

Arrests in Kathmandu as Tibetan protests continue

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(Phayul) Nepali police arrested 21 Tibetans protesting in front of the UN offices in Kathmandu as Tibetan exiles continued to demonstrate for the 9th consecutive day since 10 March 2008. There have been reports of injuries as protestors clashed with police. The demonstrators arrested were detained at a local police station before being released. Tibetan protestors say they will continue with their protests until China ends its current brutal crackdown inside Tibet and comes out with a meaningful solution to the future of Tibet and Tibetan people. Human Rights Watch (HRW) called on the Nepali government to reaffirm its commitment to freedom of assembly, association, and expression. When questioned about the reason for arrests of protesters, a district superintendent of police informed HRW that it is government policy that there cannot be protests against China in Nepal.

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