

**TIBET'S STOLEN CHILD
FACTS ABOUT THE 11TH PANCHEN LAMA**

- 1. THE 11TH PANCHEN LAMA, GEDHUN CHOEKYI NYIMA WAS BORN ON 25 APRIL 1989 IN NAGCHU, TIBET:**
- 2. PANCHEN LAMA IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST AND IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN TIBETAN BUDDHISM.**
- 3. ON 14TH MAY 1995, HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THIS LITTLE BOY AS THE 11TH PANCHEN LAMA**
- 4. ON 17TH MAY 1995, GENDHUN CHOEKYI NYIMA AND HIS PARENTS WERE ABDUCTED BY THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES ALONG WITH HEAD OF THE SEARCH TEAM.**
- 5. AT THE AGE OF 6, PANCHEN RINPOCHE BECAME THE YOUNGEST POLITICAL PRISONER IN THE WORLD.**
- 6. PANCHEN RINPOCHE ABDUCTION CONSTITUTES A GROSS VIOLATION OF MULTIPLE HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTED BY VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL TREATIES AND LAWS, MANY OF WHICH CHINA IS LEGALLY OBLIGED TO RESPECT, PROMOTE AND PROTECT.**
- 7. EVEN AFTER NEARLY 30 YEARS OF ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCE, THERE IS NO VERIFIED INFORMATION ON HIS WHEREABOUTS.**



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Dear World Leaders,

My name is Gedhun Choekyi Nyima, and I am the 11th Panchen Lama of Tibet. Although, I was only six years old when I was taken away by the Chinese authorities, I am now 36. For 30 years, I have been held in confinement, away from my people. I write to you today not as a child, but as a man who has spent his life in captivity, longing for the freedom to live, to speak, and to fulfill the role I was born to serve.



I was taken away at a time when my only desire was to grow up like a normal six year old. Today, I continue to wait in a state of enforced isolation, longing to live the life that was stolen from me. The years have passed, and the world has changed, but the injustice of my captivity remains.

I call on you, the leaders of the free world, to advocate for my release. My story is not just my own - it is the story of Tibet, of a people whose voices have been suppressed, of a culture that has been silenced. The international community has long called for my freedom, and yet, I remain imprisoned. This is a violation of my basic rights, as well as the rights of the Tibetan people.

The world cannot be silent any longer.

Thank you for your compassion and courage.

Sincerely,

Gedhun Choekyi Nyima, the 11th Panchen Lama of Tibet