

Tibetan school children protest in UN compound in Nepal

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(Phayul) A group of more than 20 Tibetan schoolchildren reportedly staged a protest in the main UN in Kathmandu to draw attention to the crisis in Tibet. A UN spokesman said the children, aged between 15 and 18, and dressed in school uniforms, scaled the wall carrying a small homemade sign that read "*Free Tibet*" and asking for the United Nations to help their cause. The teenage demonstrators remained inside the U.N. compound after climbing the wall, as police arrested 60 others rallying outside. John Brittain, a spokesman for the UN, described the teenagers as polite intruders who sat on the grass inside the compound. They were asked to write their grievances for UN officials. One police officer reportedly went inside and asked for the protesters to be handed over, but UN officials refused

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