

The Rangzen Fist Four

Featured Snow Lion Roars

August 24th, 2008

On August 21, Tibetan-German Florian Norbu Gyanatshang, and Tibet activists Jeremy Wells and John Watterberg were swarmed by plainclothes Chinese police for protesting near the Bird's Nest stadium. Nearby, supporter Mandie Mckeown was also grabbed.

They shouted "free Tibet" and Norbu unfurled the Tibetan flag. They raised their fists in the spirit of the iconic medal-stand gesture by Tommie Smith and John Carlos at the 1968 Mexico City Olympics. The protest took place just hours after the men's 200 metre final, the same event 40 years ago at which Smith and Carlos won their medals. The next day, the British and German Embassies informed the activists' friends and family that Chinese police would be holding them in jail for ten days without a trial. However, on August 24th they were released and are on their way home.

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