

## Media Advisory

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### **Tibetan-Americans to Greet China's President Xi with Protests as Self-Immolations Continue in Tibet**

Palm Springs, CA – Hundreds of Tibetans and their supporters will protest China's President Xi Jinping during his meeting with President Obama in Rancho Mirage on June 7-8. Xi will be greeted with loud protests, colorful flags, and political theater with a larger-than-life Xi head mask to highlight his failed policies in Tibet that has resulted in 44 more Tibetans, as young as 17 years old, to light themselves on fire for freedom, raising the toll of self-immolations to 118.

Protesters will converge at the intersection of Bob Hope Dr and Gerald Ford Dr. They join thousands of people worldwide who have signed a petition asking President Obama to take a stand for Tibet.

“As Xi Jinping meets with President Obama today and tomorrow, my people continue to set themselves on fire in protest of China's illegal military occupation of Tibet. China must stop its violent attacks on innocent Tibetans who are simply demanding their basic freedoms. I am here to call on President Obama to take a stand for Tibet and pressure China to end their atrocities in Tibet,” said Tengyal, a young activist with Students for a Free Tibet - West.

Full protest schedule included below:

### **Friday, June 7**

#### **Rally for Tibet**

Time: 9am - 11am (Rally)

Location: Bob Hope Dr. & Gerald Ford Dr. Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

#### **Press Conference with Tibetan & Chinese Democracy Groups:**

Location:

Time: 12:30 PM

Location: Thousand Palms Community Center: 31-189 Robert Rd., Thousand Palms, CA 92276.

#### **Rally**

Time: 2-5 PM

Location: Bob Hope Dr. & Gerald Ford Dr. Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

#### **Candlelight vigil**

Time: 7-8 PM

Location: Bob Hope Dr. & Gerald Ford Dr. Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

### **Saturday, June 8**

#### **Rally for Tibet and Press Conference**

Time: 9am - 11am (Rally)

Location: Bob Hope Dr. & Gerald Ford Dr. Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

#### **Press Conference**

Time: 11:30 am

Location: Bob Hope Dr. & Gerald Ford Dr. Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

Protests jointly organized by Students for a Free Tibet - West, Bay Area Friends of Tibet & San Francisco Regional Tibetan Youth Congress & Chinese Democracy Groups.