



EFF CALLS ON INDIAN AUTHORITIES TO ARREST THE DALA LAMA, TENZIN GYATSO FOR CHILD ABUSE

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The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) calls on the Indian Authorities to arrest and prosecute the Dala Lama, Tenzin Gyatso for child abuse. The Dala Lama, in a widely circulated video from an event in February 2023, is seen kissing a boy on the lips and then asking the boy to “suck my tongue”.

The lame apology issued today from the Dala Lama Office must be rejected with condemnation. Child abuse cannot be apologised away. It is also telling that the apology was issued almost a month after the deplorable incident and only after mounting pressure from activists against child abuse. This supposed apology failed to state that his acts were grossly abusive.

Religious leaders are expected to be protectors, not abusers of the most vulnerable in society. Child abuse is rampant worldwide. Children are not safe in their homes, schools, public spaces and with religious leaders.

The law must not be spared on any religious leader who indulges in abusive acts. The Indian Authorities must send a stern warning to all those who dare to harm children that they will be prosecuted harshly regardless of their status.

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