

Tibetan youths seek new answers from Dalai Lama

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — For decades, the Dalai Lama has preached calm and patience to fellow Tibetans campaigning against Chinese rule in their homeland.

Now, with growing hunger strikes and the death of a man who set himself on fire, the political and spiritual leader has admitted that his moderate approach has failed in the eyes of many frustrated, desperate Tibetans.

His response could mark a watershed for the Tibetan independence movement: While reiterating that hunger strikes and suicide betray the Buddhist tradition of nonviolence, the Dalai Lama admitted he was unable to offer any alternative solutions.

"For many years, I'd been able to persuade the Tibetan people to eschew violence in our freedom struggle," he said Tuesday after visiting Thupten Ngodup, a protester who set himself on fire during a demon-

stration Monday against China's rule of Tibet.

Ngodup died Wednesday, the first Tibetan exile to die of self-immolation.

"Today, it's clear that a sense of frustration and urgency is building up among many Tibetans as evidenced by the unto-death hunger strike and the tragic incident," the Dalai Lama said.

His followers, many of whom believe he is the incarnation of a Buddhist deity, may interpret his admission as approval of more forceful tactics such as hunger strikes and suicides.

The Dalai Lama — a title that means Ocean of Mercy — has lobbied heads of governments, popes and potentates to try to push China toward more autonomy for Tibet. But China, which invaded Tibet in 1950 and annexed it nine years later, has not budged.

"In that sense my efforts have

failed," he said.

Younger militants have expressed increasing impatience with the Dalai Lama's moderate policies.

"We, the people of Tibet, need an answer," said Tseten Norbu, president of the Tibetan Youth Congress, which organized a hunger strike that culminated with Ngodup's self-immolation. "How long should we wait, wait and wait?"

The Youth Congress has long advocated more forceful steps. It organized the hunger strike even though the Dalai Lama had stepped in to stop similar protests in the past.

The Dalai Lama's admission was a hint that the youth should go ahead with their approach, said Dawa Norbu, a professor of Tibetan studies at New Delhi's Jawaharlal Nehru University.

"The Tibetan youth are getting desperate." It is unlikely that any Tibetan

group would defy the Dalai Lama's principles to the extent of waging a campaign of violence to push their cause, either outside the country or against the Chinese in Tibet.

Many Tibetans believe he is the incarnation of a Buddhist deity. Although radicals disagree with his methods, few challenge his authority.

Ngodup, a 50-year-old former Buddhist monk, was to have been among a group to take up the hunger strike after the first six were forced to stop. Five men began fasting Tuesday.

Ngodup set himself on fire after Indian police, claiming they were acting on humanitarian grounds, forcibly took six other fasting Tibetans to the hospital Sunday and Monday.

"The self-immolation is one of the most dramatic beginnings," said Mahendra Lama, a professor at New Delhi's Jawaharlal Nehru University.

Princess Diana plot foiled

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — A man who sought \$15 million from Mohamed Al Fayed for documents alleging that his son Dodi and Princess Diana were murdered was arrested in a sting involving the FBI and the CIA.



Diana

The man, identified only as a 67-year-old Austrian living in the United States, was arrested April 22, Interior Ministry Spokesman Rudolf Gollia said Wednesday.

When authorities arrested him, the

man yelled threats at Al Fayed, the daily reported.

Dodi Fayed, Diana and their son Henri Paul were killed Aug. 31 when their car hit a tunnel pillar in Paris.

Gollia said the man had come to Vienna in 1997 to work in a hotel in Vienna for the exchange. Fayed alerted the FBI, CIA and the Austrian intelligence agency. He says Gollia's security chief, John McMenamin, met Gollia.

So far, the investigation in Paris is focused on the drunken condition of the driver, and the whereabouts of the Fiat that may have sideswiped the cedes carrying the princess.

EU nations signs treaty to reduce pollution

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — European Union nations signed an international treaty Wednesday to reduce "greenhouse" gas emissions and called on the United States and developing countries to do the same.

"There were a few other countries which we would have liked to sign with us here today, especially a big one," the European environment commissioner, Ritt Bjerregaard said.

"And I hope to see the United States signing as early as possible."

Britain's deputy prime minister, John Prescott, said the signing by the 15 EU members "clearly signals our continuing commitment to the objectives we agreed under the resulting environmental benefits."

Japan signed the treaty here Tuesday,

becoming the first major industrial nation to do so.

The global warming treaty, approved last December in Kyoto, Japan, would require 38 industrialized nations to reduce their "greenhouse" gas emissions from 1990 levels between the years 2008 and 2012.

European Union states would reduce them by 8 percent, the United States by 7 percent and Japan by 6 percent. Some would face smaller reductions, and a few would not be obligated for now.

Developing countries, including major greenhouse gas emitters such as China and India, are asked to set voluntary reduction targets.

The U.S. Senate, which must approve the treaty, has called on President Clinton

not to sign and Congress not to ratify the agreement unless pollution restrictions are extended to developing countries.

Prescott said the follow-up conference set for November in Buenos Aires must increase the number of countries required to undertake reductions.

Prescott and an EU delegation planned to meet with ambassadors of developing countries to discuss the issue.

He said the Europeans were confident Clinton would sign the treaty, but understood it may not be sent to Congress for ratification for some time.

"We are satisfied they (Americans) will be signing the protocol," Prescott said. "All this is about a global solution to a global problem."

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CHEM 102	8-10 PM	PART 1	PART 2	PART 3	PART 4
CHEM 107	10 PM-MID	PART 1	PART 2	PART 3	PART 4
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