



Personal Details



CECC Record Number	2015-00279	Ethnic Group	Tibetan
Detention Status	DEC-ill	Sex	M
Issue Category	eth/rel/spch/assoc	Age At Detention	38
Main Name	Choekyi	Religion	Tibetan Buddhist
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	曲吉(音)	Occupation	monk (Buddhist)
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)		Affiliation	Phugu Mon.
Additional Name(s)	Chokye	Residence Province	Sichuan Province
Pinyin Name	Quji	Residence Prefecture	Ganzi [Kardze] Tibetan Auto. Pref.
		Residence County	Seda [Serthar] Cty.

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2015/06/19
Current Prison	Mianyang Prison
Sentence Length (Years)	4
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Sichuan Province
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Mianyang Shi (pref.)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Fucheng Dist.

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg?/tri?/sent/dec	Formal Arrest Date	
Trial Court		Trial Date	
Sentence Court		Sentence Date	
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court		Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)			

Short Summary

Based on July 27, 2015, RFA reports ([English](#), [Tibetan](#)) and a July 27 [Phayul](#) report citing Voice of Tibet, on June 19, 2015, security officials detained 38-year-old monk Choekyi of Phugu Monastery in Seda (Serthar) county, Ganzi (Kardze) county, Sichuan province. Phayul reported Choekyi wore a T-shirt with a Tibetan-language message on the back meaning “Celebrating [the Dalai Lama’s] 80th Birthday,” and implied that the message may have been the basis for Choekyi’s detention. On June 20, security officials detained Choekyi’s sister Kyizom and her son Dragpa for an unknown reason and allegedly beat them before releasing them after 15 days. RFA ([27 Dec 17](#)) reported an unknown court sentenced Choekyi to a 4-year prison sentence, served at Mianyang Prison in Fucheng district, Mianyang municipality, Sichuan. On January 18, 2019, authorities released Choekyi from prison 5 months early (ICT, [30 Jan 19](#)). Prior to detention, Choekyi reportedly sought treatment for “liver and stomach ailments”; he suffered from serious kidney problems and jaundice in prison. After his release, authorities in Choekyi’s hometown of Serthar placed him under surveillance and impeded his ability to seek medical treatment. He died, reportedly from these diseases, on May 7, 2020 (Tibet Times, [7 May 20](#)).