1, also known as Drapchi Prison.

Dorjee Tashi

The International Campaign for Tibet (ICT) has previously documented the torture of the renowned Tibetan businessman and philanthropist Dorjee Tashi during his pre-trial detention, as well as his family's tireless [advocacy](#) for justice.

Both the United States and the European Union have raised concerns about the arbitrary detention of Dorjee Tashi. Notably, the European Union called for his immediate and unconditional release, along with the release of others, during its [statement](#) on the occasion of International Human Rights Day, December 10.

The United States also acknowledged the detention of Dorjee Tashi in its [2022](#) and [2021](#) State Department Country Reports on Human Rights Practices.

[Read ICT's past coverage of Dorjee Tashi's imprisonment and his sister Gonpo Kyi's activism for justice.](#)



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