

## Tibetan monks protest in front of foreign reporters

(AFP) About 15 monks from the Labrang Monastery in Sangchu county, Kanlho TAP, Gansu province approached foreign journalists carrying banners and voicing support for the Dalai Lama, said a reporter, who was on a government-controlled media tour. *"They said in Chinese: 'We want more freedom, more human rights and we want to see the Dalai Lama'"*, said Caroline Puel, a journalist with France's Le Point magazine. The protest lasted about 10 minutes and ended when government officials conducting the tour urged the foreign journalists to leave. Xinhua also confirmed that a group of monks had *"interrupted"* the media tour, but gave few other details.

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