

For Immediate Release: **“March for Tibet's Independence from Boston to New York”**

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The International Tibet Independence Movement (ITIM) is coordinating another “March for Tibet's Independence,” with the close assistance of the Tibetan Association of Boston and the Regional Tibetan Youth Congress-New York and New Jersey. Over 50 Tibetan and non-Tibetan organizers from around the world have already committed to co-sponsoring this peaceful action to return Tibet to the Tibetans, including the World Federation of Taiwanese Associations, Hong Kong Independence Movement, Hong Konger Front, Independence Party of Taiwan, Taiwanese Association of America-U.S.A., World United Formosans for Independence-U.S.A., and Formosan Association for Public Affairs.

This 240+ mile walk will start at 9am on July 30 at the Massachusetts State House (Park & Beacon Streets) and it will conclude on August 13 at 12pm with a rally in front of the United Nations and walk to China's Embassy in New York City. A daily schedule and description of the route can be found at [www.rangzen.org](http://www.rangzen.org).

The core group of walkers is comprised of 13 teenage and older Tibetans and 4 Westerners, including the Venerable Palden Gyatso (a Tibetan Monk who was imprisoned by China for over 30 years and severely tortured) and Jigme Norbu (son of Taktser Rinpoche) who will once again walk as a way to further His father's lifelong effort to regain Tibet's independence. The core group of walkers reside in India (1 person), Indiana (4 persons), New York City (4 persons), California (1 person), Connecticut (4 persons), Washington (2 persons), and Chicago (1 person).

#### **Why are we walking?**

1. For Tibet's Independence
2. For the Tibetans inside Tibet
3. To advocate for the release of Gendhun Choekyi Nyima (The Panchen Lama), Tenzin Delek Rinpoche, and other political prisoners
4. To educate people about the serious situation inside Tibet
5. To stop the marginalization of the Tibetan population
6. To stop the railroad and pipeline being built in Tibet by China
7. To promote a Boycott of China's Goods
8. To advocate for democracy in China
9. For Eastern Turkestan, Southern Mongolia, Taiwan, and Hong Kong's independence
10. To dialogue with Chinese individuals about the history and current situation in Tibet

At the conclusion of this walk, hundreds of Tibetans and Tibet supporters are expected to demonstrate at the United Nations and China's Embassy to protest China's illegal and brutal occupation of Tibet!

When asked why he was once again coordinating and participating in a walk for Tibet's independence, Tsewang Rigzin (ITIM Board Member) stated, “A nation is on the brink of extinction and a race is being completely wiped out of this planet by the communist Chinese regime that invaded Tibet in 1959. Now more than ever, we need to stand united and fight for Tibet's INDEPENDENCE before it's too late. Every Tibetan on this planet has the responsibility to fight for Tibet's Independence and we shall.”

Further details can be found at [www.rangzen.org](http://www.rangzen.org).

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