

## Arrests in Qinghai

(RFA) Radio Free Asia reports that five Qinghai Tibetan community leaders have been arrested. All are residents of Machen (Chin:Maqin) county in Golok (Chin:Golog) prefecture, and all are now being held in the provincial capital, Xining. The five are Golog Dape, a popular comedian, leader of the Gangchen performance group, and animal rights activist; Dolma Kyi, a singer, activist, and founder of the folk-music company Gangchen Metok; Palchen Kyab, principal of the private Mayul Dargye school, founded with donations from Tibetan nomads; Lhundrup, Mayul Dargye's assistant principal; and Sonam Dorje, a teacher. Golok prefecture State Security Bureau officers took the five into custody on 31 March and moved them to Xining. No information on charges against them was available. *"No relatives have been allowed to visit them"*, one source in Qinghai said. Also in Qinghai, according to TCHRD, 100 people, including monks from the Rong Gonchen monastery, were arrested 17 April in Rebkong (Chin:Tongren) county.

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