

China's ongoing crackdown in Tibet



Territory claimed by Tibet, 1912-1950

1950: Chinese troops invade Tibet, one year after Communist Party leader **Mao Zedong** establishes **People's Republic of China**

1956: Monasteries in eastern Tibet are razed, triggering bloody guerrilla war which is backed by American CIA

1959: **Dalai Lama** escapes to India

1969: U.S. President **Richard Nixon** ends CIA support for Tibet when he opens diplomatic ties with China



250km
300 miles

1959-60:
100,000
Tibetans flee
into exile



◆ **Monasteries sealed off by Chinese authorities**

1 Lhasa, Saturday: Reports of 80 people killed by riot police. Chinese governor denies claims. **Monday:** City sealed off – Chinese authorities conduct house to house search for protestors and photos of Dalai Lama

2 Amdo Ngaba Kirti monastery, Sichuan province, Sunday: Security forces kill 8-13 during protests calling for release of **Panchen Lama** – most senior figure in Tibetan Buddhism after spiritual leader **Dalai Lama**

3 Aba, Sunday: Police fire on about 1,000 monks and protestors. Death toll put at 7-18. **Monday:** Hundreds of protestors face security forces

4 Labrang monastery, Xiahe, Gansu province, Saturday: Riot police shoot dead four monks. Some 1,200 monks take part in protests

5 North West Minority University, Lanzhou, Sunday: 100 students mount sit-down protests

6 Dharamsala, India, Sunday: Exiled Dalai Lama decries what he calls **"cultural genocide"** destroying heritage of his homeland

