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How China's Policies Change Tibetans' Lives



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Over the last seven years, over two million Tibetans, both farmers and nomadic herders, have been rehoused – through renovation or reconstruction – in “New Socialist Villages.”

While the main justification has been economic, the Chinese government has made clear that there are larger objectives – including strengthening control over the Tibetan rural population.

Tibetans have no say in, or ways to challenge, these policies that are radically altering their way of life.

“They don’t have any other skills than farming, and won’t have any herds or land worth speaking of anymore,” said Tenzin Gyaltsso, a villager probably facing relocation this year. “How is the next generation going to survive as Tibetans?”

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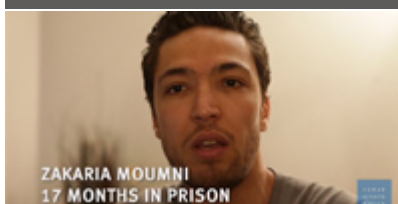
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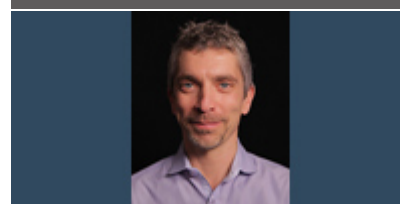
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