

PETITION IN SUPPORT OF SHENPEN RINPOCHE

Dear Mr. Janez Janša, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia,

On Thursday, 12 April 2012 two strangers attacked Shenpen Rinpoche, the Abbot of the Buddhist Congregation Dharmaling. This is the second attack on him in one year. On 12 June 2011 he was stabbed during a walk on Golovec by two strangers, one of them stated before running away »we will see each other again«. At that time the police didn't track down the attackers, focusing on their fabricated story of love affair gone wrong (sic). Rinpoche complained against the work of certain policemen and the latter consequently directed the investigation against him. Following this complaint, two criminalists accused Rinpoche of stabbing himself with the branch, although they didn't at all find the object, with which the attack was executed (or any other proof), yet they filed charges.

The second attack took place at the courtyard of the domestic house. It is possible to conclude from various circumstances that the attackers were well acquainted with Rinpoche's schedule. The first attacker cut Rinpoche with a knife, while the other hit him with the wooden stick on the head. When Rinpoche lost consciousness the attackers made a cut around his neck. As if wanting to inform him that the next time the cut will be deeper.

We are expecting that the police will investigate the attack, take the necessary measures and protect Rinpoche and thereby prevent another, more dangerous attack on him and his closest. Among the measures, we are requesting the administration to allow Rinpoche to carry a firearm for safety reason. We also expect that the state will prevent and/or stop the unjustified accusations against him and that those, who are spreading such rumours will be adequately prosecuted in front of the criminal court.

Rinpoche dedicated his life to the well-being of others and because of that represents a role model for many people, in Slovenia as well as abroad. His functioning has been all the time consistently focused on respect and enforcement of ethical values. Last but not least he is leading the biggest Buddhist community in the country. That is why we are asking You to take this appeal as seriously as possible and act accordingly.

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Please print the form of the petition, fill in the required data, sign it and then send it to address:

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