Who is protesting against His Holiness the Dalai Lama?

Concise information for a broader public

Even though the New Kadampa Tradition (NKT) tries to distance itself from the International Shugden Community, and from another of its groups, the Western Shugden Society, there is clear evidence that it is the NKT that created both organizations.

**The International Shugden Society (ISC)**

* On March 26, 2014, corporation papers were filed in the United States with the California Secretary of State under the name of the International Shugden Community, Inc; it is listed as an “active” domestic non-profit corporation under the jurisdiction of the State of California. The registered address of the charity is also the address of the New Horizon Health Inc. in Westlake Village, CA, whose CEO is Len Foley, Teacher at Tushita Meditation Center, Westlake, CA.
* The NKT European connection to the ISC is in Norway. Corporation papers were filed on March 21, 2014, with the Registered Directors listed as Kelsang Jangdom, Chairman, and Kelsang Tubchen, Board Member. Both teach at the Nordic Kadampa Meditation Center in Oslo; Kelsang Tubchen is the National Spiritual Director for the NKT Nordic Region.

**The Western Shugden Society**

* Before it was known as the ISC, the Western Shugden Society was the front organization for the demonstrations, authorized by Kelsang Gyatso. The WSS was formed in London on June 26, 2008, with its officers listed as Susan Jenkins and Helen Gradwell, aka Kelsang Pema.
* Both women were also listed on the Board of Directors of two other corporations related to the New Kadampa Tradition; the Manjushri Mahayana Buddhist Center, and Tharpaland Kadampa Meditation Center. Kelsang Pema was Kelsang Gyatso’s personal assistant for more than a decade and was the main WSS spokesperson in 2008.

**ISC Spokespersons, 2014:**

* William Fettig, aka Kelsang Rigpa, Western US National Spiritual Director and Resident Teacher at Hollywood and Santa Barbara Mahakankala Kadampa Meditation Centers, CA (Not in monastic robes)
* Kelsang Rabten – NKT National Spiritual Director of New Zealand and Australia. Featured in the ISC videos to be found on YouTube. (Not in monastic robes.)
* Len Foley – Teacher at Tushita Kadampa Meditation Center , Westlake, CA. Featured with Kelsang Rabten in ISC videos and Rebecca Gauthier, Resident Teacher at Tushita Meditation Center, Westlake, CA.

**It can clearly be concluded that it is the NKT that organizes and carries out the demonstrations against His Holiness the Dalai Lama.**