

Press release
By Action Group for Peace
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**Stop the killings and arrests in Tibet!
Stop supporting Burma's dictators!**

We, the Action Group for Peace, strongly condemn the killings and arrests of Tibetan demonstrators by the Chinese authorities in Lhasa and other parts of Tibet since March 10, 2008.

The widespread demonstrations are the result of decades of systematic oppression by the Chinese government of the Tibetan people. The Tibetans' grievances and demands for self-determination must be addressed through political dialogue, not by force and further oppression.

The current crackdown in Tibet is chillingly reminiscent of the crackdown on the Saffron Revolution in Burma last September, as once again we are seeing images of armed troops being deployed against unarmed monks, and bloodstained bodies in Buddhist robes. China, by providing financial, military and diplomatic support to the Burmese military regime, was also complicit in the crackdown in Burma.

We stand in solidarity with protestors in Tibet and with those continuing to struggle for democracy in Burma. Their plight is casting a dark shadow on the upcoming Olympic Games.

We call on the Chinese government to immediately stop their use of violence against the Tibetan demonstrators, to release all those arrested during the protests and allow international and independent media to cover the situation.

We also call on the Chinese government to stop all forms of support to the Burmese military regime.

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