

New York: Hundreds to Protest Dalai Lama, Accusing Him of Religious Persecution and Human Rights Abuses

Protests are organized by International Shugden Community who staged demonstrations outside the Dalai Lama's recent events in Birmingham, Princeton and Boston

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- The protesters claim the Dalai Lama publicly banned a 400-year-old mainstream religious tradition of making prayers to the Buddhist Deity Dorje Shugden. They state he is responsible for an aggressive persecution campaign affecting millions of people worldwide, resulting in suffering and human rights abuses, including the



practice of segregation. For example, signs refusing entry and services to people of Shugden faith have gone up in shop windows, restaurants and medical facilities in Tibetan exile communities (1).

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Foley continued, “Because he is such a powerful political leader and famous speaker we have no method to ask him to stop this suffering other than to demonstrate against him – to publicly raise our voices – requesting him to change his ways and stop the discrimination.”

Protests in New York City:
Sunday Nov 2, 8.30 am - 4.00 pm, Manhattan Center, 311 W 34th St.

Monday Nov 3 and Tuesday Nov 4, 8.30 am - 4.00 pm, Beacon Theatre, 74th and Broadway

The ISC is an umbrella organization comprised of Dorje Shugden practitioners from multiple Buddhist traditions. There are over 4 million people within Tibet, Mongolia, India, the United States and across the world who practice Dorje Shugden prayers.

ISC states that whenever anyone criticizes the Dalai Lama, instead of responding to the allegations or agreeing to dialogue, the CTA immediately accuses them of being funded by, or working for, the Chinese government. ISC spokesperson Len Foley says, "We have no links to the Chinese government at all and have never received any funding from them - and neither the Dalai Lama, nor anyone else, has ever provided a single shred of evidence for this. Their claim is a complete lie - a smokescreen to distract attention from the truth: the Dalai Lama is persecuting people for their faith and is denying them the basic human right to freedom of religion."

Recent news coverage:

[Associated Press, Oct 30th](#)

[NJTV Public Media New Jersey, Oct 28](#)

[Fox News, Oct 25th](#)

1. Al Jazeera Reports, April 13, 2009, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rqa2DeOIEQM>

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