

DHONDUP WANGCHEN

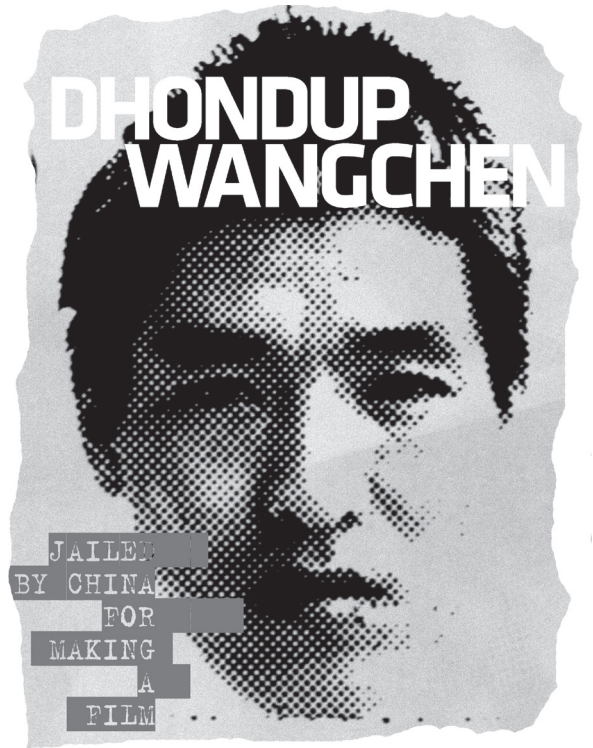
Jailed by China for Making a Film

Dhondup Wangchen, a Tibetan filmmaker, is serving a six year sentence in a Chinese prison for filming Tibetans inside Tibet speaking openly about the Beijing Olympics, the Dalai Lama, and China's policies in Tibet. His remarkable film *Leaving Fear Behind* portrays the courage, determination, and hardship of Tibetans living under Chinese occupation. He was arrested in March 2008, on the eve of the historic uprising that spread across the Tibetan plateau.

Dhondup Wangchen's trial was held in secret in Siling in eastern Tibet (Chinese: Xining, Qinghai Province) and the lawyer chosen by his family to represent him was barred from the court by Chinese authorities. Dhondup Wangchen was tortured in detention and contracted Hepatitis B, for which he has not received medical treatment.

Please add your voice to the global call for Dhondup Wangchen's immediate release. He is an innocent man, unjustly silenced by China.

The petition will be delivered to Ms. Wu Aiyong, China's Minister of Justice.



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WE CALL FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF DHONDUP WANGCHEN!

Dear Ms. Wu:

Dhondup Wangchen was sentenced to a six-year jail term on December 28, 2009 for simply filming Tibetans living in Tibet speaking about the 2008 Beijing Olympics, the Dalai Lama, and China's policies in Tibet. His trial was held in secret in Siling in eastern Tibet (Chinese: Xining, Qinghai Province) and he was denied access to the lawyer of his choosing. His trial clearly was not held in accordance with international legal standards.

Dhondup Wangchen is innocent. He has been unjustly persecuted by the Chinese government for exercising his basic right to freedom of expression as recognized under Article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights to which China is a signatory.

We, the undersigned, call on you to immediately and unconditionally release Dhondup Wangchen. We further urge you to ensure he receives immediate medical treatment.

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