



China unhappy with Dalai Lama visit

INSTRUCTIONS

Write the numbers 1-15. Then match the blanks with the words listed below.

floods

riots

sugar

troops

UN

lose

Obama

exporting

evicted

1950

White House

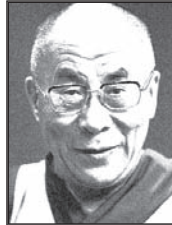
grow

Tibet

Britain

world

China has made clear it does not want the US President Barack 1)_____ to meet the Dalai Lama in Washington later this month. Such a meeting would focus attention on the Dalai Lama's homeland Tibet which has been ruled by China since 2)_____.



The Dalai Lama became a spiritual leader in Tibet at a very young age. However, he was forced to leave the country in 1959 after 3)_____ broke out against the Chinese occupation.

The occupation has now lasted 60 years and the Chinese government insists 4)_____ is actually part of China. However, many Tibetans do not accept this and over the years, thousands have reportedly died in clashes with Chinese 5)_____.

The Dalai Lama is based in India but travels all over the 6)_____ to raise awareness of Tibet's problems. Now China has warned its relations with the USA will suffer if Mr Obama invites the Dalai Lama to the 7)_____.

Food projects pose problems

Many developing countries worry about food shortages due to problems such as droughts, 8)_____ or desertification. As a result they may undertake major projects which aim to guarantee a regular food supply for the nation or for 9)_____ abroad to earn income. Such projects are often funded by overseas aid from international organisations such as the 10)_____ or directly by rich countries such as 11)_____.

Unfortunately, some of the projects become a disaster for local people.



The East African country of Kenya provides an example. The Kenyan government plans to develop the Tana River Delta with a massive 12)_____ plantation and take over a huge area of land to 13)_____ new crops. However, this is an area of traditional wetlands and the people who have lived there for generations fear they may be 14)_____ from their homeland. Those people are already poor but if this happens they will 15)_____ their entire way of life.

QUESTIONS

- 1) In which year did the Dalai Lama leave his homeland of Tibet?
- 2) What evidence is there that many Tibetans do not accept Chinese control their land?
- 3) Where is the Dalai Lama based, and why does he travel all over the world?
- 4) Suggest a reason why China does not want Mr Obama to meet the Dalai Lama.
- 5) List three problems which can lead to food shortages in a country.
- 6) List two ways developing countries can fund major projects to help guarantee a regular food supply.
- 7) Explain why the plans for Kenya's Tana River Delta may be bad news for the people who live there.
- 8) Enter 'Tana River Delta' into a search engine and then write down 5 facts about this part of Kenya.

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1. 1959

2. Thousands of Tibetans have reportedly died in clashes with Chinese troops. Also, riots in 1959 against the Chinese occupation forced the Dalai Lama to leave the country.

3. The Dalai Lama is based in India and he travels all over the world to raise awareness of Tibet's problems.

4. A meeting with President Obama in the White House will attract worldwide publicity and greatly raise awareness of Tibetan claims that the land has been occupied by China for the past 60 years.

5. droughts, floods, desertification.

6. Funding can come from international organisations such as the UN. It can also come direct from rich countries such as Britain.

7. The Kenyan government plans to develop a massive sugar plantation and take over a huge area of land to grow new crops. However, local people who have lived there for generations fear they may be evicted which would mean they lose their entire way of life.