

# Galschiøt gav virksomhedsledere en opsang

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elfart i går**

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## Kob Edut

Et er en ulige kamp, har tabt på forhånd! anede billedhugger advokateur par excel- Jens Galschiøt, da går holdt oplæg for ørre gruppe virksomhedsleder om, hvor et kan gå, når man virksomhed lægger i med stærke græsbevægelser i værdiløspørgsmål.

## I firmaets en

Bureau Veritas, med hontor i Oldenborgga-redericia, havde ind-samarbejdspartnere andt andet Arla, CO- JP Group til et så- Kick Off Meeting i centrum i Middell-ør at sparke 2008 i Det store spørgsmål sordenen lød: Hvad virksomheden gøre overholde sit sam-næssige ansvar? Og gør man, når det går g den offentlige vrenner én?

Bureau Veritas selv e Jacob Færgemand vilke certificeringer inne hjælpe med at firmaets sti ren, og

## En lille smule Kina i alting

Men selv i klodsernes højborg i Billund måtte man erkende, at det var yderst uoverskueligt at tjekke, om eventuelle underleverandører ude i andet og tredje led levede op til de fine målsætninger, eller som Helle Kaspersen udtrykte det: - Det er stort set umuligt at pege på noget, som der ikke er en lille smule Kina i, med henvisning til supermagtens blakkede syn på menneskerettigheder.

Og her trådte en yderst veloplagt Jens Galschiøt på banen.

Flankeret af skulpturene »Just Do It« af en ud-



Billedkunstner og provokatør Jens Galschiøt gav virksomhedsledere noget at tænke på, da han i går belærte dem om deres sociale ansvar – og hvilke problemer de var i, hvis de svigtede det. – Arkivfoto

magret børnearbejder i Nike-kondisko og Den 10. plage, hvor er mandshøj ramme med dollarsedler havde fået skrevet Novo Nordisk og Lundbeck i blod henover, gav han på få minutter de indbudte sved på panden og flakkende blikke.

## Virksomheder i modvind

- Vi er pokkers ustrukturerede og ikke særlig stærke som enkeltstående elementer, men når vi står sammen om et helt simpelt budskab, kan en stor gruppe NGO'er uden problemer knuse et stort og veletableret brand, lød advarslen fra billedhuggeren fra Næsby ved Odense.

Som eksempel nævnte han bølgen af vrede mod Novo og Lundbeck, der opstod i kølvandet på den retssag,

hvor de to firmaer sammen med 41 andre giganter inden for medicinalindustrien lagde sag an mod Sydafrika for at købe billigere kopi-medicin mod AIDS i Indien. På ganske kort tid, var billederne af de blodpletterede politiske kunstværker fra Odense gået verden rundt og havde generet en fælles, folkelig dårlig smag i munden. Modstanden fra offentligheden var enorm.

Efter ganske kort tid trak medicinalindustrien sig ud af søgsmålet og har ikke siden turdet at samles om et fælles fodslag mod kopi-præparaterne, der flyder over grænserne fra Asien.

## Sort eller hvidt

-Jamen, på det tidspunkt mente Sydafrikas

præsident jo ikke engang, at der var en sammenhæng mellem HIV og AIDS... Prøvede en af deltagerne ved mødet.

- Nej, men allerede der har du kompliceret spørgsmålet for meget. Vores trick er, at gøre det hele sort-hvidt. Er det rigtigt, at firmaerne ikke vil have langt billigere Aids-medicin til rådighed for fattige mennesker i Sydafrika? Ja? Godt, så knalder vi jer. Det synes jeg bare lige I skal vide, replicerede kunstneren rapt.

Og selvom der blev grinet i salen, kunne man nærmest fornemme de nervøse dommedagsvisioner, der rullede bag de smilende ansigter hos de mange erhvervsdrivende, da Jens Galschiøt var færdig med sin opsang.

## Galschiøt: Kan Kina forbyde farven orange?

Om få dage er den fynske kunstner klar med et nyt verdensprojekt - målrettet OL

AF SØREN DURAN DUUS  
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"Hjælp os med at skabe en global manifestation omkring menneskerettighederne i Kina og slut op om vores appel. Hvis det skal lykkes, kræver det, at du og mange andre bruger jeres netværker og videresender dette brev. Kun på den måde kan vi skabe bølger i den globale kommunikation."

Sådan lyder en mail fra TheColorOrange-projektet, som bagmanden Jens Galschiøt om få dage er klar til sende ud til 25.000 mennesker over hele kloden.

- Vi opfordrer alle til støtte vores projekt, for at folk på den måde kan vise Kina under OL i august, at vi er mange,

## JENS GALSCHIØT

Jens Galschiøt (født 1954 i Frederikssund) er uddannet som plade- og konstruktions-smed på Odense Staatskibsværft i 1973.

Han er selvvalgt sølvsmed og skulptør med eget værksted i Odense siden 1985.

Galschiøt arbejder primært med at bekæmpe verdens uretfærdigheder ved at opsætte skulpturer på steder og pladser i større byer verden over. Skulpturerne er for det meste skabt i bronze og for egne midler.

Jens Galschiøt blev verdenskendt flere gange sammen

med AIDOH for aktioner ved større begivenheder. AIDOH er en forkortelse for Art In Defence Of Humanism. AIDOH er skabt af Jens Galschiøt som en gruppe, der opstiller politiske kunstværker for at gøre opmærksom på umenneskelig behandling af befolkningen i forskellige lande i forbindelse med politik, religion eller økonomiske interesser.

Gruppen har ved flere lejligheder startet en samfundsdebat omkring enkeltlandes overforbrug eller regeringers undertrykkende behandling af egen befolkning.

der har øje på styrets krænkelser af menneskerettighederne, forklarer Galschiøt. - Idéen er både raffineret og enkel. Ved at bruge noget orange under OL-arrangementerne både i og uden for Kina sender man et signal om, at noget er galt i Kina. Det kan være en orange hat,

et moderne og velfungerende samfund foran milliarder af tv-seere.

- De vil gøre alt for at undgå kritik for åben skærm. Men brugen af farven orange kan netop bryde med den strenge censur og dryppe lidt malurt i styrets propaganda-bæger. Samtidig får millioner af undertrykte kinesere en stemme under OL 2008, lyder modspillet fra den fynske kunstner til Kina.

- OL Chartret nævner som fundamentale OL-principper "respekten for universelle, fundamentale og etiske principper" og "at fremme oprettelsen af et fredeligt samfund, der er optaget af bevarelsen af den menneskelige værdighed".

- Og ingen kan vel med rimelighed påstå, at det kinesiske styre lever op til disse idealer. Men brugen af farven orange er et etisk og upolitisk udsagn, der er i dyb samklang med den olympiske bevægelses fundamentale principper, forklarer Jens Galschiøt.

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## Orange protest-projekt

Dansk billedhugger vil have folk til at bære orange på sig under OL i Kina for at støtte menneskerettigheder

**KAMP.** En orange hat, taske, kjole, kuglepen eller blot en appelsin i hånden.

Umiddelbart ganske harmøst, men under OL i Kina til august kan det blive et signal til resten af verden om, at man støtter kampen for menneskerettighederne i Kina.

Det er nemlig idéen bag den danske billedhugger Jens Galschiøts nye projekt Farven Orange.

Hans mål er, at så mange mennesker som muligt fra hele verden vil gå rundt med noget orange på sig bå-

de i og uden for Kina i løbet af de olympiske lege og dermed vise sin støtte til kampen for menneskerettigheder.

»Der er i virkeligheden slet ikke tale om en kampagne i traditionel forstand. Eventen skal fungere som katalysator for en slags bølge eller følelse, der går i selvsving og skyller hen over kloden. Den er langt mere beslægtet med poesi og kunst end egentlig politisk aktivisme,« fortæller Jens Galschiøt om projektet på hjemmesiden Thecolororange.net, som

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Jens Galschiøt

er oprettet til formålet.

Jens Galschiøt vil forsøge at få folk til at sprede den orange idé ud til millioner af mennesker ved hjælp af hjemmesiden, maillister og den gode gammeldags mund-til-mund metode.

»Inden for meteorologien og fysikken opererer man med en 'sommerfugle-effekt', der siger, at verden er så kompleks og sammenhængende, at en sommerfugl, der basker med vingerne i Kina, vil kunne udløse en storm i Californien. Projektet Farven Orange kunne blive en sådan sommerfugl,« siger han. **JEANETTE LINDER**

## Mere human end rød

- Projektet Farven Orange er inspireret af blandt andre maleren Kandinsky's udsagn om, at 'farven orange er rød, der er blevet gjort mere human ved hjælp af gul'.
- Da Kinas farve normalt er rød, håber billedhuggeren Jens Galschiøt på at støtte de humane kræfter ved at introducere Farven Orange.
- Se mere om projektet på [www.thecolororange.net](http://www.thecolororange.net).

# 1014 Bertel Haarder sylter miljøet

Bæredygtig udvikling skal på skoleskemaet. Det har Danmark skrevet under på hos FN, men vi er nu langt bagefter lande som Canada og Australien. Ngo'er og ekspert kræver handling

**BÆREDYGTIG UDDANNELSE**  
af Kirsten Sterling

FN's tiår for Uddannelse for Bæredygtig Udvikling har været i gang siden 2005, men det har endnu ikke i 2008 sat sig nævneværdige spor i Danmark.

Det mener ngo'er og en ekspert, der understreger, at projektet er en vigtig del af den samfundsmæssige omvæltning, som opfyldelsen af EU's klimamål indebærer.

»Hele uddannelsessektoren er omfattet af FN's tiår, der handler om at undervise i bæredygtighed på en helt ny måde. At spare på energien er ikke længere nok, og vi skal i stedet begynde at undervise i, hvordan bæredygtighed kan integreres med de langsigtede perspektiver, komplekse sammenhænge og vanskelige valg, som klimaforandringerne stiller os overfor. Det vedrører alle fag og skal også berøre den måde, en skole eller et universitet bruger sin energi på,« siger Jeppe Læssøe, der er lektor i miljøpædagogik på Danmarks Pædagogiske Universitetsskole ved Aarhus Universitet.

Han har på Undervisningsministeriets opfordring været med til at udarbejde et oplæg til, hvordan

Danmark kunne gribe FN's tiår an. Indlægget lå klar i august, og regeringen ville være klar med et udkast til en national strategi før jul, men den er endnu ikke kommet.

Ifølge de nye EU-mål skal Danmark dække 30 procent af sit energiforbrug med vedvarende energi inden 2020.

»Skatteyderne skal ikke være blinde for, at det bliver dyrt,« sagde Connie Hedegaard i onsdags i sidste uge til

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**Dorte Lange,**  
**formand for det pædagogiske udvalg i Danmarks lærerforening**

politiken.dk, da hun skulle kommentere EU's udspil, og det er netop diskussionen om, hvordan samfundet skal fordele byrderne af klimainsatsen, som FN's tiår for uddannelse og bæredygtig udvikling skal ruste samfundet til.

Jeppe Læssøe, der har forsket i miljø og folkeoplysning i mere end 20 år, siger:

»Bæredygtighed handler om at bevare, og udvikling handler om at forandre. Bæredygtig udvikling er derfor et kompliceret dilemma, der også er fordelingspolitisk, og det kan vi ikke løse med teknologiske opfindelser alene. Bertel Haarder har en forestilling om, at mere naturfagundervisning er godt nok, men bæredygtig udvikling handler i særdeleshed også om samfundets og kulturens udvikling.«

**Ingen kender FN's tiår**

»Uddannelse og oplysning om bæredygtig udvikling er helt afgørende for at skabe et bæredygtigt samfund. Og det er ærgerligt, at det er så svært at komme igennem med især i lyset af klimatopmødet i 2009,« siger koordinator Troels Dam Christensen fra 92-gruppen, der arbejder for at fremme bæredygtig udvikling i Danmark.



Lars Myrthu-Nielsen er sekretariatsleder i Øko-net, en folkeoplysningsforening om økologi og bæredygtighed, der er gået ind i arbejdet for FN-tiåret, og han er ved at miste tålmodigheden:

»Vi tog initiativ til en dansk åbningskonference i marts 2005 på Christiansborg, og vi har nu puklet på det her i tre år, men der sker ikke noget på området. Der er ved at opstå en vis metaltræthed hos ngo'erne og andre organisationer, der har arbejdet på at få volumen i det danske tiår,« siger Lars Myrthu-Nielsen.

»Der findes så at sige ikke en skolelærer eller skoleleder i Danmark, der kender til FN-tiåret, og den hjemmeside og pjece, som Undervisningsministeriet har lavet, har ikke haft nogen reel virkning,« siger Lars Myrthu-Nielsen.

**Midler skal afsættes**

Heller ikke i Danmarks Lærerforening kan man mærke regeringens indsats for FN's tiår.

»Hvilken indsats?,« spørger Dorte Lange, der er formand for det pædagogiske udvalg i Danmarks Lærerfor-

ening.

»Vi har set papirer om det, og vi er også blevet bedt om at tænke det ind i folkeskolens faglige mål, men det er blot besværgelser. Man er nødt til at sætte penge af til forsøgsarbejder, hvis man seriøst mener, at bæredygtig udvikling skal være en integreret del af undervisningen, ellers bliver det blot luftige hensigtserklæringer,« siger Dorte Lange.

Det er miljøsociolog Jeppe Læssøe enig i: »Man kan ikke skabe en stor forandring uden midler, og jeg synes, det er beklageligt, at der ikke

sker mere, når jeg ser, hvad man gør i Australien, Canada, og andre steder i verden,« siger Jeppe Læssøe, lektor i miljøpædagogik.

Det var i går desværre ikke muligt at få en kommentar fra undervisningsminister Bertel Haarder.

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Hjemmesider om FN's tiår for Uddannelse for Bæredygtig Udvikling: Undervisningsministeriets hjemmeside: [www.ubuportalen.dk](http://www.ubuportalen.dk) Øko-nets hjemmeside: [www.ubu10.dk](http://www.ubu10.dk)

Undervisningsministeriet har indvilget i at lade hele uddannelsessektoren omfatte af FN's tiår, der handler om at undervise i bæredygtighed. Vi skal ikke blot spare energi, men i stedet undervise i, hvordan bæredygtighed kan integreres langsigtet. Men skolerne ved intet om det, og Bertel Haarder har ikke afsat penge til det.  
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## Oranje-supporters protesteren op spelen automatisch'

COPENHAGEN - Elke Nederlander op le Olympische Spelen in Peking met een oranje vlaggetje zwaait, protesteert daarmee tegen schendingen van de mensenrechten in China. Dat is tenminste de bedoeling van de Deense kunstenaar Jens Galschiot, lie met zijn project The Color Orange kleur tot actiemiddel verheft.

Door een kleur in te zetten voor de protesten wil Galschiot het sporters mogelijk maken tijdens de Spelen een statement te maken. Eigenlijk mogen ze dat niet van het Internationaal Olympisch Comité; elke atleet moet een overeenkomst tekenen waarin hij belooft tijdens de Spelen niet aan politiek te doen. Doet hij dat wel, wordt hij gediskwalificeerd.

Het IOC kan sporters echter niet verbieden oranje kleding of accessoires te dragen, redeneert Galschiot. „Zelfs het schillen van een sinaasappel kan opgevat worden als een scherp statement“, schrijft hij.

„Het is geniaal, want heel Nederland doet nu automatisch mee“, grinnikt een woordvoerder van The Color Orange. Toch was dit niet de reden om voor oranje te kiezen. Galschiot dacht eerder aan de gevangenispakken van Guantánamo en de gewaden van monniken in Burma.

Met zijn creatieve vorm van protest slaagt Galschiot wellicht waar anderen faalden. Zo startte de Amerikaanse oud-schaatser **Jocely Cheek** de actie **Team Darfur**, om de steun van China voor de Soedanese regering aan de kaak te stellen. De Olympische atleten die hij voor zijn actie verzamelde, mogen tijdens de Spelen echter geen Team Darfur-shirts dragen. Wel oranje.

Han har på Undervisningsministeriets opfordring været med til at udarbejde et oplæg til, hvordan

# Øget fokus på virksomhedernes sociale engagement

Virksomheder som Novo Nordisk, Lundbeck og en lang række andre giganter fra den globale medicinindustri må gang på gang bøje nakken, når de kommer i hænderne på de globale græsrodder (NGO). Konklusionen er klar: Det kan det være fatalt for en virksomhed at handle uetisk og ikke udvise tilstrækkeligt socialt engagement.

Af marketingchef Jørn Jensen, Bureau Veritas Certification\*

Toms passer på kakaobonden og hans familie i Ghana. Fiskeimportøren Butler's Choice opdrætter fisk under hensyntagen til mennesker, dyr og miljø i Vietnam. DLG tilbyder afskal-

let sojaskrå, der er fri for GMO. Mange fødevarer virksomheder arbejder systematisk med sit sociale engagement - eller 'Corporate Social Responsibility' (CSR), som det hedder på engelsk. Og med god grund. For bliver virksomheden først viklet ind i de seje græsrodder,

kan de udvikle sig til en slyngplante, der ikke giver op, før virksomheden ligger ned. På Bureau Veritas' seminar om CSR fortalte den danske billedhugger og provokatør, Jens Galschiøt, hvordan en global storm rejste sig mod Novo Nordisk, Lundbeck og 41 andre

medicinalkoncerner, da de lagde retssag an mod den sydafrikanske regering for at købe billig kopimedicin. Medicinen kunne kurere tusindvis af AIDS-patienter i landet - men brød samtidig medicinalvirksomhedernes patentrettigheder. En bølge af vrede rejste sig fra græsrodder i hele verden, og efter kort tid måtte virksomhederne trække deres søgsmål tilbage. Tabet på imagekontoen var simpelthen større end den potentielle indtjening.

### Det knuste image

- Som enkeltstående individer er vi ustrukturerede og ikke særligt stærke, men står vi sammen om en sag, kan vi knuse selv en stor og veletableret virksomheds image. Kommer det først dertil, er det en ulige kamp, som virksomheden har tabt på forhånd. Vi forenkler budskabet og gør det sort/hvidt. Desuden udlægger vi fælder, så lige meget hvordan virksomheden forsvarer sig, så fanger vi den, lød Jens Galschiøts opsang til de 100 erhvervsfolk, som deltog i seminaret.

Butler's Choice, som importerer fødevarer fra 3. verdens lande, udviser omvendt et stort socialt engagement. Bl.a. er virksomheden fra Kerteminde certificeret efter en international standard om social ansvarlighed. Standarden hedder 'SA 8000', og Sales And Technical Director Food, Jacob Færgemand, Bureau Veritas Certification, fortalte om standardens formål:

- Formålet er at sikre, at virksomheden behandler sine medarbejdere ordentligt og i

overensstemmelse med internationale love og konventioner. Desuden skal virksomheden dokumentere, at det samme gælder for underleverandører. Vi mærker et stigende pres fra globale fødevarer virksomheder som fx McDonald's og Nestlé, og også mange detailhandelskæder har fokus på bløde aspekter som klima og social ansvarlighed. Flere ønsker at få en uafhængig vurdering af deres leverandører fra virksomheder som Bureau Veritas, fortalte Jacob Færgemand.

### Et brand baseret på ansvarlighed

LEGO har brugt mere end 75 år på at opbygge et brand. Kampen for at fastholde mærkets betydning hos børn og forældre i hele verden omfatter også CSR. Denne kamp ledes af Senior Director Helle Sofie Kaspersen, som fortalte om det at tage udgangspunkt i forventningerne fra virksomhedens interessenter:

- Vi sætter nu mål op for vores samarbejde med vores forbrugere, kunder, medarbejdere, samarbejdspartnere og ejere. Vi anvender disse forventninger som udgangspunkt for at definere retningslinjer for, hvorledes vi vil bidrage positivt til det omgivende samfund og miljøet. Overfor alle interessenter ønsker vi at skabe balance mellem værdiskabelse, brand og ansvarlighed, fortalte Helle Sofie Kaspersen.

### Menneskerettigheder i Kina

Jens Galschiøt er i fuld gang med sit næste projekt. Han ønsker at sætte fokus på menneskerettighederne i Kina i forbindelse med OL til sommer. Våbnet er farven orange. Hver orange t-shirt, kuglepen, slips, kjole eller taske skal være et symbol på, at vagthundene holder øje med de kinesiske myndigheder. Måske giver det de danske fødevarer virksomheder en pause, i hvert fald under sommerens OL.

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OL I KINA Skal vi fortsat sætte økonomiske interesser over etiske principper? Ja, må svaret være med Kina som værtsnation for sommerens olympiske lege

# Det olympiske paradoks



AF FLEMMING ERSLEV

DEN OLYMPISKE IDÉ er en livsfilosofi, hvor respekten for universelle, fundamentale og etiske principper er det bærende element.

Ifølge det olympiske charter er målet for den olympiske bevægelse at bidrage til opbygningen af en fredelig og bedre verden ved at udanne unge gennem udøvelsen af idræt praktiseret uden diskrimination af nogen art og i den olympiske ånd, som kræver gensidig forståelse præget af venskab, solidaritet og ærlighed.

Det kan i den forbindelse forekomme paradoksalt, at Den Internationale Olympiske Komité (IOC) har valgt netop Kina som vært for de kommende olympiske lege, der starter den 8. august.

Mange menneskerettig-

hedsorganisationer havde håbet og ventet, at valget af Kina ville sætte øget fokus på situationen i landet og derfor være medvirkende til en forbedring af menneskerettighederne. Sådan er det desværre ikke gået.

Tag for eksempel situationen i Tibet - en af de store, gamle civilisationer - der var en selvstændig stat indtil den kinesiske invasion i 1951, som har kostet mere end en million tibetanere livet og medført ødelæggelse af over 6000 klostre.

TIBETANERNE ER blevet forfulgt for fredeligt at udtrykke deres religion og politiske meninger, nægtet basale menneskerettigheder og udsat for vilkårlige henrettelser, tortur og fængsling. En sag om et fattigt og undertrykt land - glemt og forfriet af verdenssamfundet.

Det er ikke historie. Tibet er stadig et frygtens land. Der er stadig ikke religiøs frihed, og der rapporteres stadig om forfølgelse og

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ødelæggelse af kulturværdier.

Tibetanerne tvinges til at afsvære deres verdslige og åndelige leder, Dalai Lama, som kineserne forsøger at isolere i verdenssamfundet. Alligevel står ingen som buddhisterne og Dalai Lama for fredens budskab. Han modtog herfor Nobels Fredspris i 1989.

Kineserne har kørt en kampagne mod tibetansk kultur, religion og identitet. Indtil nu har Dalai Lama haft held til at føre en fredelig politik for en selvstyreordning. Man kan frygte, at kineserne ved at fremprovokere konflikter med mindre moderate

tibetanere søger at skabe en undskyldning for en hårdere linje i Tibet.

Tibetansk kultur er i disse år under massivt pres fra Kina og er ved at undergå varige og uoprettelige forandringer - uden at tibetanerne har nogen reel indflydelse herpå. Der er derfor behov for, at verdenssamfundet udviser ansvar.

DE OLYMPISKE LEGE i Beijing er en enestående mulighed for at påvirke kineserne i den rigtige retning: til at indgå selvstyreforhandlinger med tibetanerne. På grund af den store medieopmærksomhed i forbindelse med de

olympiske lege vil kineserne formodentlig være mere modtagelige for positiv kritik, rede til at gå i dialog og have sværere ved at splitte verdenssamfundet ved hjælp af økonomiske sanktioner.

Vi kan alle medvirke til at fastholde kineserne til at foretage positive forandringer. Den almindelige befolkning ved for eksempel at deltage i projekter som "Farven orange" (www.thecolororange.net) - en fredelig tilkendegivelse af, at man støtter op om menneskerettighederne - startet af billedhuggeren Jens Galschiøt.

Politikerne ved at sætte Tibet på dagsordenen - og samtidig styrke Danmarks position som et foregangsland for demokrati og menneskerettigheder. På længere sigt vil den, der baserer sine beslutninger på god moral frem for kortsigtede økonomiske betragtninger, altid stå sig bedre.

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## Kan Kina forbyde Farven Orange?

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Af Leif Dræby

Vær med til at sætte det kinesiske styre skakmat og lave en global manifestation for menneskerettighederne. Slut op om billedkunstneren Jens Galschiøts projekt TheColorOrange.net for at vise Kina under OL i august 2008, at vi er mange, der har øje på styrets krænkelser af menneskerettighederne.

Ideen er både raffineret og enkel. Ved at bruge noget orange under OL-arrangementerne både i og udenfor Kina sender man et signal om, at noget er galt i Kina. Det kan være en orange hat, kamerataske, slips, kuglepen, papir, kjole, jakkesæt, taske, m.v. Ja selv det at pile en appelsin vil under de rette omstændigheder være et markant udsagn.

Farven Orange er inspireret af bl.a. maleren Kandinsky's udsagn om af »farven orange er rød der er blevet gjort mere human ved hjælp af gul«. Kinas farve er jo netop rød, så måske kan vi støtte de humane kræfter ved at introducere Farven Orange. Men valget af Farven Orange er også inspireret af fange-dragterne fra Guanta-na-mo, af munkene i Tibet og Burma, m.m.

Ingen politisk eller religiøs bevægelse kan tage patent på projektet. Ved at deltage i projektet viser man blot at man støtter kampen for menneskerettighederne i Kina.

Regeringen vil gennemføre et perfekt og strømlinet OL der skal promovere Kina som et moderne og vel-fungerende samfund foran milliarder af tv-seere på hele kloden. De vil gøre alt for at undgå kritik for åben skærm. Men brugen af Farven Orange kan netop bryde med den strenge censur og droppe lidt mal-urt i styrets propaganda-bøger. Samtidig får millioner af undertrykte kinesere en stemme under OL2008.

OL Charteret nævner som fundamentale OL-principper »respekten for universelle, fundamentale og etiske principper« og »at fremme oprettelsen af et fredeligt samfund, der er optaget af bevarelsen af den menneskelige værdighed«. Og ingen kan vel med rimelighed påstå at det kinesiske styre lever op til disse idealer. Men brugen af farven orange er et etisk og upolitisk udsagn der er i dyb samklang med den olympiske bevægelses fundamentale principper.

Hollands OL-sportshold er f. eks. pga. deres orange farver fødte medlemmer af

projektet. Hvad med dit lands OL-helte, er de kun helte når det gælder sport? Tænk hvis den første guldvinder i Kina tørrer sveden af panden med et orange lommeterklæde.....

Gå ind på websiden [www.TheColorOrange.net](http://www.TheColorOrange.net) og meld dig selv til maillisten.

(Ovenstående er fra [TheColorOrange.net](http://TheColorOrange.net).)

Færdes man som turist i Kina, som jeg har gjort, er det næppe muligt at se de overgreb, der overgår befolkningen. Men ifølge menneskerettigheds forkæmpere, Amnesty International, og journalister der opholder sig mere permanent i Kina, tilbageholdes tusinder af mennesker årligt og er i fare for at blive udsat for tortur eller mishandling. Der dømmes årligt tusinder til døden eller bliver henrettet. Der gribes ofte til brug af vold som svar på socialt betingede uroligheder. Der er alvorlige krænkelser af ytrings- og religionsfrihed i Tibet.

Vold og diskrimination mod kvinder i Kina kan være omfattende. Kvinder og pigers ufordelagtige økonomiske og sociale stilling kommer tydeligt til udtryk i ansættelsesforhold, sundhedspleje og uddannelse. Kvinder bliver hyppigere end mænd fyret, når offentlige foretagender kommer i økonomiske problemer. Dette er kun eksempler på områder, hvor der begås overgreb mod menneskerettighederne i Kina.

Kina er trods sin kommunistiske styreform hurtigt på vej ind i nye og moderne tider med markedsøkonomi og udvikling på mange områder. Men overtrædelsen af fundamentale menneskerettigheder får denne udvikling til at virke helt uforeneligt med nogen form for demokrati. Det er for mig ufatteligt og helt uforeneligt, at kommunismen i sig har indbygget så megen ondskab.

Kommunisme. En af de dristigste ideer om menneskets frigørelse i vor tids historie. Men på samme tid bliver til betegnelse på statsstyre, der ser udryddelse af mennesker som et nødvendigt middel. For at nå et mål - undertrykkelse af individet. Dette kan aldrig være et mål - det er ondskab.

Demokrati. Er udtryk for en revolutionær målsætning om et samfund frit for privilegier af enhver slags, uden menneskets herredømme over mennesket og med lige ret og mulighed for enhver til at udfolde sine evner.

Slut op om Jens Galschiøts opfordring, og vær med til at værne om demokratiet - for alle mennesker.

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## Vejle Amts Folkeblad

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Systemkritikeren Hu Jia er et typisk eksempel på, at Kina vil holde kritikere i et jerngreb, når verden samles til OL i Beijing til sommer

**KINA:** Flere end 20 civilklædte politimænd trængte ind i lejligheden en eftermiddag i december. Bærbare computere, mobiltelefoner, kreditkort og bøger blev konfiskeret.

Konen, som var i gang med at bade deres seks uger gamle datter, hørte ingenting. Hendes mand - Kinas mest dristige systemkritiker - blev i stilhed ført væk.

Der var kun gået få minutter, og Hu Jia var forsvundet til et ukendt sted i det kinesiske sikkerhedsapparat.

Razziaen den 27. december sendte det klare budskab, at de kinesiske ledere er fast besluttet på at bringe kritikere til tavshed inden sommerens Olympiske Lege i Beijing.

Selv om Hu ikke er et navn, som kendes af alle i Kina eller andre steder i verden, så er den 34-årige en mand med indflydelse.

Også mens han sad i husar-

rest i sin luftige 4. sals lejlighed i Beijing.

Med hjælp af telefonen og internettet har han utrætteligt dokumenteret anholdelser, chikanerier og fængslinger af andre oppositionelle kinesere og benyttet sig af et netværk af andre aktivister, diplomater og journalister.

Da Hu blev ført bort i december havde han været i husarrest i 223 dage.

Nu står han over for en anklage om "opfordring til undergravelse af statsmagten" - en gummiparagraf der ofte anvendes til at spærre systemkritikere inde i årevis.

- Det er helt klart et signal til andre åbenmundede aktivister, at det samme kan overgå dem, hvis de ikke holder kæft, siger Teng Biao, der er Hu's ven og advokat.

### Høring i EU-Parlamentet

Anholdelsen er et slag mod den skrøbelige borgerrettighedsbevægelse i Kina. Det antydede også, at regeringen hellere er klar til international fordømmelse end at lade aktivister være på tærerne under De Olympiske Lege fra den 8. til den 24. august. Også selv om denne mega-begivenhed vil sætte øget fokus på menneskerettighederne i Kina.

EU-Parlamentet har vedtaget en resolution, hvor Hu kræves løsladt, og USA har



taget sagen op med kinesiske embedsmænd.

Hvorfor myndighederne har besluttet at sætte Hu ud af spillet står ikke helt klart. En af årsagerne kan være, at Hu i slutningen af november via webcam deltog i en høring i EU-Parlamentet. Her sagde han, at det er "ironisk, at et af de mennesker, der er ansvarligt for at organisere De Olympiske Lege, er lederen for Agenturet for Offentlig Sikkerhed, som er ansvarlig for så mange menneskeretskrænkelser."

Hans kone Zeng Jinyan er stadig under overvågning, uden telefon og internet.

Deres lejlighed, der ligger

i et beboelseskomples, der går under navnet Frihedsbyen, er blevet forsejlet af politiet. Sikkerhedsvagter sender journalister væk, og det samme gælder gæster, der kommer med gaver og mælkepulver til deres lille datter.

### Ifølge loven

Politiet i Beijing og andre sikkerhedsorganer, der overvåger dissidenter, afviser på telefonen at svare på spørgsmål om Hu's sag, og heller ikke spørgsmål sendt på fax kommer længere.

En talskvinde for udenrigsministeriet konstaterer kort, at sagen behandles i overensstemmelse med loven.

**Medlemmer af Reportere Uden Grænser (Vincent Brossel og Robert Menard) opfordrer under en aktion i Beijing til at følge udviklingen i menneskerettighedssituationen på [www.rsf.org](http://www.rsf.org).**

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Hu's baggrund er typisk for mange systemkritikere. Han startede med at arbejde med aids og miljø. Men eftersom de kinesiske myndigheder ikke var interesseret at tale om disse emner, fornemmede han, at afvisningen bundede i den kinesiske ledelses manglende respekt for menneskerettighederne.

### Filmede overvågning

Både med humor og med omtanke brugte han en videooptager til at indfange, hvordan han blev overvåget i sin lejlighed, hvordan hans kone blev fulgt rundt i byens gader, når hun var på indkøb. Han filmede vagterne med deres frokostbokse, når de havde pause, når de tog sig en lur på græsplænen, eller når de spillede kort og småkadede sig under overvågningen. Det blev til en halv-times dokumentarfilm "Fanger i Frihedsbyen".

De blev den 18. maj sidste år sat i husarrest, da de var på vej til Europa for at promovere deres film og mødes med andre aktivister.

- Jeg vil aldrig gå på kompromis over for regeringen. Jeg tror, der skal være nogle i frontlinjen, som skal sørge for, at offentligheden og den øvrige verden kender sandheden, sagde han i et interview, inden politiet førte ham væk den 27. december. (AP)

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### FÅR DU STAFETTEN?

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30 små statuer af kunstneren Jens Galschiøt skal snart gå fra hånd til hånd i Danmark. Det er en del af "I Do Stafetten", hvor modtagerne forpligter sig til at udføre en handling, som bidrager positivt til verden, inden de sender stafetten videre. Den 1. marts sættes stafetten i gang ved, at nogle af statuerne overrækkes til en række prominente danskere. Derefter vil man kunne følge den enkelte statues 'logbog' på kampagnens hjemmeside. Eventen er en del af en oplysningskampagne, som NGO'erne er gået sammen om, lyder det fra Projektrådgivningen, der står bag kampagnen sammen med en række af medlemsorganisationerne. Kampagnen vil bl.a. bestå af koncerter, udstillinger, teaterforestillinger og debatmøder i løbet af foråret. Fra 15. februar kan man læse mere på hjemmesiden [www.derskalfolktil.dk](http://www.derskalfolktil.dk). /mø

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# Hård kritik af Guldkalv-køb

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Af Thomas Juul

Borgerlige lokalpolitikere er stærkt utilfredse med, at Fredericia Kommune skal bruge 300.000 kr. på at købe Jens Galschiøts skulptur Guldkalven. Samtidig undrer Kurt Halling (DF) sig over proceduren bag den planlagte kunstinvestering.

– Jeg har overhovedet ikke været med til at stemme om købet, og det synes jeg helt klart, at vi skulle have gjort, når kommunen skal



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være med til at finansiere det, siger Kurt Halling, der

er medlem af byrådets kultur- og fritidsudvalg.

Han ville have stemt klart nej, hvis den store skulptur på rådhuspladsen var blevet genstand for en håndsoprækning i byrådsalen.

– Vi har en stram økonomi, og det er jo skatteborgernes penge. Det er unfair at sætte skatten op og så bruge penge på sådan noget. Jeg kunne forstå det, hvis vi havde mange penge, som vi ikke vidste, hvad vi skulle bruge til, siger Kurt Halling.

## Guldkalv eller bleer

Thomas Banke (V) har endnu ikke diskuteret sagen med sin gruppe, men er enig i kritikken. Han undrer sig også over, at et flertal stemte for en skattestigning på en procent, men har råd til skulpturen.

Han har samtidig noteret sig, at beløbet svarer til det, som Helle Thorning

Schmidt brugte som eksempel i valgkampen. S-formanden argumenterede i en tv-duel for, at forældre i Fredericia ville miste den 300.000 kr. dyre ordning med gratis bleer, hvis ikke skatten gik op.

– Alligevel har vi råd til en Guldkalv og til at holde en blomsterfestival. Når man lægger det sammen, er det et klokkeklart bevis på, at kommunalpolitik er et spørgsmål om prioritering, og jeg ville slet ikke prioritere at bruge 300.000 kr. på en Guldkalv. Jeg synes, at det er meget dyrt, siger Thomas Banke, som heller ikke tror, at alle fredericianere er lige begejstrede for den store skulptur.

– Jeg kunne forstå det, hvis kommunekassen bugnede, men hvis jeg var velfærdnyder i Fredericia, ville jeg undre mig lidt, siger han.

Venstremanden var ikke til stede på det lukkede byrådsmøde, der tilsyneladende

afgjorde sagen om Guldkalven. Ifølge formanden for kultur- og fritidsudvalget, John Bech Hansen (S), var købet ikke til afstemning, men borgmesteren bad de fremmødte om at tilkendegive, om de var for eller imod.

## Et flertal nikkede

– Der blev nikket til, at vi kan arbejde på at købe skulpturen, og jeg agter ikke at stoppe processen, med mindre jeg får besked om det ovenfra. Der var nogle, der ikke var enige, men et flertal nikkede, fastslår udvalgsformanden, der tager den hårde kritik helt roligt.

– Det står dem frit for, at have den holdning, det har jeg det afslappet med. Man kan altid bruge pengene på en anden måde, også indenfor kulturen, siger John Bech Hansen.

Han henviser til, at investeringen i midtbyplanen også mødte modstand.

– Men til en hel by hører der også pæne gågader, kultur og skulpturer, siger han.

Kurt Halling medgiver, at spørgsmålet om Guldkalven har været oppe at vende i byrådsalen.

– Det kan godt ske, at et flertal har accepteret det, men jeg har hverken nikked ja til det eller stemt om det, siger han.

Som omtalt i avisen vil skulpturen koste mellem 600.000 og 750.000 kr., og Fonden til Udsmykning i Fredericia vil sandsynligvis bidrage med 300.000 kr. Resten skal efter planen betales med midler, der er i overskud på konti til uforudsete udgifter i forbindelse med midtbyplanen.

Guldkalven har været til låns på rådhuspladsen siden den store Galschiøt-udstilling i Fredericia i efteråret.

## Lokal-Bladet Budstikken Fredericia

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Region: Region Syddanmark

KUNST

# Guldkalven slår rødder

Fredericia Kommune vil købe Jens Galschiøts skulptur. Prisen ender mellem 600.000 og 750.000 kroner.

Enten hader man den, eller også elsker man den. Der findes ikke noget midt imellem.

Den omdiskuterede Guldkalv, der pryder eller skæmmer Rådhuspladsen, har de seneste måneder måtte ligge dyryg til utallige bemærkninger. Den kan lige så godt vænne sig til det – for den skal blive stående, hvor den er.

Ifølge formanden for kulturudvalget, John Bech Hansen, er der bred enighed om, at kommunen skal købe Jens Galschiøts omdiskuterede værk. Prisen ligger endnu ikke helt fast, men den ender på et sted mellem 600.000 og 750.000 kroner. Fonden til udsmykning i Fredericia punger sandsynligvis små 300.000 kroner ud, og kommunen betaler resten. I forbindelse med midtbyplanen er der afsat penge til uforudsete udgifter, og det er fra denne kasse, pengene kommer. Købet belaster altså ikke

kulturudvalgets budget, men der er tale om kommunale kroner.

– En kommune, der ikke har råd til at investere i kunst, er en fattig kommune, lyder det fra John Bech Hansen, der erkender, at langt fra alle synes om kunstværket.

– Men sådan er det med god kunst. Guldkalven skaber debat, og det er godt. De fleste tilbagemeldinger har dog været positive, siger John Bech Hansen, der understreger, at købet skal godkendes i byrådet – formentlig til marts.

## Hold da op!

Udvalgsformanden lægger ikke skjul på, at han er begejstret for værket på Rådhuspladsen.

– Jeg husker tydeligt første gang jeg så Guldkalven. Hold da op – det er noget, der vil noget, udbrød jeg. Den passer perfekt i byrummet. Jeg har sympati for dem, der ikke er enige, men flertallet bestem-

mer jo. Hvis det drejede sig om et værk, som jeg ikke kunne udstå, ville jeg naturligvis også respektere flertallet, siger John Bech Hansen.

Han mener, at kunsten i Fredericias midtby har ligget underdrejet i flere år. Han ser gerne, at kulturudvalget bliver mere aktiv på kunstfronten.

– I 2008 og 2009 vil vi sætte mere fokus på området. Midtbyen skal ikke oversås med kunst, men måske skal der sættes en halv million kroner af om året, så vi kan få noget unikt. Kunst med en signalværdi.

Af Lars Saugbjerg  
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– Guldkalven på Rådhuspladsen bliver stående, siger udvalgsformand John Bech Hansen.

# 20 Millionen Künstler

## TITEL THEMA

China ist im Aufbruch, auch kulturell mit 20 Millionen registrierten Künstlern. Sie schicken sich an, den rasanten Wandel zu reflektieren. Zur documenta lockte Ai Weiwei 1001 Chinesen nach Kassel und münzte selbst seine eingestürzte Skulptur „Template“ noch zu einer Aktion um.

Von Frank MOTZ

### PEKING/WEIMAR.

Treibt den Gast in Peking die Neugier vom politisch aufgeladenen und bestens überwachten Platz des Himmlischen Friedens in Seitenstraßen, hat man wenig Aussicht, die größte und bestüberwachte Blase der Welt zu übersehen: Das Große Nationaltheater wird künftig Hundertschaften von Fensterputzern zum Überleben verhelfen. Das historische Stadtviertel Da Zha Lan wurde durch maßlose Straßenverbreiterungen seiner Seele beraubt, tausende Bewohner per Staatsdekret vertrieben, wovon die Dokumentation „Meishi Street“ von Ou Ning und Cao Fei, 2007 im ACC in Weimar gezeigt, berichtete.

Im Norden Pekings baute das Schweizer Architektenduo Herzog & de Meuron ein neues Vogelnest. Zu Hilfe eilte ihm dabei der Übervater der chinesischen Gegenwartskunst, Ai Weiwei. Der Kontakt wurde durch den früheren Schweizer Botschafter Ulli Sigg hergestellt, der chinesische Kunst sammelt und eng mit Ai befreundet ist. Für Ai hat das Olympiastadion, von dem hier die Rede ist, auch Ähnlichkeit mit einer Vase mit feinen Kurven und Sprüngen in der Glasur: „Ordnung und Unordnung zugleich. Es ist eine wundervolle visuelle Erfahrung.“ Doch Ai arbeitet nicht nur als Keramiker und Architekt, er brachte 1001 Chinesen zur documenta nach Kassel, stellt Porzellan her, erstellt archäologische Expertisen, betreibt ein Kunsthaus und ist als Ausstellungsmacher tätig.

2000, als Ai Weiwei „Fuck off“, eine Schau mit jungen Künstlern, kuratierte, stellte die ACC Galerie Weimar mit David Mannstein die Ausstel-

lung „Our Chinese Friends“ zusammen. Zu ihren Fürsprechern und Leihgebern gehörte Sigg. Ai Weiwei stellte mit 15 chinesischen Kollegen aus, Skulpturen aus alten Möbeln, ihrer Funktion beraubt. Die Tradition hatte ihre Funktion angesichts gesellschaftlichen Veränderungen verloren. Zentrale Frage seiner Arbeit ist die nach der Authentizität und ihrer Bedeutung: Was ist real, was Fälschung oder Reproduktion? Die Kopie von Goethes Gartenhaus als bahnbrechendste

Inszenierung im Kulturstadtweimar setzte sich mit dieser Frage auseinander. Überhaupt scheinen Weimar und Goethe weniger weit entfernt von China als vermutet. Abgesehen von ökonomischen Vernetzungen war es kein Geringerer als Chinas damaliger Ministerpräsident Li Peng, dessen Besuch das Goethemuseum 1994 in eine Festung verwandelte. Stiftungsräsident Bernd Kauffmann begrüßte ihn u. a. mit dem Hinweis auf Goethes „Iphigenie“ und ihr „nicht vorü-

ber ist Dir das Vergangene...“. Li Peng unterbrach ihn, er sei nicht nach Weimar gekommen, um sich in Sachen Demokratie belehren lassen zu müssen, er habe seinen „Werther“ und „Faust“ studiert. Am Ende entschied sich Li, seinen Staatsbesuch abzubrechen. Andererseits aktivierte jener Eklat das ACC, mit „Our Chinese Friends“ zu prüfen, wie Kunst jene für uns offen liegenden, für Chinesen eher natürlichen Widersprüche aus der Hochzeit zwischen (Post-) Kommunismus und (Hyper-)

Kapitalismus einfängt. Die Inszenierung „Old People's Home“ von Peng Yu und Sun Yulan aus einer Gruppe von 13 lebensgroßen Figuren wäre sicher Teil von „Our Chinese Friends“ gewesen, hätte es sie schon gegeben. Die Skulpturen verkörpern Staatsmänner, Kirchenoberhäupter, Wirtschaftsmagnaten als Demenzpatienten. Mit visueller Kraft erörtern die Künstler gesellschaftliche Tabus und Zusammenhänge. Offizielle Verordnungen kommen ihnen entgegen. Die Staatsmacht will kei-

nen spezifischen Kulturbegriff mehr durchsetzen. Doch es wird auch weiterhin reguliert und reglementiert.

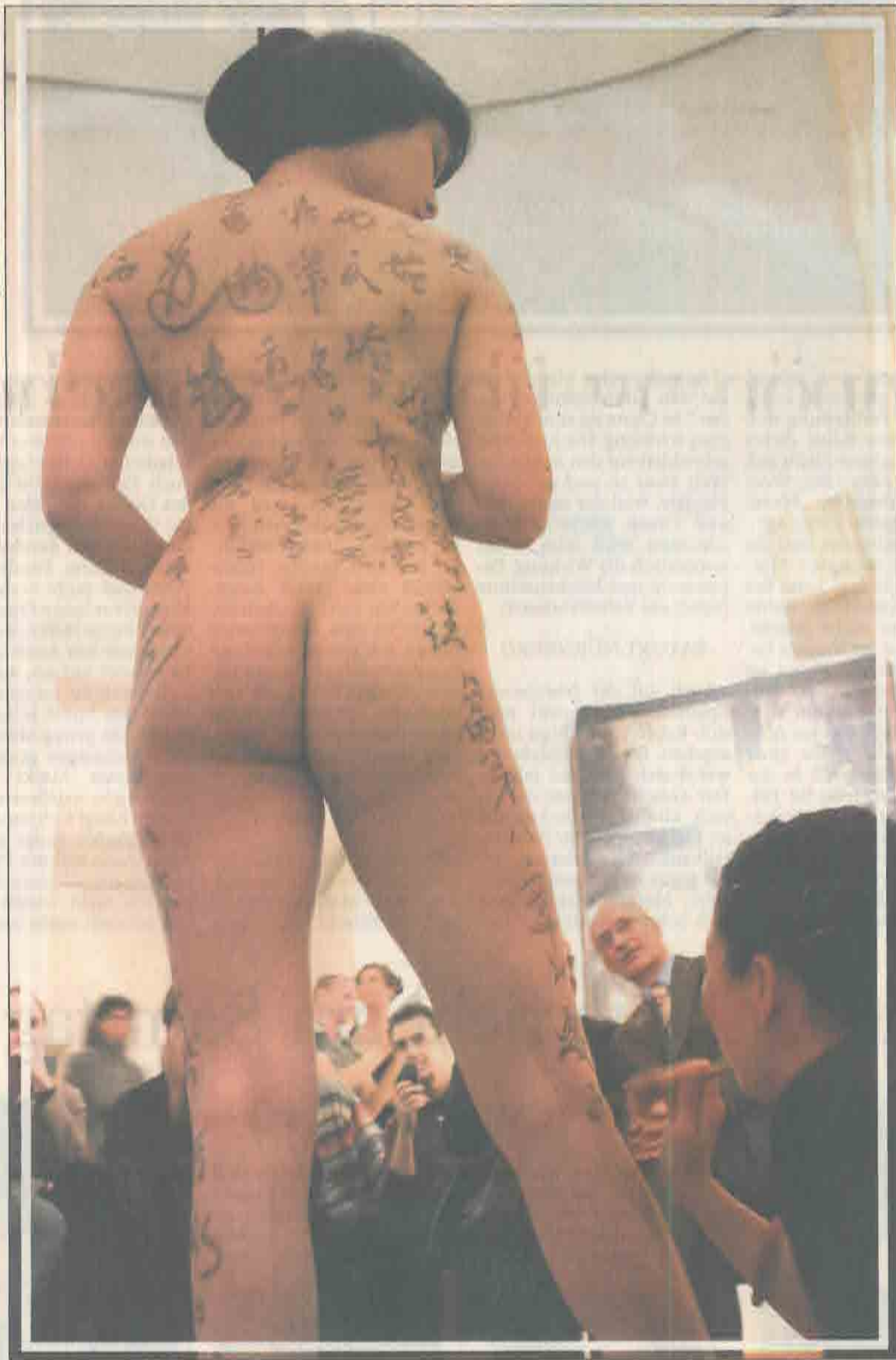
Ein Wahrzeichen der „Roten Kulturindustrie“ ist das „Konzentrationsgebiet der kreativen Kulturindustrie“ namens „798“ in Peking. Auf den Reißbrettern bauhausmotivierter DDR-Architekten in den 1950er Jahren als Fabrikgelände entworfen, wurde es zur Experimentierplattform und unterliegt seither dem Wandel zur veredelten Hochburg des Kulturkommerzes, von dem sich nur wenige Initiativen distanzieren, so die Ullens-Stiftung, ein gemeinnütziges Zentrum mit Schauhallen für chinesische und internationale Kunst und ambitioniertem Programm. Sie bleibt Ausnahme, die die Regel bestätigt: Alles ist erlaubt, was Geld bringt.

So unmöglich es ist, sich einen stets aktuellen Überblick über die chinesische Kunstlandschaft zu verschaffen, so deutlich ist doch, welche vordergründige Rolle die künstlerische Wiedergabe des „Großen Vorsitzenden“ spielt. Chinesische Pop Art oder „Maopop“ verkaufen sich wie geschnittenes Brot, nur zu Bestpreisen. Die Brüder Gao Zhen und Gao Qiang formen in immer neuen Konstellationen „Miss Mao“ aus Fiberglas und Plastik, in leuchtenden Farben und mit großen Brüsten.

Ai Weiwei hat einmal an die beiden Schriftzeichen, aus denen sich das Wort für Widerspruch, mao dun, zusammensetzt, erinnert: mao – ein Speer, so scharf, dass kein Schild ihm standhalten kann; und dun – ein Schild, so fest, dass ihn kein Speer durchbohren kann. Er hat das auf den Fernsehsender CCTV bezogen, aber man kann das auch für die Kulturindustrie als Ganzes nehmen: Ein Speer der staatlichen Propaganda, womöglich aber auch ein Schutzschild der Öffentlichkeit.

Es kommt einer Erlösung gleich, wie einige Künstler unsere vermeintlich unumgängliche und äußerst effizient auf Ökonomische sich berufende Zweckbeziehung zum Marktführer des 21. Jahrhunderts auf den Punkt bringen: Reinhard Franz mit seiner Pixelmalerei „Was interessieren mich die Menschenrechte, wenn ich eine Dienstreise nach China machen kann?“ Oder der dänische Bildhauer Jens Galschiot mit seiner Aktion „Kann China die Farbe Orange verbieten?“, einer globalen Manifestation für die Menschenrechte, in den Farben der Gefangenen von Guantanamo Bay und der Mönche in Tibet und Burma, die alle auffordert, sich zu den Olympischen Spielen mit der Farbe Orange auszurüsten.

Frank Motz ist Leiter der ACC Galerie in Weimar.



KALLIGRAFISCH: Die chinesische Künstlerin Ling Luo bemalte in Berlin ein Modell mit Schriftzeichen.

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## Code orange Statement cooking

Liz Crain  
February 20, 2008

Some cook to relax. Others cook to stir up their creative juices. And some even cook as a form of protest.

Recently Vonsachsen, of the Swedish food blog Tea for One, heard about a colorful protest brewing in response to the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics: Danish sculptor Jens Galschiot's The Color Orange.

According to the sculptor's website, the color orange can be used "as a symbol of the protest against the human-rights violations in China. The strict censorship can ban the use of obvious symbols of human rights, but the use of The Color Orange cannot be banned."

So what does a food blogger do to protest? She cooks, of course. Vonsachsen's first protest recipe is Spanish sweet potatoes with chorizo from Diana Henry's cookbook *Cook Simple*. Vonsachsen has included an improvised logo — "The Color Orange: cooking for human rights" — at the bottom of her post in hopes that others will join her in upcoming months cooking all things orange for solidarity.

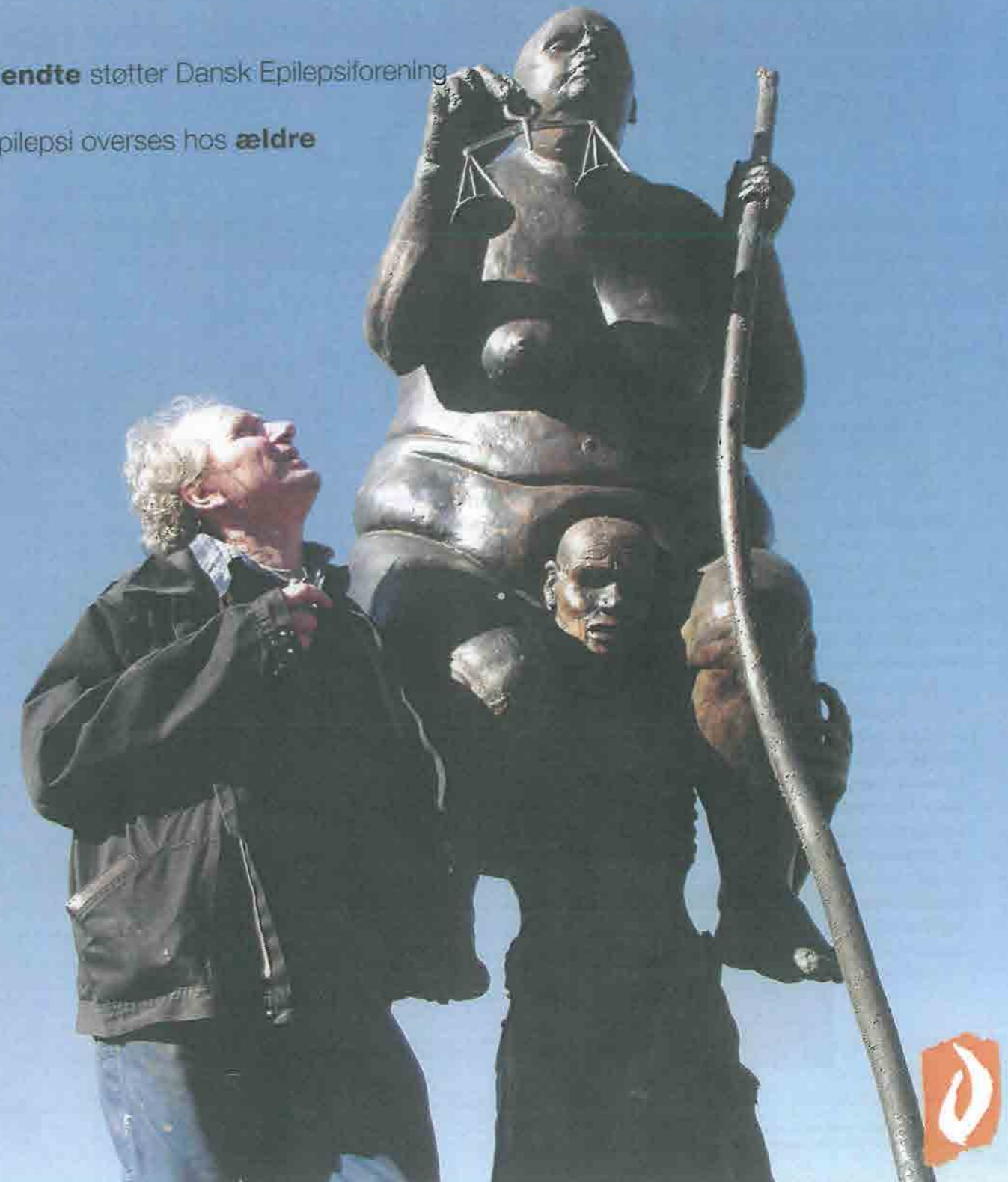
# Epilepsi

Medlemsblad for Dansk Epilepsiforening

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4. marts 2008

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## Mor, datter og morbror udstiller sammen

**STILLING** Hillerød Kunstforening inviterer til udstilling i edelhuset i marts med tre kunstnere, der alle bærer familienavnet Galschiøt, men trykker sig på hver sin ide. Der er fernisering torsdag den 6. marts klokken 19.30, hvorefter udstillingen kan ses hver dag i perioden 7.-16. marts.

or søster Hanne og bror Jens Ischiøt er der tale om et nsyn. De udstillede sammen Kunstforeningen i januar 02. Denne gang deltager inne Galschiøts datter Signe, hvorved udstillingen også mmer til at omfatte fotografier. Signe Galschiøt interesser sig for motivernes form, uktur og ikke mindst de dejer, vi overser i det daglige. Hanne Galschiøt er gået fra stil- og designkunsten til rylmaleriet, og hun finder ie motiver overalt i verden. is Galschiøt laver ofte skulpturer, hvor klædningen er inct, men indholdet væk. Han



Et særkende for Hanne Galschiøt er de "syede gouacher".

er verdenskendt for sine politiske kunsværker, f.eks. Skamstøtten om folkekræb og Den Indre Svinehund om den rige verdens kyniske udnyttelse af den fattige.

## Fredericia Dagblad

Dato: 04-03-2008

Kildetype: Regionale og lokale dagblade

Region: Region Syddanmark

## Kontroversiel kunstner skal bedømme Fredericia

Jens Galschiøt vil gennemgå byens pladser og lægge op til debat ved et arrangement i pakhuset 1014



Odense-kunstneren Jens Galschiøt skal anmelde Fredericias byrum. Det er SF Fredericia, der har inviteret den kontroversielle og kendte kunstner til fæstningsbyen for blandt andet at få et bud på, hvordan de mange pladser i midtbyen kan blive mere levende og velfungerende. Jens Galschiøt og en fotograf vil gennemgå og fotografere blandt andet Rådhuspladsen, Axeltorv, JB Nielsens Plads, Ryes Plads, Gasværksgrunden og Landsoldaten, og hans bedømmelse kan man få den 16. april i Det Bruunske Pakhus.

Skal der placeres løse stole på Axeltorv, som vi kan hvile ud på i en solstribet? Hvorfor er der aldrig nogen på JB Nielsens plads? Skal vi have flere skulpturer, eller skal vores byrum være helt enkle? Hvor bliver romantikken og det gyldne lys af?, lyder nogle af de spørgsmål, som SF Fredericia gerne vil have svar på, og alle interesserede får mulighed for at lytte med.

### Oplæg til debat

Partiforeningen inviterer også fredericianerne til at give deres mening til kende.

Der er lagt op til debat og til at tilhørerne kommer med ideer til, hvordan vi får levendegjort byens pladser. Vi inviterer til en aften, hvor man skal have en oplevelse, og hvor byens pladser bliver anmeldt fra et andet perspektiv, end vi ellers plejer, skriver SF Fredericia i en pressemeddelelse.

Arrangementet i pakhuset varer fra kl. 19-21 og det har fået titlen »Guldkalven og de levende byrum«.

SF Fredericia vil servere kaffe og småkager, og der kan købes øl og vand.

Jens Galschiøt er mest kendt for at bekæmpe, hvad han ser som verdens uretfærdigheder ved at opsætte skulpturer på steder og pladser i større byer verden over. I Fredericia er han særlig kendt på grund af hans store udstilling i kastellet i fjor og på grund af Guldkalven, som nogle er vilde med, og andre elsker at hade.

FOREDRAG

## Fredericia set med en kunstners øjne

Jens Galschiøt, der står bag Guldkalven, vil anmelde Fæstningsbyens byrum.

Kunsteren Jens Galschiøt kommer til Fredericia den 16. april.

Temaet for aftenens arrangement på det Bruunske Pakhus er "Guldkalven og de levende byrum". Jens Galschiøt vil anmelde Fæstningsbyens byrum fra en kunstners perspektiv. Der vil blive taget udgangspunkt i blandt andet Landsoldaten, Rådhuspladsen, Axeltorv, JB Nielsens Plads, Ryes Plads og Gasværksgrunden.

Fredericia har mange dejlige pladser, men hvordan kan vi gøre dem mere levende og mere velfungerende? Skal der sættes lyskæder op til jul? Skal der placeres løse stole på Axeltorv? Hvorfor er der aldrig nogen på JB Nielsens plads? Skal vi have flere skulpturer, eller skal vores byrum være helt enkle? Mange spørgsmål bliver behandlet den 16. april.

Jens Galschiøt er særlig kendt i Fredericia på grund af guldkalven på Rådhuspladsen. Guldkalven er på kort tid blevet en kendt statue i byen - en skulptur, som alle elsker at forholde sig til. Galschiøt er også kendt fra sin udstilling på kastellet i forbindelse med industriåret 2007.



Jens Galschiøt og Guldkalven.

Foto: Lars Saugbjerg

Jens Galschiøt og fotograf Lars Lindskov vil gennemgå og fotografere byens pladser inden aftenens arrangement.

Aftenen er arrangeret af SF-Fredericia. Det er klokken 19:00. Der er lagt op til debat, og byens borgere invite-

res til at komme med gode ideer til, hvordan vi får mere liv og indhold i vores byrum.

# 1014 samle Fredericia-kunst

**Kulturgruppen Fredericia har været i kontakt med en del lokale virksomheder, og der er spændende kunst derude, lyder den foreløbige status. Nogle af værkerne er godt gemt væk**

Af Thomas Juul

Alt tyder på, at der gemmer sig masser af interessant kunst på fredericianiske firmaadresser. Det fortæller Lina M. Christensen fra Kulturgruppen Fredericia, som så småt er ved at danne sig et indtryk af, hvad der findes af værker i fæstningsbyen. Kulturgruppen har som omtalt i avisen sat sig for at skabe

et overblik over den lokale kunst ved at bede om lov til at se en række større virksomheders »kunstskatte«. Det er desuden planen at sammensætte en eller flere udstillinger ud fra det kommende fredericianske kunstkatalog.

- Vi har skrevet til ca. 30 virksomheder, og lige nu oplever vi, at der er en lind strøm af tilbagemeldinger. Vi ved også nu, at der ligger noget derude, siger Lina M. Christensen, som holder kortene tæt til kroppen af hensyn til flere virksomheders ønske om anonymitet.

## Mange muligheder

Hun vil dog godt fortælle, at Kulturgruppen har fået kendskab til hele samlinger fra længere perioder, og at der findes en del religiøs kunst i Fredericia.

- Vi har ikke noget overblik endnu, men vi ved, at der ligger noget, hvor vi har tænkt: Nej hvor godt. Der er faktisk rigtig mange muligheder for at lave rigtig mange udstillinger, siger hun.

Foreløbig har Kulturgruppen kun været på tre virksomhedsbesøg, og yderligere fem besøg er planlagt i denne måned. De ca. 30 virksomheder er valgt ud, fordi de er vel-etablerede og har ligget i lokalområdet i mange år, og der er både tale om private virksomheder og offentlige institutioner. Kulturgruppen vil gerne lave en såkaldt retrospektiv udstilling.

- Vi vil gerne vise, hvad der findes af kunst i Fredericia fra de seneste 100-150 år, men det kan også være, at vi vælger et emne som for eksempel religiøs kunst eller landskabsmalerier.

Det kan også være, at vi vælger at vise en samling, siger hun.

En fjerde mulighed er at lave en kombination, og det er derfor, at Kulturgruppen har booket begge sale i Kongensgade 111 til en udstilling i uge 34 og 35. Den lille sal kan lægge gulv til en samling, mens den store kan rumme en retrospektiv udstilling, forklarer Lina M. Christensen.

## Godt modtaget

- Vi er meget fortrøstningsfulde, og vi oplever, at vi bliver rigtig godt modtaget i virksomhederne. Det er dejligt, at der er en interesse for det, siger hun og tilføjer, at nogle kunstværker tager lidt tid at grave frem.

- Vi har fundet ud af, at der er nogle steder, hvor nogle værker ligger rigtig godt gemt, fordi der ikke er

plads til dem, siger hun.

Ud over Lina M. Christensen består Kulturgruppen af Lis Pedersen og Jytte Kristensen, og gruppen stod i fjor bag den store Jens Galschiøt-udstilling i kastelet. Det nye projekt »Kunst i Fredericia gennem tiderne« har kommunal opbakning i form af 25.000 kr. fra kultur- og fritidsudvalget. Pengene skal bruges til huslejen i Kongensgade 111 og til transport og forsikring af de forhåbentlig mange værker.

Kulturgruppen hører meget gerne fra de virksomheder, som endnu ikke har svaret på gruppens skriftlige henvendelse, men også fra andre, der ligger inde med interessant kunst.

Lina M. Christensen kan kontaktes på mailadressen lina@gyilling.dk.

## Midtjyllands Avis

Dato: 08-03-2008

Kildetype: Regionale og lokale dagblade

Region: Region Midtjylland

## 43 kunstnere støtter bogværk

**Kunsthistorikeren Leo Tandrup planlægger kunsthistorie på 1200 sider**

En række billedkunstnere har sagt ja til at donere værker til støtte for realiseringen af »Mod komedie eller tragedie«, en perspektivrig kunsthistorie på 1200 sider i to bind fra huleboerne til i dag, skrevet af kunsthistorikeren og kulturkritikeren dr. phil. Leo Tandrup. Det er Tandrup opfattelse, at vi kan komme gennem den dybe nuværende krise for menneskeslægten, hvis vi drager nytte af vore forfædres kunst og erfaring op gennem tiden, så det hele ikke behøver at ende i syndflod og tragedie.

Som samtalepartnere har han anvendt folk som Diogenes, Dante, Michelangelo, Voltaire, Goethe og Nietzsche. Og så moderne kunstnere, som han er kommet ind på livet af.

Kunstnerne vil støtte Leo Tandrup, som aktivt er gået ind i kunstens verden de sidste mange år og pirket til kunstnere, talt med dem, skrevet om dem, ofte meget kritisk, altid selvstændigt, med traditionen som ryggrad. Han vil have en diskussion i gang. Hvad sker der i det og det kunstværk? Hvornår bliver kunst frigørende og oprørsk? Det har sat gang i en debat på tværs gennem Danmark.

Kunstnergruppen Fufo, som har taget initiativ til arrangementet og udstillingen, har nydt gavn af Tandrup's indgående treårige ar-

bejde med gruppen, hvilket iøvrigt er resulteret i en udstilling, »To mennesker mødes«, på Silkeborg Bad til oktober. Derfor var det naturligt for FuFo at udvikle ideen til støtteprojektet, når Leo Tandrup nu har gravet sig ned i kulturen og menneskeslægten historie og gennem seks år arbejdet med at undersøge sammenhænge mellem kunst, miljø og eksistens på samme lidenskabelige måde.

Der er tale om 59 værker. Salget går ubeskåret til bogens trykning. Galleri Brænderigården har frit stillet lokalerne til rådighed, og galleriets ejere Helle og Jørgen Melstrup deltager også aktivt i projektet. Leo Tandrup vil holde en af sine brandtaler ved ferniseringen. Udstillingen er åben over påsken til d. 29. marts. De udstillede værker kan ses på på www.gb-h.dk.

## Kunstnerne bag

FuFo-kunstnerne er Karen T. Christensen, Carsten Frank, Bjørn Eriksen, Jørgen Steinicke, Lars Bang, Misja Rasmussen og Sigrun Gunnarsdottir. De andre deltagende kunstnere er: Mogens Hoff, Adi Holzer, Lars Nørgaard, Josef Salamon, Hans Kjær, Bentemarie Kjeldbæk, Claus Bojesen, Jens Galschiøt, Gunleif Grube, Erik Clausen, Lis Zwick, Kurt Rasmussen, Steffan Herrik, Lars Svanholm, Bent Riis, Bjørn Nørgaard, Lars Rasmussen, Per Kramer, Jan Jensen, Jan Esmann, Jorge Nigro, Anders Kirkegaard, Ninni Lodahl Gjessing, Niels Sylvest, Allan Stabell, Jonna Pedersen, Mogens Jessing, Kirsten Murhart, Lotte Horne, Denis Virlogeux, Anker Eli Pedersen, Filip Møller, Hanne Sie, Jo Møller, Harvey Martin og Per Flemming.

Der er fernisering den 15. marts kl. 14.00 med taler af tidl. borgmester Vagn Ry Nielsen, Horsens, og direktør Steen Konradsen, Silkeborg. Sidstnævnte er tilknyttet FuFo - ikke som udøvende kunstner, men som samtalepartner.



Leo Tandrup - på vej med stor kunsthistorie.

## Der Nordschleswiger

Dato: 15-03-2008

Kildetype: Regionale og lokale dagblade

Region: Region Syddanmark



## Galschiøt-Stafette für Jørsing

Hadersleben/Haderslev - Mit der von dem weltweit bekannten Künstler Jens Galschiøt geschaffenen »I-dot-it«-Stafette ausgezeichnet wurde Gudrun Jørsing. Rachid Bensrati hatte sich dazu entschlossen, der Einzelkämpferin die Anerkennung für ihren unermüdbaren Einsatz für Gehörlose in Gambia zu verleihen.

»Persönlich hatte ich Gudrun Jørsing noch nie kennengelernt. Ich wusste nur aus den Medien von ihrem humanitären Einsatz«, erklärte Bensrati.

Ganz den Intentionen des Stafetten-Urhebers entsprechend engagieren sich Jørsing und Bensrati seit vielen Jahren auf sozialer Ebene. Der aus Marokko stammende Bensrati war in jungen Jahren als Freiwilliger in Afrika. Der 49-Jährige, der vor 28 Jahren nach Dänemark kam und seit 1993 mit seiner dänischen Frau und den beiden Kindern in Starup wohnt, war jahrelang in der Integrationsabteilung der Kommune Hadersleben tätig. Seit dem Frühjahr letzten Jahres arbeitet Rachid Bensrati als Street-

worker in der Kommune Apenrade.

»Das ist ganz einfach ein Traumjob für mich«, erklärt er. Den Richtlinien entsprechend muss die Stafette innerhalb von drei Tagen weitergereicht werden.

»Ich werde nach Djursland fahren, um die Stafette an Olaf Kahr abzuliefern«, so Gudrun Jørsing. Der Hofbesitzer leistet ihr immer Rückendeckung, wenn es darum geht, Container mit Spenden für Gambia zu beladen: »Kahr und seine Freunde vom Lions Klub sind nimmermüde!«

## Fearing protests, Greek authorities detail police to guard Olympic torch

The Associated Press  
Friday, March 28, 2008

**ATHENS, Greece:** More than 2,000 police will guard the Beijing Olympics torch relay in Athens over the weekend to prevent protesters from disrupting the event.

The flame will reach the capital on Saturday, spending the night on the Acropolis. It will be handed over to Beijing 2008 organizers on Sunday.

But Greek officials kept details of the route's Athens leg under tight wraps on Friday, fearing a repeat of protests by human rights campaigners and opponents of China's violent crackdown in Tibet that marred Monday's flame-lighting ceremony in Ancient Olympia.

Police said the precise route was not being made public for security reasons.

On Friday, a Greek human rights group said police prevented its members from displaying a banner saying "No to the games of blood, dope and kickbacks" along the relay route in the city of Volos, and arrested one protester.

Also, a group of Danish activists said police stopped 10 of its members dressed in orange from being "a peaceful part of the torch relay" near the city of Larissa. The event was organized by a group led by Danish artist Jens Galschiot.

"We picked the color orange for several reasons, first because it is easy to spot at a distance, and then because monks in Tibet have orange robes," Galschiot told The Associated Press. "And then orange is also the color of the suits that the detainees in Guantanamo wear."

Police could not confirm either incident.

The torch relay will make an overnight stop in the city of Lamia on Friday.

On Saturday, runners will carry the torch to the village of Marathon, the starting point of the 42-kilometer (26-mile) race inspired by an ancient soldier's semi-legendary run to Athens to announce the Athenian victory over an invading Persian army in 490 B.C.

The Beijing flame will enter Athens in the afternoon, and will spend the night atop the Acropolis.

The Greek Olympic Committee has banned media from covering the Acropolis leg.

After being carried through the capital, it will be handed over to Beijing officials on Sunday, at the restored ancient stadium where the first modern Olympics were held in 1896.

## June 4 organisers get into the Olympic spirit

Eva Wu

Organisers of the city's annual June 4 commemoration have adopted the 2008 Olympic theme - "One World One Dream" - saying the "dream" involves accountability for the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown.

But Beijing loyalists see the move as an attempt to politicise the Games, arguing that many Hongkongers would prefer to see the country succeed as an Olympic host.

In this, the 19th year since the crackdown, the Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements in China said its theme was: "One World, Universal Human Rights, One Dream, Demand Accountability For June 4".

Under "One World", alliance leader Szeto Wah said Chinese people shared a common dream, and that everyone should enjoy universal human rights.

"What does the 'One Dream' refer to?" he asked. "I believe the shared dream of the Chinese and people with conscience is to demand accountability for June 4, which is seen as the first step for China to move towards democracy."

But Lau Kong-wah, vice-chairman of the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong, disagreed.

"Many Chinese people's dream is wishing the country will grow stronger {hellip} I believe the majority of Hong Kong people hope our country concentrates on holding a successful Olympics," he said.

A week ahead of the candle-light vigil in Victoria Park, the alliance will advertise its "One Dream, Demand accountability for June 4" campaign in newspapers.

The alliance offers a new interpretation of the five interlocking Olympic rings - the red one for human rights, yellow for democracy, green for freedom, blue for peace and black for the rule of law.

A souvenir badge also reinterprets the Olympic torch, with "19" forming the handle and the Chinese characters of six and four making up the torch.

The alliance's theme also echoes the Danish sculptor Jens Galschiot's Colour

Orange project, which aims to show the country the world is keeping an eye on human rights violations in the Olympics year.

Meanwhile, Mr Szeto raised concerns over the mainland's handling of the Tibet riots, saying authorities had shown no progress in dealing with protests since the 1989 crackdown.

"It is even worse than June 4," he said. "Before the government's suppression of riots, journalists were able to report what happened [in 1989], but now they have all been forced to leave Tibet and nobody can tell what is happening there."

Mr Szeto said he doubted the accuracy of news from state media and urged Beijing to reopen Tibet to the international media.

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## Olympic protests heat up in Athens

police were deployed Saturday to guard the Beijing Olympics torch relay as demonstrators gathered in the Greek capital to protest China's human rights record.

A small group of Danish protesters dressed in orange were at the headquarters of the , several hours before the flame was due to reach Athens. 'We are here to protests the state of human rights in China and to speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves in China,' demonstrator Maja Groen said.

The group, led by Danish artist Jens Galschiot, said it had tried to follow the torch relay from central Greece to Athens but were kept back by police. 'It was really annoying that the Greek police did not allow us to follow the flame,' Groen said. After being carried through the capital, the torch will be handed over to Beijing officials tomorrow at the restored ancient stadium, where the first modern Olympics were held in 1896.

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March 30, 2008

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Jens:

Enclosed, as promised, 10 of our **Human Rights for All** buttons.  
I sent you the jpeg of the design and, as you know, I encourage  
you and anyone from other organizations to print up and  
distribute the buttons. All I ask of you re these 10 is **WEAR  
THEM!**

Pressure on China is building as a result of the uprising in Tibet.  
We're getting lots of media attention in Toronto. I think the  
situation in Beijing in August is going to be explosive. Let's hope  
your orange theme and our buttons are part of it.

Michael Craig, Chair  
China Rights Network

**ATHENS, Greece (AP)** -- The Beijing Olympics torch relay reached the ancient Acropolis on Saturday amid heavy police security and brief demonstrations by small groups of protesters.



China's Olympic chief Liu Qi was speaking when a protester ran up at the torch lighting March 24.

Police briefly scuffled with a group of anti-globalization demonstrators shortly after the relay entered the city limits. At the foot of the Acropolis, another group unfurled a banner reading "Free Tibet."

The relays were not disrupted by either protest and no arrests were reported.

More than 2,000 police had been deployed to provide security in Athens. A helicopter flew over the relay, while about a dozens plainclothes police on motorcycles flanked the torch-bearer.

Thousands of people gathered in parts of the Greek capital to watch the event, as the runners ran through streets lined with the Chinese, Greek and Olympic flags.

A small group of Danish protesters dressed in orange were at the headquarters of the Hellenic Olympic Committee, several hours before the flame was due to reach Athens.

"We are here to protests the state of human rights in China and to speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves in China," Maja Groen told The Associated Press.

The group, led by Danish artist Jens Galschiot, said it had tried to follow the torch relay from central Greece to Athens but were kept back by police.

"It was really annoying that the Greek police did not allow us to follow the flame," Groen said. The flame is due to arrive in Athens at about 1 p.m. EDT after traveling on the final leg of the Greek relay.

Greek officials kept details of the route's Athens leg under tight wraps fearing a repeat of protests by human rights campaigners and opponents of **China's** violent crackdown in Tibet that marred Monday's flame-lighting ceremony in Ancient Olympia.

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## Police guard Olympic torch against protestors

by Nicholas Paphitis, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATHENS, Greece - The Beijing Olympic torch relay approached Athens on Saturday amid tight police security with demonstrators preparing protests against China's human rights record.

The flame was lit five days ago at Ancient Olympia, birthplace of the ancient Games, and will be handed over to Beijing 2008 organizers Sunday after an overnight stop on the 2,500-year-old Acropolis.

More than 2,000 police were deployed in the capital and organizers made last-minute changes to the course of the relay to prevent demonstrators from disrupting the event.

During Monday's lighting ceremony, French campaigners protesting China's human rights record lodged tight security to display black flags with handcuffs replacing the Olympic rings, and pro-Tibetan demonstrators briefly stopped the relay.

The Chinese authorities' crackdown on anti-government protests in Tibet more than two weeks ago has sparked protests in several countries, and campaigners have pledged to demonstrate throughout the 137,000-kilometre global torch relay.



Greek police gesture to a Danish protester, dressed in orange, during a protest outside the headquarters of the Hellenic Olympic Committee on Saturday, March 29, 2008. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/Petros Giannakouris

Beijing puts the number at 22.

Wang said people in the West "have not got the truth" on the events.

The truth is that turmoil, the riots, were orchestrated by a small group of people," he said. "The truth will come out ... On TV you may see some military beating (monks). I saw that, but (it was) not in China.

It was elsewhere."

We are all striving for the same goal in the world, for peace, for love, for progress," Wang said.

Earlier Saturday, runners carried the torch to the village of Marathon, the starting point of the 42-kilometre race inspired by a soldier's legendary run to Athens to announce the Athenian victory over an invading Persian army in 490 B.C.

The Greek Olympic Committee has banned any media from covering the torch's arrival at the Acropolis - provoking protests from Greece's Foreign Press Association.

After being carried through the capital, the torch will be handed over to Beijing officials on Sunday at the restored ancient stadium where the first modern Olympics were held in 1896.

The event will be open to the public, but spectators will be kept far from the officials' seating area.

Police are keeping details of the route secret for security reasons.

In Athens, several groups said they're planning a demonstration under the Acropolis shortly before the Beijing flame's arrival.

"It will be a peaceful protest," said Marina Staroyianni, from Students for a Free Tibet. "We just hope police will let us get there."

A small group of Danish activists dressed in orange staged a peaceful protest at the headquarters of the Hellenic Olympic Committee, where Greek and Chinese Olympic officials held a press conference on the torch relay.

"We are here to protest the state of human rights in China and to speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves in China," protester Maja Groen told The Associated Press.

The group, led by Danish artist Jens Galschioet, said it had tried to follow the relay from central Greece to Athens but were kept back by police.

"It was really annoying," Groen said.

Small protests were also held in other Greek cities Thursday and Friday.

Greek and Chinese Olympic officials condemned the protests.

"We are here to celebrate the Olympic spirit, not to enter political debate," said Wang Wei, executive vice president of the Beijing organizing committee.

Hellenic Olympic Committee president Minos Kyriakou said the protests were from a "super, super minority."

"(The torch) went on a seven-day fairytale journey around Greece ... the reception was enthusiastic through the country," Kyriakou said. "We are here for sport. If some small minority wants to demonstrate (that) is their problem."

The Tibet protests, led by monks, began peacefully March 10 - the anniversary of a failed 1959 uprising against Chinese rule.

Tibet had been effectively independent for decades before Chinese communist troops entered in 1950.

Tibetan exiles say almost 140 people have died in the violence in Tibet.



Photo 1 of 4



orchbearer under security runs towards Acropolis ancient site



## Olympic torch arrives in Athens despite demonstrators

4 days ago

ATHENS, Greece (AFP) — The Olympic flame arrived in Athens Saturday, ahead of its symbolic handover to Beijing Games organisers, as Greek authorities prevented more demonstrations against China's crackdown in Tibet.

The torch-carriers took the flickering flame to the top of the Acropolis, where it will remain for the night before a ceremony under tight security on Sunday to pass it to the Chinese.

The torch arrived in the Greek capital flanked by police. A helicopter kept guard throughout the day on a route draped with Greek and Chinese flags and blocked to traffic.

Several dozen members of Tibetan and human rights groups along with those belonging to Falungong — a spiritual movement outlawed in China — staged a peaceful protest against Chinese repression in Tibet and the holding of the Olympics in Beijing in August.

Earlier Saturday, after an increasingly tense week as the torch travelled around Greece, police stopped 10 other activists from the Danish group TheColorOrange.net, which highlights human rights abuses in China, as they approached the Greek Olympics Committee headquarters where a press conference was under way.

The same group had been stopped four times by police on Friday, protestor Michael Holte Rasmussen said.

Greek leftist activists said they had also unfurled a banner proclaiming "No to the Games of money and blood," before police told them to put it away.

Greek police have been on alert since Monday when three French activists disrupted the lighting of the torch in front of international dignitaries at Ancient Olympia.

"There are various security measures protecting it (the torch)," Tassos Papachristou, a spokesman for the Greek Olympics Committee said.

"There is a permanent and large police presence around it, aided by helicopter surveillance."

The most vulnerable moment for the Greek authorities may come on Sunday when the torch is formally handed over to Chinese organisers at the famous marble stadium in Athens which welcomed the first modern Olympic Games in 1896.

Media have been banned from the Acropolis on Saturday night and the 20,000 people expected at the formal handover will be searched and all banners, signs or anything that could be thrown will be confiscated, according to police.

"The operation will be difficult but we believe that everything will run smoothly," spokesman Panagiotis Stathis told AFP. "Whoever moves will be arrested, whether they are accredited or not."

Stathis added the authorities aim to "stop any protest on the Olympic flame's route both inside the Panathenaic Stadium where the ceremony will take place and in the surrounding area."

Athens has been bracing for protestors ever since a dispute erupted over Greek television's coverage of the flame-lighting ceremony disrupted by three rights activists.

The Greek public TV channel quickly cut to other cameras and only referred to the incident hours later — with the protest also edited out on the private Antenna channel owned by Greek Olympics Committee chairman Minos Kyriakou.

Greek leftists launched a petition accusing the authorities of "siding with China's totalitarian regime."

Then on Thursday, police prevented 15 demonstrators from staging a protest as the Olympic flame entered the northern city of Salonika. Two of them were carrying a Falungong flag.

On Friday, former German Olympic medallists called for competitors to wear protest bracelets at the Beijing Games in August.

"We can no longer as athletes simply ignore what happens before the Olympic Games when human rights are systematically violated and the freedom of the press is trampled on," said Stefan Pfannmoller, a bronze medalist in the canoe at the 2004 Athens Games.

The torch's journey to Beijing is the longest ever, lasting 130 days and covering 137,000

kilometres (85,000 miles) — with the flame scheduled to pass over Mount Everest in Tibet in early May.

Protests in Tibet have seen conflicting death tolls, with Tibet's government in exile claiming up to 140 people have died while China puts the death toll at 20.

## Ugeavisen Odense

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### Litteraturcafé i 1014 Galleri Galschiøt

På lørdag kl. 14 arrangerer Fynske Utopister Litteraturcafé hos Galleri Galschiøt, Banevænger 22 i Næsby. Eftermiddagens program består af forfatteroplæsning samt musik og kunst. De fynske indslag forestås af medlemmer af Fynske Utopister og for musikken står pianisten Janne Normann og klaver-

rikkertisten Lisbeth Normand. Desuden står billedhuggeren Jens Galschiøt for et kunstnerisk indslag. Fynske Utopister er en skriveklub for forfattere og andre aktive skrivende mennesker. Der er samling en gang hver måned, hvor medlemmerne læser op for hinanden, hvad de har skrevet i den seneste tid.

## Sensational Color Pro Kate Smith

### A Sensational Color blog

Can China Forbid the Color Orange?

2nd Apr. '08 • Color Around the World • Tags: color symbolism, color-meaning, orange

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The organizers of The Colour Orange campaign will use the Olympics in Beijing 2008 to visually put focus on China's violations of human rights.



"We will use the colour orange and make it a symbol of the protest against the human rights violations in China. Due to the strict censorship it will be practically impossible for sportspeople and spectators to get into the stadium with obvious symbols in form of text or pictures. But no authority will be able to ban the colour orange, although it is obvious for everybody that it expresses a conspicuous accusation against the human rights violations in China

It is the Danish sculptor Jens Galschiøt and his art workshop (Art in Defence of Humanism, AIDOH [www.aidoh.dk](http://www.aidoh.dk)) that is behind the 'Colour Orange' project.

Galschiøt thinks of art as nonverbal communication and he often uses his art to make international art happenings to place focus on defenders of humanism. He usually uses his sculptures as artistic manifestations, but as a result of the extremely limited Freedom of Speech at the Olympics in 2008, he has chosen the colour orange. He funds his art events himself mainly through the sale of bronze sculptures to art collectors and he is therefore completely independent from political, economic and religious interests. Jens Galschiøt says: "This is not really a campaign in the traditional sense. The project has to work as a catalyst for some kind of wave or feeling that repeats itself over and over again and that flushes all over the world."

The project will, through its own dynamics, function as what Joseph Beuys has called a "Gesamtkunstwerk" in which the distinction between the artist, the art itself and the viewer has become blurred. Everybody becomes part of the art.

## New Europe

March 30 - April 5, 2008

### Orange Action during the Lightning of the Olympic Torch

Danish activists will set China in chess mate, by using the color orange during the Olympics in Beijing 2008 Monday, March 24, 2008. Ten Danish orange activists left Denmark to join the ceremony, when the Olympic torch is being handed over to Beijing's Olympic Committee on March 30 in Athens. The activists will wear orange clothing, and follow the torch the last three days from Larissa (28/3) and spread the idea about using the color orange as criticism against China during the Olympics in Beijing 2008. It is the Danish artist Jens Galschiøt who has, in corporation with the Chinese Democracy Move-



Tibetan national anthem was played and at the end of demonstration a shout was raised by everyone

ment, started the global project "The Color Orange." The idea is to redefine "the color orange", so that it in a symbolic way can be used as criticism against China's violations of the human rights. The appeal to participation is translated into 18 different languages, and is spreading all over the Internet, via the website: [www.thecolororange.net](http://www.thecolororange.net). Thousands of people all over the world have already supported the idea and many is working on orange-activities. Not even China can forbid "the

color orange", and many who know China have estimated that this action will set China in checkmate. Both during the ceremony and at the last part of the route (from Larissa), the Color Orange Team will make a series of actions to put focus on the campaign and spread the word, by handing out 30,000 orange handbills, bracelets, clothing and so on. The plan is to follow the torch by car, perhaps to wait for its arrival at the goal every one of the last three days, with orange flags.

Petros Giannakouris - 29.mar.08/Associated Press



Imagem de policiais é refletida em óculos de manifestante, que veste laranja em prol dos direitos humanos na China, durante a passagem da tocha por Atenas

## COI exige internet livre durante a Olimpíada

China promete pleno acesso à rede no período olímpico

RAUL JUSTI LORES  
DE PEQUIM

A censura à internet na China pautou o dia inicial de reuniões da Comissão Coordenadora do COI em Pequim.

"Discutimos e insistimos que a internet tem que estar aberta durante todo o período da realização da Olimpíada", disse o vice-presidente da comissão, o australiano Kevan Gosper.

A rede é censurada na China, mas Pequim se comprometeu a liberá-la e dar liberdade de trabalho aos 30 mil jornalistas que cobrirão os Jogos em agosto.

"Nossa preocupação é que a imprensa seja capaz de trabalhar como nos Jogos passados. Posso dizer que os chineses entendem isso", disse Gosper.

A comissão é formada por um grupo de especialistas do COI que trabalha em conjunto com o Comitê Organizador de Pequim-2008. Estrangeiros acompanham, supervisionam e dão diretrizes para pôr o trabalho do comitê local em sintonia com as exigências do COI.

"Até agora, eles respeitaram todos os temas de acordo com as obrigações da cidade-sede. Não vemos razão de que eles dêem um passo atrás agora", disse Gosper, que citou acordos prévios de liberdade de imprensa durante os Jogos.

No cotidiano de jornalistas estrangeiros instalados na capital chinesa, o sistema que bloqueia a internet é apelidado de "Grande Muralha de Fogo" (Great Firewall, em inglês).

Desde o dia 14, quando protestos pró-Tibete se transformaram num violento quebradeira, sites que falam do assunto são bloqueados na rede de computadores chinesa.

O país possui uma polícia cibernética que hoje teria cerca de 30 mil integrantes que vasculham, filtram e censuram a rede mundial de computadores. Nenhuma página de sites populares, como Wikipedia ou Blogspot, pode ser acessada no país. O YouTube ficou bloqueado por quase 15 dias.

Ao se colocar nas opções de busca termos relacionados a "Tibete", por exemplo, tanto YouTube como Google são automaticamente bloqueados.

Reportagens de publicações estrangeiras como "The Economist", "The Guardian" e "The Times" sobre temas sensíveis ao governo chinês também são censurados.

A transmissão de canais a cabo no país, como CNN e BBC, acontece com alguns segundos de atraso e saem do ar quando veiculados temas polêmicos.

Como parte da pressão olímpica, uma lei de "flexibilização" ao trabalho da imprensa entrou em vigor em 1º de janeiro do ano passado e vale até outubro.

Até 2006, jornalistas precisavam de permissão estatal para viajar pelo país, o que hoje ainda é exigido (e normalmente negado) em relação ao Tibete.

Há poucos anos, os jornalistas precisavam pedir permissão para fazer entrevistas e teriam problemas ao ouvir gente na rua sem aval do governo.

# 'Agente laranja' provoca China

Escultor incentiva o uso de roupas alaranjadas para denunciar abusos contra os direitos humanos

Dinamarquês idealizador do protesto, que tem uma obra no Brasil, acredita que sua idéia não pode ser alvo de repressão das autoridades

LUIS FERRARI  
DA REPORTAGEM LOCAL

Para burlar o rigoroso controle chinês contra denúncias de infrações dos direitos humanos, criatividade. Um escultor dinamarquês, Jens Galschiot, lançou uma campanha incentivando o uso da cor laranja como forma de protesto contra o regime linha-dura de Pequim.

A organização da Olimpíada promete a edição mais grandiosa da história. Mas se preocupa com a avalanche de protestos que pode acompanhá-la, como na cerimônia de acendimento da pira, na Grécia.

"É uma idéia meio maluca, mas que dificilmente pode ser combatida. A repressão chinesa pode e vai evitar demonstrações com cartazes e censurar camisetas com mensagens políticas. Mas dificilmente pode impedir as pessoas de vestirem ao menos uma peça de roupa laranja, como forma de protestar em prol dos direitos humanos", diz Galschiot à **Folha**.

Sua meta é que jornalistas, atletas, dirigentes e turistas que forem a Pequim em agosto para os Jogos usem ao menos uma peça de roupa laranja.

A idéia de associar esta cor aos protestos surgiu dos trajes

dos monges budistas de Mianmar e do Tibete e da Revolução Laranja, movimento de protesto político na Ucrânia em 2004 e 2005. No país europeu, a cor foi usada na campanha do líder de oposição pró-Occidente, Viktor Yushchenko, que sofreu envenenamento antes do sufrágio e ainda assim chegou ao poder.

"Depois, manifestantes mandaram fazer roupas todas laranjas, que ficaram parecidas com os uniformes dos detidos pelos EUA na base militar de Guantánamo [Cuba]. Denun-

ciar as infrações lá não era o intuito inicial, mas não deixa de ser também uma forma de criticar essa prisão norte-americana", explica o escultor.

A iniciativa tem ganhado espaço na mídia internacional, sobretudo na Europa —na última semana, apareceu na BBC, principal rede de TV britânica. No Brasil, apenas duas pessoas residentes aderiram à iniciativa, com mensagens ao site [www.thecolororange.net](http://www.thecolororange.net).

Segundo Galschiot, também chamou a atenção das autori-

dades chinesas. Ele afirma que seu site —que entrou no ar há três meses— não pode ser acessado no território dos Jogos Olímpicos e acusa a China de sabotar sua página na internet.

"Há duas semanas, recebemos reclamações de pessoas que receberam vírus enviados 'pelo nosso estafé', sem termos mandado nada. Dois dias depois, todo nosso conteúdo saiu do ar misteriosamente, mesmo com nosso servidor protegido. Opositores tibetanos contam que isso acontece normalmen-

te com eles. Mas, para mim, é muito estranho."

O escultor diz não ter patrocinadores nem uma grande equipe por trás da iniciativa. "Meu filho atualiza o site, e dois ou três colaboradores do ateliê ajudam na divulgação." Mesmo assim, o manifesto original já tem tradução em 17 idiomas (inclusive português).

Galschiot afirma que parlamentares europeus já tiveram contato com a iniciativa, "bem recebida tantos pelos de esquerda quanto os de direita".

Para o escultor, sua afinidade com movimentos pró-Tibete e a atuação de denúncia contra violações de direitos humanos na China deve inviabilizar um visto de entrada para o país nos Jogos. Mas não desanima.

Além de incentivar protestos laranjas no périplo da tocha olímpica ao redor do mundo, ele espera estar em Hong Kong no dia da passagem do revezamento, em 2 de maio.

Pintará de laranja uma escultura que inaugurou na cidade em 1997 e que é o único monumento em território chinês que denuncia a repressão sofrida pelos manifestantes da praça da Paz Celestial, em 1989.

Enquanto conversava sobre isso com a reportagem brasileira, Galschiot cogitou também a hipótese de pintar da mesma cor outra escultura similar, a "Coluna da Infâmia", deixada em Belém em 2001, para marcar o massacre dos sem-terra em Eldorado de Carajás (PA).



SEM PROTESTO Jjang Xiaoyu, vice-presidente do Comitê Organizador dos Jogos de Pequim, desembarca em Almaty, no Cazaquistão. O próximo destino do revezamento da chama olímpica é a Turquia

## 2 ODENSE

FYENS STIFTSTIDENDE TORS DAG 3. APRIL 2008

### Orange halstørklæde-protest

**HCA-PRIS:** Blodet flyder i Nepal. Det er nu med OL-fokus på Kina, vi skal protestere mod krænkelse af menneskerettighederne, erklærede multi- og provokationeren Jens Galschiot efter HCA-prisoverrækkelse på Odense Teater i går. Kunstneren har skabt selveden synlige pris, en bronze-eventyrbog, som modtagerne får som evigt minde. Mere flyvsk var det orange halstørklæde, som Galschiot bar i protest mod de kinesiske overgreb.

Vores happenings over hele verden har boomet på nettet, og vi skal gøre noget ved vores system for at kunne følge med, sagde han. (J/n)





# 1014 ens Galschiøt anmelder byen



Alle er velkomne, der serveres kaffe med småkager og kan købes øl og vand, når Pakhuset på onsdag d. 16. april kl. 19 danner ramme om det offentlige arrangement "Guldkalven og de levende byrum".

Guldkalven på rådhuspladsen skabt af Jens Galschiøt. Han anmelder byens pladser fra et andet perspektiv end sædvanligt, og borgerne opfordres til at komme med forslag om, hvordan vi får mere liv og indhold i vore byrum.

let i forbindelse med Industrikulturens År 2007.

## Flere skulpturer - og lyskæder hele året?

Fredericia har mange dejlige pladser, men hvordan kan vi gøre dem mere levende og mere velfungerende? Sættes lyskæder kun op til jul? Skal der placeres løse stole på Axeltorv? Skal vi have flere skulpturer, eller skal vore byrum være helt enkle? Hvor bliver romantikken og det gyldne lys af?

Sådan lyder oplægget til den spændende aften, som er arrangeret af SF-Fredericia. Der er således dømt debat og borgernes gode idéer til, hvordan vi får levendegjort byens pladser.

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Guldkalvens ophavsmand Jens Galschiøt anmelder byen

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## Sächsische Zeitung

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## Farbe bekennen



Ei, guck ma: Oranger Protest bei den Olympischen Spielen. Ob das den Hol-

ländern gefallen wird? Der dänische Bildhauer Jens Galschiøt hat die Farbe Orange auserkoren, zum Symbol weltweiten Protests gegen die Verletzung von Menschenrechten in China zu werden. Weil er scharfe Sicherheitskontrollen und die Zensur klassischer Symbole für Menschenrechte erwartet, will Galschiøt den Verantwortlichen in China durch die Hintertür ein Schnippchen schlagen: Möglichst viele Besucher sollen möglichst viele orange Sachen tragen, am besten ausschließlich orange von der Mütze bis zu den Schuhen. Galschiøts Gedanke: Orange als Farbe kann niemand verbieten und wenn nur genügend Menschen sich an den Dresscode halten, wird dennoch jeder den Protest als solchen verstehen.

Auf der Webseite zum Projekt „Die Farbe orange“ ist nachzulesen, dass Galschiøt Kunst als „nonverbale Kommunikation“ versteht und so seine Idee des stummen Widerstands reifte – er dürfte dennoch nicht unglücklich sein, dass zumindest andere über ihn reden. Als am Ostermontag das



Orange ja orange sind alle seine Kleider: Das Klamotten-Lager des Künstlers Jens Galschiøt. Screenshot: SZ

olympische Feuer im heiligen Hain des antiken Olympia in Griechenland entzündet wurde, schafften es zehn Aktivisten und Projektmitglieder aus Dänemark zwar nicht ins altherwürdige Zentrum des Geschehens – sie wurden 70 Kilometer davor von der Polizei eingesammelt. Ein Kamerateam der BBC aber hat den zehn Reisenden Aufmerksamkeit geschenkt und auf Galschiøts nächste Aktion hingewiesen: Er will den Fackellauf durch alle Welt mit eigenen Leuten flankieren. In Orange, natürlich. COP

www.sz-link.de/orange



Borgmester Palle Hansborg-Sørensen luftede borgmesterkæden – i sig selv et smukt stykke kunst – da han åbnede Lions Clubs forårsudstilling i Kertemindehallen.

# Kunst for folket

Hvert forår rykker kunsten ud af gallerierne og ind i Kertemindehallen

**KERTEMINDE:** Der er muligvis steder i Danmark hvor det ville utænkeligt at hive kunsten ud fra de fashionable gallerier og ind i en sportshal. Men ikke i Kerteminde. Her er den årligt tilbagevendende kunstudstilling i den gamle hal en sikker succes, der trækker både publikum og kunstnere fra fjern og nær.

I år lagde godt 1000 besøgende vejen forbi hallen, og de mange udstillede kunstværker af både amatører og "rigtige" kunstnere.

Første værk blev solgt allerede under ophængningen, og der er ingen tvivl om at udstillingen er den perfekte ramme om mødet mellem kunstnere og kunst-elskere – måske navnlig dem, der ikke normalt vover sig ind i de små gallerier.

Der er jævn enighed om at niveauet på årets udstilling var højere end nogensinde før. Det mener både arrangørerne fra Lions Club og Borgmester Palle Hansborg-Sørensen, der holdt åbningstalen, omgivet af Bettina Hesselhofs malerier og Jens Galschiøts bronzeskulpturer. Borgmesteren sørgede også for at understrege den betydning udstillingen har for Kerteminde – ikke kun kulturelt, men også som et sikkert

forårstegn.

Tendensen i år gik mod store lærreder og stærke farver, hvadenten motiverne var naturalistiske, abstrakte eller – som der sås flere eksempler på i år – gik mod 70'ernes pop-art stil.

Malerne var i overtal, men det var også muligt at se sten- og bronzeskulptur, keramik, glaskunst og smykker. Og ikke mindst var det muligt for publikum at møde de udstillende kunstnere ansigt til ansigt, hvadenten det drejede sig om husmødre med maleri som hobby, eller akademi-uddannede fra kunstens blå bog. Altsammen en del af udstillingens specielle koncept.

Igen i år var det Jens Galschiøt, der leverede udstillingens vartegn, denne gang i form af HC Andersen i kæmpeformat. Så vidt vides besøgte digteren aldrig Kerteminde i levende live, men bronzegavnen af ham vil holde ferie i byen de næste tre uger, inden den, efter planen, indgår i Odenses kommende "Fortællebrønd".



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## Konsul afviser kritik fra kunstner

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Af jely

Dansk kunstner og samfundsdebattør Jens Galschiøt klager over det danske konsulat i Hongkong. Han blev nægtet indrejse uden, at der ifølge kunstneren var hjælp fra dansk side.

Konsulatet afviser kritikken.

"Vi undrer os over den manglende støtte fra Udenrigsministeriet. Den danske konsul burde være kommet ud til os i lufthavnen med det samme, så han kunne hjælpe os med at komme ind," siger kunstneren Jens Galschiøt, der tog til Hongkong med to andre menneskerettighedsaktivister.

Aktivistene kom lørdag til Hongkong, men efter næsten seks timers afhøring af immigrationsmyndighederne blev de af bevæbnet politi eskorteret til et fly, der skulle til London.

Den danske generalkonsul i Hongkong, Jørgen Møllegaard, betegner Galschiøts kritik som "ret urimelig." Han henviser til, at han efter en telefonisk samtale med kunstneren fik fat i den øverste ansvarlige for immigrationsmyndighederne i lufthavnen

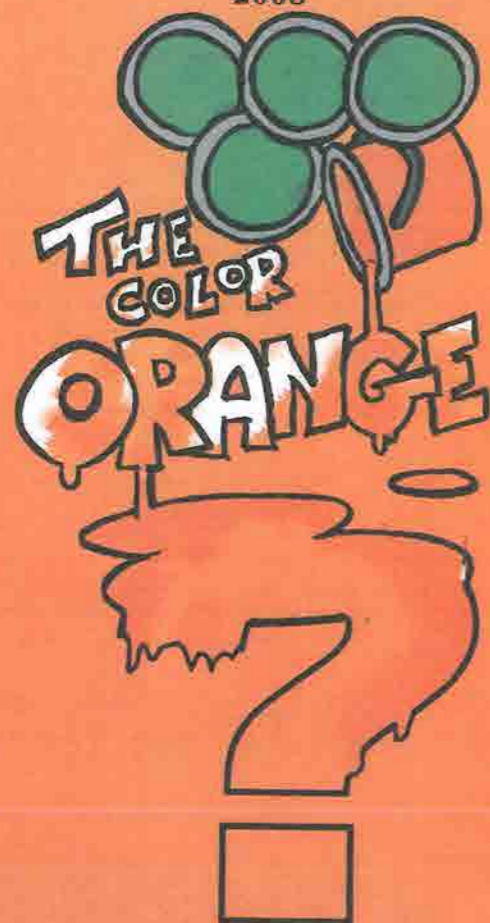
Kunstneren havde planer om at male en otte meter høje skulptur, Skamstøtten, i orange farver ved Hongkongs Universitet for at markere sin afstandtagen fra Kinas overtrædelse af menneskerettighederne.

Jens Galschiøt stillede Skamstøtten op ved universitet i 1997, kort før byen blev en del af Kina. Skulpturen var en kommentar til massakren på studenterne på Den Himmelske Freds Plads i Beijing otte år tidligere.

The Olympic Charter stipulates as fundamental Olympic principles: "the respect for universal fundamental ethical principles and the promotion of the peaceful society concerned with the preservation of the environment to these standards. On the environment that is indeed in deep

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**The idea is both sophisticated and simple.** By using something with the color orange during the Olympics - both inside and outside of China - you are sending a signal to the world that something is wrong in China. It can be anything, like an orange hat, camera bag, tie, pen, paper, dress, suit, bag etc. Even peeling an orange will be considered a pronounced statement.

**No political or religious movement** can claim to have a monopoly of the initiative. By participating in the project you show that you support the fight for human rights in China.

**The Chinese Government wants to present the Olympics as perfect and streamlined** to billions of television viewers around the globe with the aim of promoting China as a modern and efficient society. They will do anything it takes to avoid getting criticized on television. However, by using the Color Orange we are exactly capable of breaking with the harsh censorship and embitter the joy of the regime. At the same time, millions of oppressed Chinese people will have a voice during the Olympics 2008.

**The initiative can only succeed** if a lot of people are aware of the significance of the Color Orange. This would normally require a publicity budget of million of dollars. This, however, we don't have. But in stead we (might) have you :-). If you, and millions of others, help pass on this idea together we can create a butterfly effect blowing an orange wind over China.

- Pass on this e-mail to everybody on your mailing list. Go to the website [www.TheColorOrange.net](http://www.TheColorOrange.net) and sign up to the mailing list in order for you to get continuous updates about the initiative. Report to the website with those activities or ideas in which you have used the Color Orange so that we can spread out the happy message as an inspiration to others.

- Make creative use of the Color Orange in relation to Olympic events. If you practice any kind of sport or are a member of an association that supports human rights you can encourage them to use orange in their material and to publicly support the campaign.

- The Dutch national Olympic team is because of their orange colors natural born members of the initiative. What about your country's Olympic heroes? Are the only heroes when it comes to sport? Imagine if the first gold winner in China wipes off the sweat with an orange handkerchief...

**The Danish sculptor Jens Galschiot** is the initiator of the manifestation 'the Color Orange'. The artist is independent of political and religious interests and has often made global art events in favor of humanism, among others in collaboration with the democratic movement in China.

**The Color Orange** is inspired by what the painter Kandinsky said when he stated that the color orange is in fact red that has been made more human by the color yellow. The Chinese color is exactly red so maybe we can support the humanistic forces in the country by introducing the Color Orange. The selection of the Color Orange is however also inspired by the color of the prison uniforms in Guantanamo, the monks in Tibet and Burma and so on.

We hope that many individuals and organizations will support this initiative and use the Color Orange.

ΒΡΑΒΕΙΟ ΤΩΝ ΜΙΣΤΕΡ Μ  
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**Η ιδέα είναι έξυπνη και απλή.** Αν χρησιμοποιείς το πορτοκαλί κατά την διάρκεια των ΟΛ μέσα ή έξω από την Κίνα στέλνεις ένα μήνυμα ό,τι κάτι είναι λάθος στην Κίνα. Θα μπορούσε να είναι ένα πορτοκαλί καπέλο, μία τσάντα για φωτογραφική μηχανή, μία γραβάτα, ένα στιλό, χαρτί, φόρεμα, ζακέτα, τσάντα κ.λ.π.. Ακόμα και να καθαρίζεις ένα πορτοκαλί μπορεί να είναι σημαντική εκδήλωση.

**Κανένα πολιτικό ή θρησκευτικό κίνημα** μπορεί να πάρει το πρόγραμμα, για δικό του Συμμετέχοντας στο πρόγραμμα δείχνεις ό,τι στηρίζεις τον αγώνα για τα ανθρώπινα δικαιώματα στην Κίνα.

**Η Κινεζική κυβέρνηση θέλει να παρουσιάσει τους Ολυμπιακούς τέλειους και εκσυγχρονισμένους** στα εκατομύρια των τηλεθεατών σε όλη τη γη με σκοπό να δείξει την Κίνα σαν μία μοντέρνα και δραστήρια κοινωνία. Θα κάνουν ό,τι μπορούν για να αποφύγουν κάθε κριτική από την τηλεόραση. Αλλά χρησιμοποιώντας το Πορτοκαλί Χρώμα είμαστε ικανοί να σπάσουμε την λογοκρισία και να πικράνουμε τη χαρά του καθεστώτος. Την ίδια ώρα εκατομμύρια από καταπιεσμένους Κινέζους θα έχουν φωνή κατά την διάρκεια των ΟΛ 2008.

**Το πρόγραμμα μπορεί μόνο να έχει επιτυχία** αν πολλοί άνθρωποι ξέρουν τι σημαίνει το Πορτοκαλί Χρώμα. Κανονικά θα χρειαστούν εκατομμύρια Ευρώ. Δεν έχουμε. Αλλά έχουμε (μήπως) εσένα. Αν εσύ και εκατομμύρια άλλοι άνθρωποι βοηθήσουν να προχωρήσει η ιδέα εμείς μπορούμε να δημιουργήσουμε ένα πορτοκαλί αέρα που φυσά πάνω από την Κίνα.

- Στείλε αυτό το e-mail σε όλους που είναι στην λίστα σου. Πήγαινε στη σελίδα [www.TheColorOrange.net](http://www.TheColorOrange.net) και δηλώνεις έτσι ώστε να παίρνεις συνεχώς πληροφορίες για το πρόγραμμα. Ανάφερε στη σελίδα με ποιες ενέργειες και ιδέες χρησιμοποιείς το Πορτοκαλί Χρώμα έτσι μπορούμε να σκορπίσουμε το χαρούμενο μήνυμα σαν έμπνευση για τους άλλους.
- Κάνε δημιουργική χρήση του Πορτοκαλί Χρώματος σε σχέση με τα Ολυμπιακά γεγονότα. Εάν εξασκείσαι σε κάποιο σπορ ή είσαι μέλος σε ένα οργανισμό που υποστηρίζει τα ανθρώπινα δικαιώματα μπορείς να τους ενθαρρύνεις να χρησιμοποιήσουν το πορτοκαλί στα υλικά τους και δημόσια να υποστηρίξουν την καμπάνια.
- Η εθνική Ολυμπιακή ομάδα της Ολανδίας είναι φυσικό μέλος του προγράμματος γιατί το χρώμα της είναι το πορτοκαλί. Τι συμβαίνει με τους Ολυμπιακούς ήρωες της χώρας σας; Είναι μόνο ήρωες όσον αφορά τα σπορ; Φαντάσου αν ο πρώτος χρυσός Ολυμπιονίκης στην Κίνα σκουπίσει τον ιδρώτα του με ένα πορτοκαλί μαντήλι.....

**Ο Δανός γλύπτης Γκάλσχοτ** είναι πίσω από την εκδήλωση "το Χρώμα Πορτοκαλί". Ο καλλιτέχνης είναι ανεξάρτητος από πολιτικό και θρησκευτικό ενδιαφέρον, και συχνά έχει κάνει παγκόσμια καλλιτεχνικά γεγονότα με προτίμηση στον ανθρωπισμό, ανάμεσα στα άλλα σε συνεργασία με δημοκρατικές κινήσεις στην Κίνα.

**Το Πορτοκαλί Χρώμα έχει εμπνευστεί** από αυτό που ο ζωγράφος Καντίνσκι είπε: "ό,τι το πορτοκαλί χρώμα είναι στην πραγματικότητα κόκκινο που έγινε πιο ανθρώπινο με το κίτρινο χρώμα". Το Κινέζικο χρώμα είναι ακριβώς κόκκινο έτσι ίσως εμείς μπορούμε να στηρίξουμε την ανθρωπιστική δύναμη στη χώρα εισάγοντας το Πορτοκαλί Χρώμα. Η επιλογή για το Πορτοκαλί Χρώμα είναι επίσης εμπνευσμένο από το χρώμα της στολής των φυλακισμένων στο Γουαντάναμο, των μοναχών στο Θιβέτ και την Μπούρμα κ.λ.π..

## Galschiøts protest ved HCA-prisuddeling

AF IVAR JUEL NORDENTOFT OG KENNETH KLINGENBERG

Irets H.C. Andersen Pris overrakt på Odense Teater - hvor kunstneren Jens Galschiøt vakte opsigt med Kina-protest.

Priskomiteen bag H.C. Andersen Prisen uddelte onsdag eftermiddag årets priser til den spanske H.C. Andersen-oversætter Enrique Fernandez.

Det skete ved et arrangement på Odense Teater, hvor den spanske oversætter, der oversatte sit første H.C. Andersen-eventyr i 1989, fik prisen overrakt af prins Joachim.

At oversætte Andersen er anderledes end at oversætte andre skrivere. Oversætter du Andersen, oversætter du også Danmark, sagde Enrique Fernandez i sin takketale.

Irets anden prismodtager, Børnekulturhuset Fyrtøjet, fik overrakt prisen af økonomi- og erhvervsminister Bendt Andtsen, mens Odenses borgmester, Jan Boye, overrakte en pris til Aage Jørgensen, som får prisen for flere års biografisk arbejde og forskning samt formidling af H.C. Andersen.

De tre ærespriser er kreeret som bogen "Mit livs eventyr" og støbt i bronze af kunstneren Jens Galschiøt.

Vel er det ikke mammon og guld, men det er en dejlig påmindelse om, at det ikke er helt skævt det arbejde, der er gjort her i huset, og den ære er vi stolte af, sagde den daglige leder på Børnekulturhuset Fyrtøjet, Mette Genz, i Fiens Stiftstidende, da hun fik at vide, at Fyrtøjet var blandt årets prismodtagere.

### Galschiøts protest

Kunstneren bag prisen, Jens Galschiøt, var selv til stede ved prisoverrækkelsen - iført et farvestrålende orange tøjklæde som symbol på den aktion, som han har sat sig i spidsen for i protest mod Kinas behandling af Tibet.

Kunstneren kalder han TheColorOrange, og hvis den skal blive en succes, kræver det, at folk over hele kloden gynder at bruge farven orange som et signal om, at der er noget galt i Kina. Galschiøt har oprettet en hjemmeside til formålet, og brugte altså også arrangementet i Odense Teater til at gøre opmærksom på protestaktionen.

<http://www.journalistforbundet.dk/sw69553.asp>

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## Armbånd for pressefrihed i Kina

Journalistforbundet tager til en international markering af problemerne med pressefrihed i Kina. Op til OL i Beijing til sommer uddeler vi gummibånd med tekst til medlemsorganisationerne i IFJ. Armbåndene vil udelukkende blive båret af de danske journalister, der selv måtte ønske at markere et standpunkt om pressefrihed.

I teksten "Playing the game for media freedom" præget i gummibånd, markerer International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) at pressefrihed før, under og efter OL i Beijing er under kraftige restriktioner. Initiativet sker blandt andet på initiativ fra Dansk Journalistforbund, der også står for produktion af armbånd og for medtilrettelæggelse af kampagnen.

International Federation of Journalists kæmper for pressefrihed over hele verden. Det gør DJ også på mange forskellige måder både i Danmark og i udlandet. Derfor er vi også i front med forslaget om, at de OL-akkrediterede journalister kan vælge at bære et lille armbånd om håndledet til støtte for den trængte pressefrihed i Kina", siger Mogens Blicher Bjerregård, formand for DJ.

Om den enkelte journalist vil tage imod og bære båndet under OL er naturligvis en frivillig sag, som kun vedkommendes arbejdsgiver kan forhindre", siger Blicher Bjerregård.

De danske mediarbejdsgivere i Danske Dagblades Forening (DDF) vil formentlig ikke anbefale deres medlemsvirksomheder at nægte medarbejderne ret til at bære båndet. Men DDFs administrerende direktør Ebbe Dal siger til Journalisten.dk, at det er den enkelte arbejdsgivers ret at bestemme i hvilket omfang medarbejderne kan medvirke i kampagner. Ebbe Dal vil snarest drøfte initiativet med

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Billedhuggeren Jens Galschiøt har været rundt i Fredericia for at se på æstetik, pusterum, stemning og liv på byens pladser sammen med den lokale SF'er Gunver Maja-gaard. Resultatet af turen præsenteres onsdag aften i pakhuset. - Foto: Lars Lindskov.

## Kunstner ser kritisk på en by med mange oaser

Kunstneren Jens Galschiøt har været på rundtur i Fredericia for at samle inspiration, viden og skyts til sit foredrag onsdag aften, hvor han vil annoncere byens pladser. Turen har fornyet hans syn på byen, som han kender fra sin kunststudiet i Kastellet i september og fra sin opstilling af Guldkalven på Rådhuspladsen.

Han synes, at byen har overraskende meget at byde på i forhold til andre

byer af samme størrelse, og han var især optaget af de mange oaser som Østerstrand, Ryes Plads, Gasværksgrunden, Landsoldatpladsen og volden. Men der er også pladser, der kunne være helstøtte og sammenhængende ud fra et æstetisk perspektiv. Dette vil han gå dybere ind i, når han i morgen onsdag fra klokken 19 holder foredrag i Det Bruunske Pakhus. Mødet er arrangeret af SF, og alle er velkomne.

sin bestyrelse, men ifølge Journalisten.dk er hans umiddelbare reaktion, at båndet kan være en "hensigtsmæssig manifestation".

Mogens Blicher Bjerregård lægger vægt på at kampagnen med armbåndene ikke er det eneste man gør for at sætte fokus på pressefriheden i Kina:

"Denne måde at sætte fokus på pressefriheden står ikke alene. Vi satser i høj grad på dialog med kineserne. Det sker blandt andet når jeg i næste uge mødes med det kinesiske journalistforbund", siger Bjerregård, der i næste uge deltager i en IFJ-ledet delegation i Beijing.

Det er IFJ, der skal stå for at distribuere armbånd til deres medlemsorganisationer. Fra de lokale journalistforbund får de respektive landes OL-akkrediterede journalister så sendt et armbånd samt oplysning om kampagnens formål. Herfra er det så op til den enkelte journalist at tage stilling til om han eller hun vil bære armbåndet.

Det er håbet, at så mange mediefolk som muligt vil bære armbåndet under sommerens olympiske lege, samt at det opnåede fokus på pressefrihed vil leve videre i den kinesiske offentlighed når OL er slut.

## KERTEMINDE

REDAKTER AF LENE SARUP

Fortællerbrønd kan stadig ses

Værket bliver i byen de næste tre uger

AF THOMAS BACH-LAURSEN

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**KERTEMINDE:** Jens Galschiøts bronzefigur "Fortællerbrønden", der har stået som varetegn for De fynske kunstneres forårsudstilling, kan ses tre uger endnu.

Statuen ankom i sidste uge, hvor den blev placeret foran Kertemindehallerne for at markere udstillingen, der var arrangeret af Lions Club, Kerteminde.

- Det er en fantastisk flot figur, og det er fint, at den bliver stående lidt endnu, inden den skal tilbage til Odense, siger Arne Rasmussen, der er formand for kunststudiet i Lion Club.

### Solgt en del

I alt deltog 80 fynske kunstnere i udstillingen, og selv om foreningen ikke har overblik over, hvor meget der blev solgt, så betegner Arne Rasmussen weekenden som tilfredsstillende.

- Der blev solgt en del, men vi skal heller ikke glemme, at mange benytter lejligheden til at spionere lidt, for så selv at kontakte kunstnerne senere. Og som noget nyt har vi i år henvist til kunstneres egne hjemmesider og mailadresser, siger han.

Medlemmerne i 130 kunstforeninger var inviterede, og i løbet af lørdag og søndag blev udstillingen besøgt af cirka 1000 gæster.

### Alle donerer et værk

Kunstnerne betaler ikke for at deltage i udstillingen, men de donerer alle mindst ét værk, som bruges til præmier i foreningens lotteri.

De 80 udstillere havde i alt foræret 100 billeder, og vinderne blev trukket ud, inden udstillingen lukkede søndag klokken 17.00.

De værker, som ikke blev afhentet i søndags, opbevares hos Matas i Langelade, hvor de udleveres mod forevisning af lodsedlen.

Vinderne offentliggøres i Fiens Stiftstidende og Kerteminde UgeAvis.

- Weekendens samlede omsætning løber op i 90.000 kroner, men da omkostningerne endnu ikke er gjort op, er det for endnu for tidligt at sige noget om overskuddets størrelse, siger Arne Rasmussen.

I 2009 finder udstillingen sted den 4. og 5. april.

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# Kritisk og kærligt blik på byens pladser

**Trods klodsede blomsterkummer og en rodet rådhusplads er kunstneren Jens Galschiøt begejstret for Fredericia, der har overrasket ham på hans rundtur**

Af Jane Rønsholdt

Midtbyens nye rende til vand, der har fået et beskidt øgenavn, er en af de detaljer ved Fredericia, som billedhuggeren Jens Galschiøt er rigtig begejstret for. Til gengæld er rådhuspladsen alt for rodet, og der mangler steder at slå sig ned – og ryglæn på bænkerne.

Kunstneren var i Fredericia i aften, hvor han underholdt et fyldt pakhuis med sine indtryk fra en vandretur i byen på opfordring af SF.

Han kender Fredericia, fordi han har udstillet her, og fordi hans Guldkalv står på foran rådhuset. Med derudover var Fredericia for ham synonymt med en forurenende by, man kører forbi på vej et andet sted hen.

– Men det er faktisk en smuk by. Og så har I oven i købet en strand. Det havde jeg slet ikke opdaget. Og pladserne. Uanset hvad der er af fejl på dem, så er det alt i alt en god by, sagde han.

Uden at være hverken byplanlægger eller arkitekt kastede han under sin rundtur et kritisk blik på pladserne – og han understregede, at han ikke har andre forudsætninger end alle os andre.

– Jeg er ikke arkitekt, men bare en helt almindelig billedhugger, sagde han.

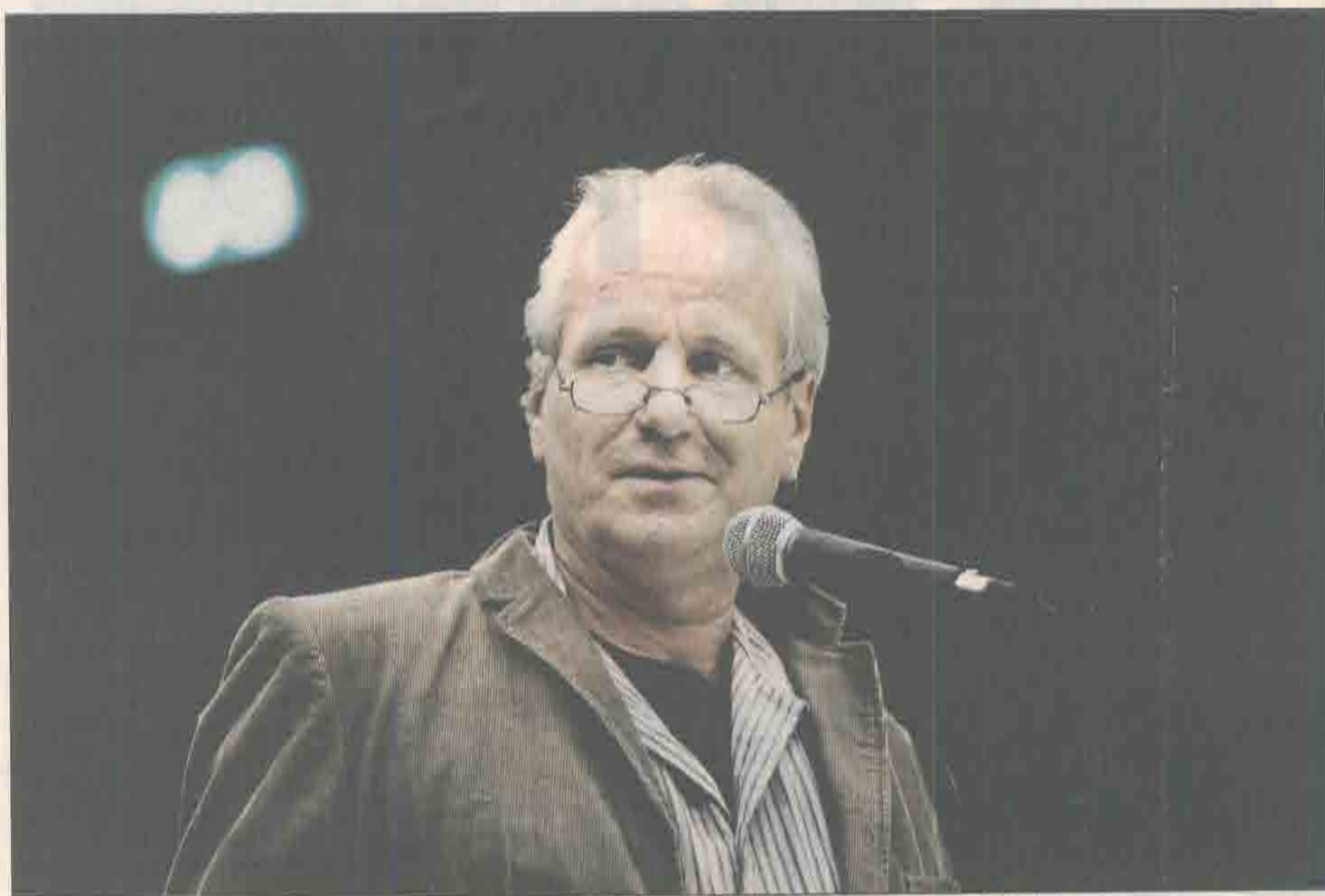
## ● Landsoldaten: Emmer af historie

Med Bissens statue i midten, kanoner, bænke og volden i baggrunden er Landsoldatpladsen faktisk rigtig flot, mener Galschiøt.

– Det er simpelt hen sådan, en historisk plads skal være. Det er nok ikke en man bruger meget, men hvis jeg boede i Fredericia, ville jeg være rigtig glad for at den fandtes. Hvis alle pladser var sådan, ville det blive kedeligt. Men den emmer af den danske historie. I virkeligheden er den en lille smule latterlig, men det hører med, lød dommen.

## ● Rådhuspladsen er for rodet

– Rådhuspladsen består af gode elementer, men det er som om, de er kastet



Pakhuset var fyldt, da kunstneren Jens Galschiøt gav sin bedømmelse af Fredericia by. – Arkivfoto



PÅ Ryes Plads føler man sig godt tilpas, men J.B. Nielsen Plads nok er pæn – men indtil videre også trøstesløs, lød bedømmelsen.

## ● SF samler idéer ind

Den lokale SF partiforening stod bag aftenens velbesøgte møde, hvor der også blev indsamlet idéer til, hvad der kan gøre byen og pladserne bedre fremover. Adskillige forslag kom på bordet under debatten – lige fra tog fra banegården til Tøjhuset og videre til krudthuset, flere legepladser inde i byen a la Paris, oplyste løbestier på volden og bedre julemarked i Madsbyparken. Der blev også rejst spørgsmål: Er der for mange pladser i Fredericia til at byens borgere kan fylde dem ud? Og hvorfor er der ikke altid vand i springvandet på Rådhuspladsen?

Alle idéer blev samlet af Gunver Majaard, der var hovedarrangør af debatten. De vil blive brugt som udgangspunkt for en udvikling af SFs lokale kulturpolitik og kan snart ses på SF Fredericias hjemmeside.

sammen. Materialerne er gode, men det hele er rodet, sagde han om byens centrale og nyrenoverede plads.

– Det er ikke et sted, man slår sig ned. Lamperne kolliderer med rådhuset, og scenen ser ud som om, man har haft nogle sten tilovers, og blomsterkummerne er store og klodsede. Det er nok fint for de 0-12-årige at slå sig ned der, men er man ældre end det, sidder man ikke og hænger på den må-

de. Der mangler bænke. Gerne med ryglæn! Der er kommet en ny trend med, at der ikke må være ryglæn på bænke...

Vandkunsten kan han godt lide, selvom han undrer sig over, hvorfor der altid er slukket for vandkunst om vinteren.

– Ret flot, vil jeg sige. Ungerne bliver sikkert enormt våde, men jeg har altid syntes, at det var en god idé med våde unger. Og



Udsmykningen på Rådhuspladsen er ikke helt vellykket. Det ser for rodet ud, men pingvinerne er søde.

så synes jeg at de der pingviner er meget søde. Nogle gange skal man have lov til at have noget, der bare er meget sødt!

## ● Flotte detaljer i gågaden

De små ikon-lignende, stiliserede kort over Fredericia, som omkranser træerne, danner i modsætning til selve rådhuspladsen et helstøbt forløb, som man ikke ser i mange byer, mener Jens Galschiøt, der giver gågaderne en fin karakter. Vandrenden er med til at fuldende det sammen-

hængende billede.

– Jeg kan godt lide sådan nogle detaljer, som man opdager, når man går rundt i en by. Og så er det en god idé, at det er af stål, så det får et rustent udseende.

## ● Smukke huse ved Axelortov

Den store plads på Axelortov har et stort potentiale, men da den ikke er færdig, kunne kunstneren ikke komme med en samlet vurdering af den. Da han så den, faldt han dog for huse- ne omkring den.

– Hvor er det nogle

smukke bygninger, og de kommer virkelig til sin ret, sagde han.

– Der mangler noget centralt på pladsen, men det kan være, at det kommer!

## ● Misundelig på Gasværksgrund

– Her er en god stemning, og hvor er det dejligt at se ungerne løbe rundt. Der er en del beton, så de kan godt slå sig, når de falder. Til gengæld kan de ikke ødelægge noget. Her er plads til alle skaterne og alle de andre. De fleste odenseanere ville misunde jer denne plads, sagde billedhuggeren, der selv bor i Odense.

Dog savnede han bænke, hvor forældre kan sidde og nyde synet af de legende børn. Og der er et andet stort »men« ved pladsen: Det store hegn, der skal forhindre bolde i at blive spillet for langt væk.

– Det får stedet til at ligne en kz-lejr og ødelægger udsynet til de flotte bygninger. Har I ikke en produktionsskole der kunne lave et eller andet skævt, hvis det endelig skal være der?

## ● Ryes Plads er venlig

Da Jens Galschiøt kom hen på Ryes Plads, følte han sig godt tilpas, og han havde lyst til at slå sig ned for at få kaffe, fortalte han.

– Den er flot. Man bliver venligt modtaget. Hvorfor? Det er svært at sige. Farverne på husene, caféen, det store, gamle træ med den flotte stensætning. Hvis alle pladser var sådan, ville verden være anderledes. Jeg kan ikke sige noget dårligt om den.

## ● Trøstesløs J.B. Niensens Plads

Aftenens gæst fik hjælp fra en tilhører, da han skulle beskrive J.B. Niensens Plads.

– Den er..., sagde han og holdt tænkepause.

– Dødssyg, suflerede en herre ved et af bordene.

– Ja, den er kedelig. Egentlig er det jo en meget pæn plads, og det er svært at sige noget om den. Bruger I den? Det virker ikke som sådan én, man dalrer ned på. Alt i alt er den trøstesløs, men det kan ændre sig med alt det, der sker på havnen.

## ● Bülow's Plads er en p-plads

– Det gamle rådhus er en flot bygning. Men selve pladsen er jo sådan set bare en parkeringsplads, og det må der jo være nogle steder. Så den kan jeg ikke sige så meget om.

Source: Taipei Times Online  
Date: Thursday 17, April 2008

## [ Letters ]

Car power needs to go I would like to comment on an issue that I and many other people in the country think is of the utmost importance: Taiwans degraded environment. My criticism may anger some, but think of me as the loyal opposition, voicing frustration with what I think are corrosive beliefs and behavior that have become entrenched in Taiwans daily life. It has been said before X there are many pollution problems in Taiwan, including fetid rivers, garbage and industrial toxins. It is well known that this nation is notorious for having indiscriminately raped its environment for decades. But I would like to briefly address the problems created by the destructive motor culture in Taipei: air and noise pollution, the blight created by abandoned vehicles, dangerous conditions on roads and sidewalks and the disorder and discomfort of swarming and lawless parking. I may be a radical, but I endorse strict limitations on vehicles in cities, and look forward to the day when these monsters are wholly eradicated. Such a world would have a lot more bicycles, available public transportation and alternative energies, which would help restore safe living conditions. Many will squawk that, for various reasons, motor vehicles are their god-given right, and well have to pry their cold, dead fingers from the steering wheels and handlebars of their cars and motorcycles before they will give them up. We will expect the most tenacious resistance from the smallest minds, so we will no doubt have a fight on our hands. I read with some interest the recent interview with Susan Stockwell in the Taipei Times (Paper, trains and automobiles, page 15, April 9) wherein she noted that in London they are taking ... power away from the car. Bravo, I say, this is the progressive and intelligent way forward in city life, and will ultimately be the wave of the future. I have seen the value of taking power away from cars in San Francisco and Boston, which in the 1980s and 1990s began to demolish those horrid, hulking elevated freeways that so diminish life and the environment as they do in Taipei. The results have been that both cities have become renewed, more beautiful and more comfortable than ever before. It was incredible to see how the disappearance of those ghastly structures energized and beautified these cities. For Taipei, the time is now to begin endeavors like these. I hope that we can see more discussion in these pages on these and other environmental problems in Taiwan. For my part, I am a committed bicyclist and user of public transportation X I hope to never own another motor vehicle. And finally, working with Taiwanese people and other foreigners living in Taipei, I will try to live clean and green, and to contribute to improving the environment and making life the best it can be here. David Pendery Taipei Go orange in 2008 A Danish artist has launched a global protest campaign against human rights abuses in China using the color orange. Its a brilliant idea, simple and completely non-violent and peaceful. He wants people who attend the

Olympics in Beijing this summer to wear orange-colored shirts, hats, neckties, shoes and dresses. Danish sculptor Jens Galschiot initiated the global protest campaign. He has told reporters in Europe: By using something with the color orange during the Olympics X both inside and outside of China X people from many countries will be sending a signal that something is wrong in China. It can be anything, like an orange hat, an orange necktie or dress. Even peeling an orange in Beijing on live TV could be considered a protest. Of course, the Chinese government wants to present the 2008 Summer Olympics as its showcase of Chinas so-called peaceful rise to billions of television viewers around the world. Its Chinas coming out party. But by using the color orange as a protest color, according to Galschiot, those who participate in the dramatic yet peaceful actions will be a thorn in the side of Chinas Olympics public relations efforts. In addition, by using the color orange as a protest color in Beijing, millions of oppressed Chinese people will have a voice on the world stage via television and newspaper reports. Why was the color orange chosen? Galschiot said: Orange was inspired by the European painter Kandinsky, who once said that the color orange is in fact red that has been made more human by the color yellow. The Chinese flag is red with yellow stars, so maybe we can support the humanistic forces inside China by using the color orange. Orange is also inspired by the color of the clothes of the monks in Tibet. Galschiot says he is happy with the impact his protest campaign is having worldwide. If millions of people help pass on this idea, we can create a butterfly effect blowing an orange wind over China. As a form of non-verbal, non-violent protest, Galschiots simple idea is brilliant X and colorful. Get ready for a very orange Summer Olympics, right in the heart of Beijing. The eyes of the world will be watching, in living color. Sometimes the most powerful ideas are simple ones. This one has great potential. Dan Bloom Chiayi City

<http://www.taipetimes.com/News/editorials/archives/2008/04/17/2003409501>

OLYMPIADE 2014

## Boykot OL eller ej?

Af Elin K. Graversen, Dronningensgade 105, Fredericia

Der er jo en voldsom diskussion i gang i øjeblikket, om vi skal boykotte OL eller ej, p.g.a. Kinas misligholdelse af den indgåede aftale med OL-arrangørerne om at gøre noget ved menneskerettighederne og deres behandling af befolkningen i Tibet. Jeg vil ikke bidrage til den diskussion, men gøre opmærksom på »Farven Orange«.

Jens Galschiot (ham med guldkalven på rådhuspladsen) har holdt foredrag onsdag d. 16. april i Pakhuset om bybilledet i Fredericia. I den forbindelse, vil jeg godt gøre opmærksom på, at han er en af ophavsmændene til »Farven Orange«, der i al sin enkelthed går ud på at

iføre sig en eller flere beklædningsgenstande i orange. Han opfordrer samtidig de folk, som vil være tilstede ved OL, og specielt til åbningsceremonien, om at bære beklædning i orange.

Amnesty International anbefaler, at man ikke boykotter åbningsceremonien, da det vil have uheldige konsekvenser for dialogen mellem befolkningen og regeringen i Kina. Det kan man være enig eller uenig i, men uanset hvad, kunne dette tiltag være en påmindelse om, at noget er helt galt i Kina og i Tibet.

De, der har set Jens Galschiots udstilling i Kastelet sidste år, kan måske huske hans skamstøtte som symbol for den Hellige Freds Plads i Kina i 89, som står i Hong Kong. Den tiltænker man at male i

farven orange, og da den har været en torn i øjet på den kinesiske regering, kan det få en helt god effekt. Der vil være flere aktioner, der involverer farven orange, og det er rigtig godt, men jeg mener også, at det kunne være super, hvis alle, der ikke bryder sig om Kinas politik overfor kineserne og for tibeternerne, en gang imellem (læs ofte) tog noget tøj på i orange for at vise vores protest over de grøteske forhold, befolkningen i Kina og Tibet bliver budt.

En ny måde at gå på barrikaderne på? Ja måske, men jeg syntes også, at vi som det normalt »stille flertal«, skal melde vores mening ud, når noget bliver så slemt, som det er i Kina. Så slut op om aktionen, det er i en god sags tjeneste.

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# 1014 Benhård forretning – med hjertet på rette sted

Det er benhård forretning at være en del af fødevarerindustrien. Alle aktører bliver mødt med krav om effektivitet, innovation og lav pris. Men kravene til danske fødevarer virksomheder ændrer sig. Nu skal hjertet også være på rette sted. Man skal med andre ord kunne dokumentere en ordentlig opførsel. Selv om virksomheder har både jura og indtjening på sin side, kan det være fatalt at handle uetisk og ikke udvise tilstrækkeligt socialt engagement. Det giver fødevarer virksomheder nye udfordringer. For hvordan udviser og dokumenterer virksomheden sit gode hjerte uden at budskabet bliver hult og skingert?

Af marketingchef  
Jørn Jensen,  
Bureau Veritas Certification

Toms passer på kakaobonden og hans familie i Ghana. Fiskeimportøren Butler's Choice opdrætter fisk under hensyntagen til mennesker, dyr og miljø i Indien og Vietnam. DLG tilbyder "Afskallet sojaskrå non-gmo". Mange fødevarer virksomheder arbejder syste-

matisk med sit sociale engagement – eller Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). Også bagerikoncernen Lantmännen Unibake mærker, at det ikke længere er tilstrækkeligt at

det blev hver direktørs eje. Virksomheden har tidligt fokuseret på viljen til at vise respekt for mennesker og miljø.  
- Det skal komme af lyst og fra ledelsens hjerte. Jeg tror

somheden som den første i fødevarerbranchen i Danmark blev certificeret efter SA 8000. En standard med fokus på menneskerettigheder, der bl.a. stiller krav om børnearbejde, organisationsret, arbejdsmiljø, diskriminering, arbejdstid og løn. Selvfølgelig heder i Danmark men ikke i f.eks. Vietnam og Indien, hvor virksomheden henter mange af sine fisk og skaldyr.

- Jeg har ved selvsyn set forhold i disse lande, der er absolut uacceptable. Både mht. børnearbejde og miljø-mæssigt svineri. Det kan vi ikke tage ansvar for, fortæller Jacob Stokkebye Gertsen. Og netop det med at tage ansvar, er en afgørende del af Butler's tilgang til det at drive forretning. De engagerer sig i de lande, hvor de er repræsenteret. Bl.a. ved at udlatte penge fra Butlers Choice Fond.

- Vi har oprettet en fond, hvor 10% af vores overskud går til at gøre en forskel. Bl.a. har vi renoveret udvalgte skolelokaler, lavet nye toilet-

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kunne dokumentere høj kvalitet og fokus på fødevarer sikkerheden.

- Jeg tror, at det næste bliver bæredygtighed. Der er allerede kunder, der stiller spørgsmål om energiforbrug f.eks. i forbindelse med transport, dyrevelfærd som f.eks. om vores æg stammer fra fritgående høns og om non-GMO produkter. Der er endnu ikke helt enighed om, hvad bæredygtighed indeholder, men der vil fremover komme mere fokus på det. Allerede nu skal vi give meget detaljerede oplysninger om nogle af disse områder, fortæller koncernkvalitetsdirektør Mette Kann.

**Viljen til respekt**  
Handelsfirmaet Butler's Choice er én af de virksomheder, som har arbejdet systematisk med social ansvarlighed fra før, at

ikke, man kan lære det. Det handler om holdninger og moral. Det stammer helt tilbage fra ens opvækst. Man skal have lyst til at behandle folk ordentligt. Man skal have viljen, forklarer adm. direktør Jacob Stokkebye Gertsen sin indstilling til de etiske aspekter af forretningslivet. Denne indstilling har været en væsentlig drivkraft for, at virk-

#### Facts om SA 8000

- Akkrediteret international standard om Social Ansvarlighed
- Otte fokusområder:
  1. Børnearbejde
  2. Tvangsarbejde
  3. Helbred og sikkerhed
  4. Organisationsrihed og ret til at indgå kollektive aftaler
  5. Diskrimination
  6. Disciplinær praksis
  7. Arbejdstid
  8. Lønforhold
- Kan kombineres med andre ledelsessystemer (ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001 etc.)



Butler's Choice har meget fokus på både kvalitet og social ansvarlighed. Her er det vietnamesiske korps af kvalitetsmedarbejdere klar til udrykning. De har ry for at være nogle af de skrappeste i landet. Skrappe end selv deres japanske kolleger.

ter, installeret drikkevand, indkøbt en pc og forbedret kantine- og overnatningsforholdene på fiskefabrikken. Med få penge kan man fak-

#### Det knuste image

Netop forbrugers mening kan være helt afgørende. Det fortalte billedkunstneren og provokatøren Jens Galschiøt

heden har tabt på forhånd. Vi forenkler budskabet og gør det sort/hvidt. Desuden udlægger vi fælder, så lige meget hvordan virksomheden forsvarer sig, fanger vi den, lød Jens Galschiøts opsig til tilhørerne.

På samme seminar fortalte

#### Facts om Bureau Veritas Certification

- Danmarks lærende certificeringsorgan med en række ydelser indenfor kvalitet, miljø, arbejdsmiljø og fødevarer sikkerhed
- Har særlige kompetencer inden for fødevarerområdet og er medudvikler af den globale ISO 22000-standard
- Er en del af Bureau Veritas, som har 150 medarbejdere i Danmark på kontorer i København, Fredericia og Kolding
- På globalt niveau betjenes 280.000 kunder i 140 lande af mere end 31.000 medarbejdere

tisk nå rigtigt langt. Ikke mindst fordi vi gennemførte de enkelte projekter selv, siger Jacob Stokkebye Gertsen.

Men kan man også tjene penge, når man har fokus på social ansvarlighed? Det mener man, at man kan på sigt hos Butler Choice, hvor man har en oplevelse af, at dialogen med detailhandelskunderne bliver forbedret. Den kommer nemlig til at omhandle mere end bare pris. Den holistiske tilgang til at drive forretning kan gøre en forskel. Hos både detailhandel og forbrugere.

om, da Bureau Veritas afholdte et seminar om CSR. Han har sammen med græsrodder fra hele verden gennemført effektive kampagner mod bl.a. Nike, Lundbeck, Novo Nordisk og andre globale medicinalkoncerner. Kampagner, der har tvunget disse giganter i knæ – med store imagemæssige omkostninger som følge.  
- Som enkeltstående individer er vi ustrukturerede og ikke særligt stærke, men står vi sammen om en sag, kan vi knuse selv en stor og veletableret virksomheds image. Kommer det først dertil, er det en ulige kamp, som virksom-

Sales And Technical Director Food Jacob Færgemand, Bureau Veritas Certification, om SA 8000s formål.

- Formålet er at sikre, at virksomheden behandler sine medarbejdere ordentligt og i overensstemmelse med internationale love og konventioner. Desuden skal virksomheden dokumentere, at det samme gælder for underleverandører. Vi mærker et stigende pres fra globale fødevarer virksomheder som f.eks. McDonald's og Nestlé, og også mange detailhandelskæder har fokus på bløde aspekter som klima og social ansvarlighed. Flere ønsker at få en vurdering af deres leverandører fra en uafhængig 3. part som Bureau Veritas.

I øvrigt er Jens Galschiøt i gang med sit næste projekt. Han ønsker at sætte fokus på menneskerettigheder i Kina i forbindelse med OL i august 2008. Våbnet er farven orange. Hver orange t-shirt, kuglepen, slips, kjole eller taske skal være et symbol på, at vagthundene holder øje med de kinesiske myndigheder. Så kig godt efter den orange farve under sommerens OL.



Koncernkvalitetsdirektør Mette Kann, Lantmännen Unibake, kan mærke et stigende fokus på bæredygtighed fra virksomhedens kunder. - Der er allerede kunder, der stiller spørgsmål om energiforbrug f.eks. i forbindelse med transport, dyrevelfærd som f.eks. om vores æg stammer fra fritgående høns og om non-GMO produkter. Der er endnu ikke helt enighed om, hvad bæredygtighed indeholder, men der vil fremover komme mere fokus på det. Allerede nu skal vi give meget detaljerede oplysninger om nogle af disse områder, siger hun.

# Hina defends liaison office's role in naming Hong Kong torch-bearers

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Hina defends liaison office's role in naming Hong Kong torch-bearers

Text of report by Hong Kong newspaper South China Morning Post website on 26 April

Report by Celine Sun And Fanny W. Y. Fung: "Deputy Defends Liaison Office's Role Nominate Torch-Bearers"; headline as provided by source]

Top official from the central government's liaison office in Hong Kong has defended its right to recommend torch-bearers for the Olympic torch relay in Hong Kong after it was criticised for interfering in the city's affairs.

The defence came two days after Timothy Fok Tsun-ting, president of the Sports Federation and Hong Kong Olympic Committee, revealed the liaison office had played a role in deciding the list of torch-bearers.

Liaison office deputy director Li Gang said it was asked by the Beijing Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games, which was entitled to nominate some of the torch-bearers in all the countries and regions joining the torch relay, to submit a list of torch-bearers to the Hong Kong Olympic Committee.

"What we do is in line with all the procedures required by the International Olympic Committee, and the accusation of interference is totally groundless," Mr Li said.

A total of 120 torch-bearers will take part in the Hong Kong leg of the torch relay next Friday. Twelve will be nominated by the Games' organizing committee in Beijing, 24 by relay sponsors, and 84 by the Sports Federation and Hong Kong Olympic Committee.

The names of those chosen are expected to be announced on Tuesday.

The Civil Human Rights Front announced yesterday that it would stage protests along the route of the torch relay to alert the international community to Hong Kong people's demand for democracy.

Four Danish activists, led by sculptor Jens Galschiot who created the Pillar of Shame to commemorate the June 4 Tiananmen crackdown, will also arrive in the city today to prepare for protests calling for improved human rights on the mainland.

A group will join the Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements in China in a demonstration during the relay.

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The three arrived on Saturday from Denmark and were questioned by officials for nearly six hours before being escorted by armed police on to a London-bound flight, the South China Morning Post quoted one of the three, Jens Galschiot, as saying.

Galschiot is the Danish sculptor of the Pillar of Shame at Hong Kong University which commemorates the 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy protests centered on Beijing's Tiananmen Square. A Department spokesman said only that it had a duty to "uphold effective controls", the newspaper said.

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HONG KONG (Reuters) - Hong Kong's decision to bar three activists who planned to protest against rights violations in China during the Olympic torch relay in the city on May 2, was criticised on Sunday by a pro-democracy group.

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The three, including Danish sculptor Jens Galschiot, arrived on Saturday from Denmark and were questioned by officials for nearly six hours before being escorted by armed police onto a London-bound flight, a cameraman travelling with the three told Reuters.

"I was shocked and disappointed because we spent a lot of time and money planning this project," said Niels Madsen who was allowed into Hong Kong.

"We felt if we weren't interfering directly with the torch there would be no problem, we were only here to do make some peaceful activities," Madsen told Reuters.

The Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China which holds a candlelight vigil every year on June 4 to commemorate victims of the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown in Beijing, criticised the government for bowing to pressure from China in barring the trio from entering.

Hong Kong Security Chief Ambrose Lee has said people can demonstrate peacefully during the relay as long as they exercise restraint. But he recently hardened his line, saying Tibetan separatists wouldn't be welcome in the territory. A Department spokesman said only that it had a duty to "uphold effective controls", the South China Morning Post newspaper reported.

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Hong Kong was returned to China from Britain in 1997 amid promises of a high degree of autonomy. Despite its reputation as a free and open Asian hub, authorities have in the past blacklisted individuals including Falungong members

from entering the territory at sensitive times.

"We told ourselves that Hong Kong is a kind of democratic free island in China, and now it seems a bit different," said Madsen.

Galschiot is the Danish sculptor of the Pillar of Shame at Hong Kong University, a writhing mass of human figures which marks the 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy protests in Beijing.

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## Report: 3 human rights activists denied entry to Hong Kong

HONG KONG -- Three human rights activists who planned to protest during Hong Kong's leg of the Olympic torch relay have been barred from entering the Chinese-ruled territory, local media and one of the activists said Sunday.

The alleged denial of entry came days before the torch's arrival in Hong Kong on Wednesday, which marks the flame's return to Chinese soil after a global tour marred by protests against China's human rights record.

Protests are also likely in this former British colony when the torch arrives because it enjoys Western-style civil liberties, like freedom of protest, which are denied in the mainland.

The three activists, including Danish sculptor Jens Galschiot, were questioned for almost six hours upon arriving from Denmark on Saturday and later escorted by heavily armed police onto a London-bound flight, the South China Morning Post reported Sunday.

But cameraman Niels Madsen, who traveled with the trio to document their activities in Hong Kong, was allowed to enter the city without any questioning, the paper said.

Galschiot said on the Web site of his group, Color Orange, that its members were questioned separately about their visit to Hong Kong, and their camera and mobile phones were confiscated. 'We spent the next hours partly being questioned, partly waiting, and we're finally told that we, for 'immigration reasons' could not enter Hong Kong, and should take the next plane back,' Galschiot said. 'We are refused entrance to Hong Kong for no apparent reason,' he said. Spokeswoman Heidi Liu from Hong Kong's Immigration Department said the department won't comment on individual cases.

Galschiot is the sculptor of 'The Pillar of Shame,' which depicts 50 twisted human bodies to mourn pro-democracy demonstrators killed in the military crackdown at Tiananmen Square in Beijing in June 1989.

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## Olympic Torch Reaches Acropolis

By NICHOLAS PAPHITIS  
The Associated Press  
Saturday, March 29, 2008; 2:56 PM

ATHENS, Greece -- Torchbearers carried the Olympic flame through the crowded streets of Athens to the Acropolis Saturday amid heavy security and demonstrations by small groups of protesters.

At the foot of the Acropolis, a pro-Tibet group unfurled a banner reading "Free Tibet 2008" and lit candles to protest China's deadly crackdown there.

"We don't want the torch relay to pass through Tibet," said one protester who identified herself only as Klara.

Earlier, police briefly scuffled with a group of anti-globalization demonstrators shortly after the torch relay entered the city.

The relay was not disrupted by either protest and no arrests were reported.

More than 2,000 police officers were deployed in Athens for the relay. A helicopter flew overhead and about a dozen plainclothes officers on motorcycles flanked the torchbearers.

Thousands of people gathered along the route to watch as the runners \_ including Athens Mayor Nikitas Kakkamanis \_ ran through streets lined with the Chinese, Greek and Olympic flags.

Organizers had made last-minute changes to the torch route to prevent protests against China's human rights record from disrupting the event.

The torch will be handed over to Beijing officials on Sunday at the restored ancient stadium where the first modern Olympics were held in 1896.

China's crackdown on anti-government protests in Tibet more than two weeks ago has prompted protests in several countries, and campaigners have pledged to demonstrate throughout the 85,100-mile global torch relay.

The flame was lit five days ago at Ancient Olympia, birthplace of the ancient games, and will be handed over to Beijing 2008 organizers Sunday after its overnight stop on the 2,500-year-old Acropolis.

At Monday's lighting ceremony, French campaigners protesting China's human rights record dodged tight security to display black flags with handcuffs replacing the Olympic rings. Pro-Tibetan demonstrators briefly stopped the relay later that day.

Greek and Chinese Olympic officials condemned the protests.

"We are here to celebrate the Olympic spirit, not to enter political debate," said Wang Wei, executive vice president of the Beijing organizing committee.

Hellenic Olympic Committee president Minos Kyriakou said the protests were from a "super, super minority."

"(The torch) went on a seven-day fairy tale journey around Greece ... the reception was enthusiastic through the country," Kyriakou said. "We are here for sport ... if some small minority wants to demonstrate (that) is their problem."

Led by monks, the Tibet protests began peacefully on March 10 \_ the anniversary of a failed 1959 uprising against Chinese rule. Tibet had been effectively independent for decades before Chinese communist troops entered in 1950.

Tibetan exiles say almost 140 people have died in the violence in Tibet. Beijing puts the number at 22.

But Wang said people in the West "have not got the truth" on the events. China has accused the Dalai Lama, the exiled Tibetan Buddhist leader, of masterminding the riots in Tibet. The Dalai Lama has denied the accusations.

"The truth is that turmoil, the riots, were orchestrated by a small group of people," he said.

"We are all striving for the same goal in the world, for peace, for love, for progress," Wang said.

Earlier Saturday, a small group of Danish activists dressed in orange staged a peaceful protest at the headquarters of the Hellenic Olympic Committee.

"We are here to protest the state of human rights in China and to speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves in China," protester Maja Groen said.

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Associated Press writers Demetris Nellis and Maria Paschoula in Athens contributed to this report.

# China defends liaison office's role in naming Hong Kong torch-bearers

Source: Asia Intelligence Wire  
Date: Sunday 27, April 2008

Text of report by Hong Kong newspaper South China Morning Post website on 26 April

Report by Celine Sun And Fanny W. Y. Fung: "Deputy Defends Liaison Office's Role to Nominate Torch-Bearers"; headline as provided by source]

A top official from the central government's liaison office in Hong Kong has defended its right to recommend torch-bearers for the Olympic torch relay in Hong Kong after it was criticised for interfering in the city's affairs.

The defence came two days after Timothy Fok Tsun-ting, president of the Sports Federation and Hong Kong Olympic Committee, revealed the liaison office had played a role in deciding the list of torch-bearers.

Liaison office deputy director Li Gang said it was asked by the Beijing Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games, which was entitled to nominate some of the torch-bearers in all the countries and regions joining the torch relay, to submit a list of torch-bearers to the Hong Kong Olympic Committee.

"What we do is in line with all the procedures required by the International Olympic Committee, and the accusation of interference is totally groundless," Mr Li said.

A total of 120 torch-bearers will take part in the Hong Kong leg of the torch relay next Friday. Twelve will be nominated by the Games' organizing committee in Beijing, 24 by relay sponsors, and 84 by the Sports Federation and Hong Kong Olympic Committee.

The names of those chosen are expected to be announced on Tuesday.

The Civil Human Rights Front announced yesterday that it would stage protests along the route of the torch relay to alert the international community to Hong Kong people's demand for democracy.

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## Flamme olympique: trois militants danois refoulés à Hong Kong

(AFP) = Trois Danois, militants pour les droits de l'Homme, qui comptaient manifester lors du relais de la torche olympique vendredi à Hong Kong, ont été refoulés à leur arrivée samedi, a rapporté dimanche la presse hongkongaise.

Les trois hommes qui appartiennent à un groupe appelé Couleur Orange, comptaient protester contre la situation des droits de l'Homme en Chine, lors du relais de la torche vendredi dans les rues de Hong Kong.

Arrêtés à leur arrivée samedi à l'aéroport de Hong Kong, ils ont été détenus plusieurs heures avant d'être embarqués dans un vol pour Londres, a rapporté le quotidien Sunday Morning Post.

Parmi les trois hommes figure le sculpteur Jens Galschiot, dont une oeuvre, en hommage aux victimes de la place Tiananmen en 1989 à Pékin, est visible à l'université de Hong Kong.

Un porte-parole du département de l'immigration a refusé d'apporter des commentaires, mais a indiqué que son devoir était de "faire respecter des contrôles d'immigration efficaces", selon le quotidien.

**Jens Galschiøt**

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**Sendt:** 30. april 2008 01:06

**Til:** contact@TheColorOrange.net

**Emne:** Vienna City Marathon

Hello,

This is to inform you about our action at the goorangefortibet.net project during the Vienna City Marathon on the 27. April 2008.

Anyone who wants to create a follow up in his or her city, shall contact us for our support.

There are nearly 200 photos from the marathon online ([www.goorangefortibet.net](http://www.goorangefortibet.net)) everyone is free to use them. A short Flash Movie will follow in the coming days.

Hearty Greetings,  
Tseten Choedon & Simon Schneider

### **2300 Runners show solidarity with Tibet at Vienna City Marathon!**

On the 27th of April, Vienna city witnessed the Silver Jubilee of the Vienna City Marathon with more than 30,000 professional and amateur runners. The goorangefortibet.net Team distributed 2300 orange ribbons among the participants who were extremely willing to support the Tibetan cause. By wearing this orange ribbon the athletes showed their concern over Human Rights violations in Tibet and signalled the communist Chinese regime to restore to the Tibetans their birth right to self determination and human rights.

Such actions should encourage the athletes participating in the 2008 Peking Olympic games, to be the ambassador for the Tibetan people living in Tibet under the tyrannical Chinese rule. These 2500 runners showed solidarity with the Tibetan cause. Many of the runners said FREE TIBET and wished us good luck on our mission for bringing peace on the roof of the world. It was a very positive experience for us, as we came to know that sports people are well aware of the social issues concerning the world and are highly motivated to take action for justice. Our hearty thanks for your support and for inspiring the Olympic sportsmen to voice their demand for human rights in Tibet.

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## Orange: colour of the Dutch and protest?

Reuters , Thursday May 22 2008

By Reed Stevenson

AMSTERDAM, May 22 (Reuters) - Orange, the favoured colour of Dutch sports fans, should be used by visitors to the Olympics as the colour of protest, according to a Danish political activist.

Orange is also worn by monks in Tibet, in addition to their burgundy robes, and has been used in Ukraine and Kenya as a sign of political change.

That makes it an ideal colour to protest against China's human rights policies at the Beijing Olympics in August, says Danish sculptor Jens Galschiøt.

"We want to encourage people to use orange as a symbol of human rights abuse in China," Galschiøt said.

"China can't ban the colour, it's not able to ban it."

Fearing that the Games may become a stage for protests after the military crackdown in Tibet and disruption of the Olympic torch relay, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has issued guidelines to National Olympic Committees that their athletes should refrain from political statements.

The colour orange is intertwined with the Netherlands' royal House of Orange-Nassau, stretching back to the 16th century when William I, Prince of Orange, led a Dutch revolt against the Spanish that eventually resulted in independence.

"Orange is the colour of the royal family and of sports in the Netherlands," said Erwin te Bokkel, spokesman for the Dutch Olympic Committee. "Everyone knows about the colour, there's no concern there will be a misunderstanding." Amnesty International voiced concern about promoting the use of a colour as a protest vehicle because it could be banned.

"It's better to keep focus on the issues, rather than the delivery methods," said Amnesty spokesman Robert Godden.

The Dutch flag includes three horizontal stripes of red, white and blue that are also featured on sport uniforms, but no orange.

Bokkel would not discuss the uniforms to be worn by Dutch athletes at the Aug. 8 opening ceremony but said: "You can expect that the colour orange will be used in our national team colours." (Editing by Robert Woodward)

## Olympic torch relay starts in South Korea

SEOUL (AFP) - The Beijing Olympic torch on Sunday began the South Korean leg of its troubled worldwide relay, with thousands of police deployed to block threatened protests.

But pro-China demonstrators vastly outnumbered protesters at Olympic Park in southeastern Seoul where the relay began around 2.20 pm (0520 GMT), an AFP correspondent reported.

Thousands of Chinese gave a huge cheer as the tightly guarded relay began, accompanied by 60 track-suited police runners. Another 60 will take over at the half-way point of the 24-kilometre (15-mile) relay route.

In Hong Kong Three human rights activists planning to protest when the Beijing Olympic torch relay comes through Hong Kong have been barred from entering the territory, a report said Sunday.

The three, including Danish sculptor Jens Galschiot, were detained for several hours on arrival Saturday and then flown out of the southern Chinese city later the same day, the Sunday Morning Post said.

The three belonged to a group called the Colour Orange and were planning to protest human rights violations in China when the torch makes its way through the city on Friday.

In Seoul two police helicopters circled Olympic park and thousands of regular and riot police officers were deployed in the area, vastly outnumbering scattered groups of protesters at the park.

A coalition of 63 rights, religious and conservative groups have said thousands are expected to take to the streets in protest.

'Police will maintain watertight security to make sure that everything goes smoothly,' a senior official handling the security told AFP on Sunday.

'Police will immediately arrest anyone who tries to stop or disrupt the Olympic torch relay. We will deal sternly with such cases.'

The flame arrived at Seoul's Incheon airport early Sunday, amid tight security. No disruption was reported with hundreds of police at the airport.

The torch landed from Japan where protesters hurled rubbish and flares during its run on Saturday and brawled with Chinese supporters. At least four people were injured in the scuffles in the mountain resort of Nagano.

Earlier legs were also hit by protests, particularly in London and Paris, angering China which had hoped the worldwide relay would be symbolic of its rising status and pride in hosting the August Games.

Activists protesting against China's crackdown in Tibet and its policy of repatriating North Korean refugees have promised similar scenes in South Korea.

North Korean defectors plan to block bridges over the broad Han River, which the runners are scheduled to use. 'We're going to try to stop the relay at all costs,' Han Chang-Kwon, who represents a defectors' group, said Friday.

'We have prepared several units of defectors who will desperately try to stop the progress of the relay when it crosses one of the main bridges.'

Human Rights Watch, a US-based rights group, said Seoul should use the occasion to urge Beijing to change its policy of repatriating North Korean refugees, who can face harsh punishment or even death on their return.

Many of the thousands of Chinese studying or working in South Korea also plan to turn out but they will welcome the torch, said Liu Yen of the Chinese Resident's Association Seoul Korea.

'We'll hold welcoming placards high and wave our national flags,' she told Yonhap news agency Friday.

Dozens of activists rallied Saturday near Olympic Park ahead of the relay.

'We're going to try to stop the relay,' said refugee Choi Hye-Jeong, who tearfully added she was tortured by North Korean authorities when Chinese officials forced her to return to her country several years ago.

'I get enraged every time I think of what they did to me. I won't let this relay happen as planned,' she told Yonhap.

Human rights lawyer Kim Sang-Chul said China has repatriated some 75,000 North Koreans over the last 15 years and vowed to stop the torch.

'China tries to promote itself as a civilised nation but what it's doing to the defectors is uncivilised,' he said.

The torch heads late Sunday to North Korea, a close ally of China that has strongly criticised the overseas protests.

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## H.K. denies entry to Olympic torch protesters+

HONG KONG, April 27 (Kyodo) - A group of human rights activists who planned a protest in Hong Kong during the Olympic torch relay next week was barred from entering the territory and turned back home, the group said Sunday.

Upon arriving in Hong Kong on Saturday night, the group, including Danish sculptor Jens Galschiot, was questioned for hours by immigration officials on their purpose of their trip, the group said on the website <http://www.thecolororange.net>.

Galschiot is the sculptor of the "Pillar of Shame" at the University of Hong Kong, which commemorates the June 1989 Tiananmen crackdown.

"Our luggage was examined and cameras and mobile phones were confiscated," a statement on the website said.

"We told them about the plans of painting the Pillar of Shame at the University of Hong Kong orange, and about our further plans in Hong Kong," it said.

Galschiot was invited to repair and paint the pillar in orange to protest against China's human rights record.

The Immigration Department said it has the right to bar any nonresident from entering Hong Kong, just like any other country.

## Kyodo sports news summary+

TOKYO, April 27 (Kyodo) ----- Baseball: Iguchi's 13th-inning walkoff HR lifts Padres

SAN DIEGO, California - San Diego Padres second baseman Tadahito Iguchi hit a walkoff solo homer in the 13th inning for an 8-7 win over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Saturday.

With the game tied 7-7 and one out, Iguchi drove a full-count pitch from Yusmeiro Petit over the left-field wall for his first home run of the season.

Source: Japan Economic Newswire  
Date: Sunday 27, April 2008

----- Baseball: Bocachica blasts off in Seibu romp of Orix

TOKOROZAWA, Japan - Hiram Bocachica homered twice and batted in four runs to ignite the offense as the Pacific League-leading Seibu Lions routed the Orix Buffaloes 10-3 to win their third game in a row on Sunday.

In other Pacific League Games, Nobuhiko Matsunaka homered and drove in three runs in the Softbank Hawks 5-3 win over the Chiba Lotte Marines while Masahiro Tanaka threw his second shutout of the season on a six-hitter as the Rakuten Eagles blanked the Nippon Ham Fighters 5-0. In Central League games, the Yokohama BayStars were 3-1 winners against the Hiroshima Carp, the Hanshin Tigers edged the Yomiuri Giants 4-3 and the Chunichi Dragons beat the Yakult Swallows 4-2.

----- Baseball: Uehara taken off active roster

TOKYO - Struggling Yomiuri Giants right-hander Koji Uehara was removed from the active roster Sunday and will have to spend time on the club's farm team.

Uehara, who is 0-4 with a 6.75 ERA in five games, has gotten off to a nightmare start since returning to the starting rotation after notching a club-record 32 saves in the closer's role last year.

----- Soccer: Departing Matsui hits double in Le Mans win

LE MANS, France - Departing Japanese midfielder Daisuke Matsui scored twice to lead Le Mans to a 3-2 win at home Lens in the French first division on Saturday.

Matsui put the home side in front with a 20th-minute volley and fired home in the 25th to complete his brace and take his league goal tally for the season to five.

----- Soccer: Valiant Omiya hold champions Kashima, Kobe edge Gamba

SAITAMA, Japan - Shinzo Koroki ended Kashima Antlers' five-hour goal drought but the J-League champions had to be content with a point after a 1-1 draw at Omiya Ardija in the J-League on Sunday.

Kashima looked to be heading back to the top of the table after Koroki's 28th-minute opener but the home side leveled through Yoshiyuki Kobayashi's header and were unlucky not to come away with all three points after a late onslaught.

----- Tennis: France beats Japan to retain World Group status in Fed Cup

TOKYO - Former world No. 1 Amelie Mauresmo cruised past Ai Sugiyama with a straight-sets win to give France an unassailable 3-0 lead over Japan in their Fed Cup playoff on Sunday.

Mauresmo eased to a 6-1, 6-4 victory at Tokyo's Ariake Colosseum to secure France's World Group status for next year while denying Japan a return to the top flight.

----- Tennis: Date wins in comeback from retirement

GIFU, Japan - Kimiko Krumm Date, one of Japan's most successful tennis players, came out of retirement to mark her comeback to competitive tennis with a come-from-behind win in an International Tennis Federation event Sunday.

Krumm Date defeated high school player Anna Tajima 6-7, 6-1, 6-3 in the first round of the Kangaroo Cup International Ladies Open in her first match appearance since announcing her surprise return to the professional circuits.

----- Judo: Hiraoka, Uchishiba officially get Olympic tickets

JEJU, South Korea - Japan secured berths for all weight categories in the Beijing Olympic judo competition after Hiroaki Hiraoka and Masato Uchishiba qualified in their classes on the final day of the Asian championships.

Hiraoka added the men's 60-kilogram Asian crown to the national weight-class

invitational title that helped pave the way for him to make his first Olympic appearance at the expense of three-time gold medalist Tadahiro Nomura.

----- H.K. denies entry to Olympic torch protesters

HONG KONG - A group of human rights activists who planned a protest in Hong Kong during the Olympic torch relay next week was barred from entering the territory and turned back home, the group said Sunday.

Upon arriving in Hong Kong on Saturday night, the group, including Danish sculptor Jens Galschiot, was questioned for hours by immigration officials on their purpose of their trip, the group said on the website <http://www.thecolororange.net>.

----- S. Korean leg of torch relay marked by scuffles, protests

SEOUL - The Olympic torch relay traveled through the South Korean capital on Sunday, triggering minor scuffles between Chinese supporters and those opposed to China's policy of forcibly returning North Korean refugees.

Soon after the first runner set off from Seoul's Olympic Park, over a thousand Chinese comprised mostly of students stormed a nearby protest gathering by North Korean defectors and their supporters and pelted them with metal bars and plastic bottles. Some members of the press covering the event were injured in the melee.

----- Golf: Iwata's late collapse gives Ho victory at Tsuruya Open

KAWANISHI, Japan - South Korean tour veteran S.K. Ho snatched his first victory in two years Sunday after winless overnight leader Hiroshi Iwata self-destructed down the stretch at the Tsuruya Open.

Ho claimed his seventh career title with a final-round 68, which took him to a 12-under 272 total at Yamano-hara Golf Club in Hyogo Prefecture. Countryman Kim Kyung Tae finished one shot adrift after a 66 while Iwata settled for third on 274 after blowing his lead with back-to-back double bogeys on the final two holes.

----- Golf: Uehara wins Fujisankei Ladies for 1st career title

ITO, Japan - Ayako Uehara rallied to win her first career title on the Japan LPGA tour Sunday, shooting a 6-under-par 66 to claim a one-shot victory at the

Fujisankei Ladies Classic.

Uehara, who was five shots behind overnight leader Erina Hara at the start of the day, made seven birdies against a lone bogey to finish at 8-under 208 at Kawana Hotel Golf Club in Shizuoka Prefecture.

----- Pyongyang set for arrival of Olympic flame

PYONGYANG - Pyongyang was set on Sunday for its leg of the Olympic torch relay, holding a rehearsal for the first-ever event as it awaited the arrival of the flame in the early hours of Monday.

The rehearsal of an opening ceremony was held in front of the Tower of the Juche Idea, where the first torchbearer in a white track suit practiced the motions that will take place from 10 a.m. Monday.

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## Hong Kong group launches campaign to welcome torch relay

Text of report by Radio TV Hong Kong Radio 3 on 27 April

[Newsreader] A group of prominent Hong Kong people has launched a campaign to welcome the Olympic torch relay. Headed by Jack So, chairman of the Trade Development Council, the group is urging the public to wear red on the relay day and they will also hand out national and SAR [Hong Kong Special Administrative Region] flags, as well as millions of stickers supporting the games.

But Mr So insists that politics and the Olympics should not mix. This follows the earlier decision by airport immigration officials to bar a trio of human rights activists from entering Hong Kong, without explanation. Simon Li has details.

[Li] Greeting the Olympic torch with a sea of red - that's the aim of a campaign being planned by a group of prominent members of the business and professional sectors. Calling themselves the Committee for Welcoming the Torch, they want to mobilize the community to share what they say will be a proud moment.

Jack So, chairman of the Trade Development Council and convener of the campaign, is asking the public to dress in red on 2 May, the day when the torch is being relayed here. He says they will also be distributing materials for the public to show support.

[So] We will also organize for the printing of national flag, Hong Kong's SAR flag, as well as 2 million stickers. On the day, 2 May, wherever they are, at work, at play, in school, at home - [people should] do their best to show the world that we are united in supporting Beijing, supporting our motherland and supporting the Olympic Games.

[Li] Mr So says politics should play no role in the welcoming festivities.

Earlier, Jens Galschiot, the Danish sculptor who created the Pillar of Shame commemorating the Tiananmen crackdown, found himself unwelcome. He and two colleagues were refused entry at the airport on Saturday [26 April], questioned by immigration officials for six hours then escorted onto a flight to London.

Executive Councillor Bernard Chan, another member of the Wear Red torch welcoming campaign, says it is perfectly all right for people to express their views during the torch relay. He also says any immigration decision would have been based on the risk assessment made by the authorities.

[Chan] Obviously, we have no idea why they denied this access, so I'm not here to comment on whether we are doing the right thing or not. But as Hong Kong is a city, is a free port, is a free city, is a cosmopolitan city, we have every right to welcome everyone to Hong Kong provided they obey the law and order of Hong Kong.

[Li] Badminton duo Wang Chen and Yip Pui-yin said they will be among the torch bearers during the relay here on Friday.

[Newsreader] The Hong Kong Alliance in Support of the Patriotic and Democratic Movement in China has accused the government of seeking to please Beijing by barring the three human rights activists from entering Hong Kong. Legislator Lee Cheuk-yan is the Alliance's vice-chairman.

[Lee] I think it's just to please the central government. It's sort of what we call in Cantonese [a] shoe-shining exercise. It will really affect the image of Hong Kong as an international city when you don't even allow artists - artists - to come in to express their concern through artwork on human rights in China.

[Newsreader] The Immigration Department said it will not comment on individual cases. The department said all cases are handled in accordance with the law, having due regard to individual circumstances.

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## Kyodo news summary -3-+

TOKYO, April 27 (Kyodo) \_----- DPJ on way to beating LDP in 1st nat'l-level election under Fukuda

YAMAGUCHI, Japan - The main opposition Democratic Party of Japan is heading toward beating the ruling Liberal Democratic Party in Sunday's House of Representatives by-election in Yamaguchi Prefecture, in a sign of voter disappointment over Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda's handling of road tax and elderly medical care issues, projections by Kyodo News showed.

The projected victory of Hideo Hiraoka, 54, in the first national-level election under the seven-month-old Fukuda administration is expected to raise doubts about the prime minister's leadership, while emboldening the DPJ to step up its attack against the government over road taxes and put pressure on Fukuda to call for an early general election.

----- Gov't mulls Cabinet decision on freeing up road-related tax revenues

TOKYO - The government is considering putting its plan to free up road-related tax revenues for general expenditures from fiscal 2009 to a formal Cabinet decision, government sources said Sunday.

Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda is expected to make a final decision on whether to realize the idea after assessing lingering opposition to freeing up the revenues within his own Liberal Democratic Party, the sources said.

----- Tamil Tiger rebels bomb military base in N.E. Sri Lanka

COLOMBO - Tamil Tiger light aircraft bombed a key military base in northeastern Sri Lanka on Sunday in an audacious attack ahead of a visit to the island by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

The bombing did not cause significant damage or casualties at the Weli Oya military complex, but it was a psychological blow to troops and raised questions of security ahead of Monday's visit by Ahmadinejad.

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----- Nepal's Maoists bid for power faces strong opposition

KATHMANDU - Only days after formal result of this month's historic election officially transformed the Maoists into the biggest player in Nepalese politics, the party realizes that leading a new government will be difficult.

Mistrust between political parties and an unwillingness of Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala's Nepali Congress to handover the reins of the interim government to the Maoists threatens to fracture the three-year alliance of political parties, and possibly also hamper the peace process.

----- Plaintiff not to appeal ruling finding Iraq dispatch unconstitutional

NAGOYA - Plaintiffs officially decided Sunday not to appeal a court ruling branding the Air Self-Defense Force's dispatch to Iraq unconstitutional, the plaintiffs said.

The April 17 Nagoya High Court ruling will thereby become final because the government is unable to appeal the ruling as it in formality won in the litigation.

----- Hamas leader reiterates truce offer in return for 1967 borders

DOHA - The leader of the Palestinian group Hamas has said that if the establishment of a Palestinian state is recognized including Gaza and the West Bank, Hamas is prepared to offer a 10-year truce with Israel.

In an interview with Kyodo News on Saturday in the Qatari capital Doha, Khaled Meshaal said that while Hamas' position "is not to recognize Israel," he indicated that a Palestinian state based on the 1967 borders may in the future recognize Israel's right to exist.

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## Chinese drown out protesters in S. Korea Olympic torch leg

Chinese students are blocked by South Korean riot police as they try to confront anti-China protesters after the Beijing Olympic torch relay ceremony in Seoul on Sunday. -- PHOTO: AFP SEOUL - THOUSANDS of Chinese shouting support for the Beijing Games turned a central Seoul plaza into a sea of red flags as the Olympic torch ended its South Korean relay without disruption Sunday amid a huge police presence.

Anti-China activists failed in their efforts to block the torch but were involved in sporadic stone-throwing clashes with Beijing's supporters, who vastly outnumbered them.

Police deployed 8,300 regular and anti-riot officers backed up by two helicopters. No disruptions were reported along the 24-kilometre route, the latest leg in a troubled worldwide journey.

'Go, go, China!' Chinese residents yelled, roaring their approval as the torch arrived outside City Hall. 'One China!' they shouted in reference to pro-Tibet protests elsewhere.

Some 300 protesters at the start in Olympic Park were mainly angry at China's forced repatriation of North Korean refugees. They were dwarfed by more than 6,000 pro-China demonstrators, according to police estimates.

A brief clash at the park between the two groups ended when riot police carrying shields separated them. Some Chinese threw water bottles, stones, chunks of wood and drink cans at their adversaries. Vietnam vows secure torch relay as protests called HO CHI MINH CITY - VIETNAMESE security forces alone will guard the protest-ridden Olympics torch in Ho Chi Minh City, officials said on Sunday, as political activists called for demonstrations over an island dispute with China.

Chinese security has been involved in protecting the torch in several countries on its journey before the Beijing 2008 Olympics in August, but not for the April 29 leg in the city many still call Saigon. ... more Activists barred from HK ahead of Olympic torch relay HONG KONG - THREE human rights activists planning to protest when the Beijing Olympic torch relay comes through Hong Kong have been barred from entering the territory, a report said on Sunday.

The three, including Danish sculptor Jens Galschiot, were detained for several hours on arrival on Saturday and then flown out of the southern Chinese city later the same day, the Sunday Morning Post said. ... more Nearby, witnesses said Chinese students surrounded and beat up a small group of protesters. They said a local newspaper photographer suffered a head injury from a stone thrown by the students.

### Fiery protest

A middle-aged man claiming to have fled North Korea tried set himself on fire in protest at the event.

The man poured what appeared to be gasoline over himself near the torch bearer but was immediately stopped by police.

Police tightly guarded local subway stations and the relay route, including Han river bridges which demonstrators had vowed to block.

They said they arrested four people - a Chinese student for hurling a stone at protesters and three demonstrators for trying to disrupt the relay.

Two policemen were injured.

China sends back all those North Koreans it catches as economic migrants, a policy strongly criticised by rights groups. Refugees face severe punishment, or even reportedly a death sentence in some cases, on their return.

### Relay route

The torch was to be flown late Sunday to communist North Korea, a strong ally of Beijing, which has arranged a major protest-free welcome.

Meanwhile, a special Olympic flame arrived at Mount Everest base camp Sunday, an attempt by Beijing Games organisers to bring the symbol to the top of the world's highest mountain, China's official Xinhua news agency said. -- AFP, AP

## Protesters disrupt start of Seoul torch relay

SEOUL, South Korea (CNN) -- The Olympic flame began the 17th leg of its protest-plagued global relay in Seoul, South Korea, Sunday -- with Chinese students vastly outnumbering demonstrators.

A North Korean defector tried to set himself on fire but was stopped by police. Sporadic scuffles broke out along the route between demonstrators and Chinese students as police tried to keep the two groups apart.

At least 8,000 riot police were deployed to guard the 15-mile (24 km) route, which started at Olympic Park, built when Seoul hosted the Summer Games in 1988, and winds down at City Hall in central Seoul. 'They will try their best to prevent any kind of intervention,' said Gi Hyung Keum, spokesman for the South Korean Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism.

South Korea is no stranger to demonstrations. Police have successfully handled large crowds, such as recent protests against the country signing a free trade agreement with the United States.

After Seoul was granted the 1988 Games, massive pro-democracy demonstrations broke out, prompting the then-military government to enact sweeping reforms. Among them was the decision to hold direct presidential elections. 'I respect people's rights to protest, to have their say. But this is not the venue for various people to express their political interests,' said Kim Sang-Woo of the Korean Olympic Committee.

An hour before the start of the relay, thousands of Chinese students thronged the park plaza, singing songs and chanting 'One China, One World' slogans. About 30,000 Chinese students study in South Korea.

In other recent Asian legs of the relay, a large number of Chinese students have attended. In Bangkok, Thailand, students told CNN the Chinese Embassy there provided their transportation and gave them shirts to wear.

As in several past stops, demonstrators protesting China's policy toward Tibet turned out at the rally. They were joined by other demonstrators critical of how China forcefully deports North Korean refugees back to their impoverished country when they escape into China.

Under the North Korean penal code, leaving the country without state permission can be considered an act of treason, punishable by heavy penalties including imprisonment and forced labor, said Kay Seok of Seoul's Human Rights Watch. 'They will be invariably interrogated about what they did in China, why they went to China and who they met there,' she said. 'And depending on the result of the interrogation, they will be sent to labor camps for a few months or to prison for a few years.' The flame arrived shortly after midnight from another Olympic host city: Nagano, Japan, site of the 1998 Winter Olympic Games. A few sideliners waved Tibetan flags, but those were outnumbered by those holding large Chinese flags. Despite some scuffles, the relay went off uninterrupted. The torch has been shadowed on its journeys by pro-Tibet demonstrators who troubled the relay in London, England; Paris, France; and San Francisco, California. Stops in those cities attracted tens of thousands of demonstrators and prompted dozens of arrests.

Security concerns prompted Pakistani officials to close the relay to the public and hold it at a stadium in front of invited guests. India truncated the route and kept protesters at bay by lining the route with thousands of police officers and paramilitary troopers.

But stops in some countries, such as Argentina, Tanzania and Oman, have been trouble-free.

From Seoul, the torch heads to Pyongyang, North Korea. On Wednesday, it travels to Hong Kong.

Three human rights activists who planned on protesting the torch relay there said Sunday that they there were barred from entering the Chinese-ruled territory. 'We (were) finally told that we for 'immigration reasons' could not enter HK, and should take the next plane back,' wrote Danish sculptor Jens Galschiot on the Web site of his group, Color Orange. 'Although repeatedly asking for the reason of being denied access, they would/could not explain it in more details than 'we do not live up to the requirements of immigration.' Galschiot sculpted 'The Pillar of Shame,' which depicts 50 torn and twisted bodies to symbolize those who died in a Chinese crackdown on Tiananmen Square in 1989.

The torch relay ends its round-the-world jaunt of 21 cities in five continents in Beijing in August. CNN's Sohn Jie-Ae contributed to this report.

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## The Olympic Torch will be met with orange actions when it comes to China

*The Chinese Democracy Movement in Hong Kong in cooperation with Danish artist Jens Galschiot are going to make sure that also on Chinese ground, orange actions will be made to put focus on human rights in China during the Torch relay and the following ceremonies in Hong Kong.*

Galschiot will bring several activists and a TV-documentarist, who will cover the actions in Hong Kong.

The idea of using the color orange as a global symbol of the human rights violations in China has spread like wildfire on the Internet and among the actors in OG-connections. Politicians from both right and left wing, have declared they are considering meeting up in orange instead of boycotting OG2008. See BBC TV-broadcasting from Greece: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T92fGP-SEVM>

### So far the program is as follows:

**26th April:** Galschiot and the Orange group arrive in the airport of Hong Kong. (HKG, BA27)

**27th April:** Press conference in front of the Pillar of Shame at the Hong Kong University, where the Orange group and the democracy movement will present the program for the activities in Hong Kong

**28th and 29th April:** Galschiot in cooperation with his fellow workers and people from the Chinese democracy movement, are will repair the 8 metre high 'Pillar of Shame' sculpture at the Hong Kong University. The sculpture was set up in 1997 together with the Chinese democracy movement as a memorial on Chinese ground of the massacre of the students at the Tiananmen square in Beijing 4<sup>th</sup> June 1989. The sculpture was set up three weeks before China was to take over Hong Kong, and it provoked disturbances and comprehensive discussions about freedom of speech in Hong Kong and Asia. The events were exposed globally by the many foreign journalists, who stayed in Hong Kong to report of China's taking over of the British crown colony, and the sculpture became a global symbol of an atrocity. Later Pillars were set up in Mexico and Brazil. <http://www.aidoh.dk/?categoryID=62>

**30th April:** Exactly 100 days before the opening of OG2008 (08.08.08) delegates for the Chinese democracy movement, the students' movement in Hong Kong and the Danish artist will paint the Pillar of Shame orange to put focus on China's human rights violations and the fact that China broke the deal with the Olympic Committee about improving the conditions, if they were allowed to hold the OG2008.

**1st May:** The Orange activists are going to participate in the May 1<sup>st</sup> demonstrations of the labour movement.

**2nd May:** The Olympic Torch will pass through Hong Kong. This is probably the only place on Chinese ground, where it is possible for the Chinese to speak out criticism about the holding of the Olympic Games and the violation and the human rights. Also the many Orange activists take part displaying their Orange message.

The Democracy Movement has made thousands of Orange bracelets with the official Olympic slogan: "One World, One Dream". In an Orange context this means also the dream of freedom of speech and respect for human rights in China.



**2 Torches in Hong Kong:** The Democracy movement plans to lead a copy of "Statue of Liberty with Torch", which the students originally made at the Tiananmen place in 1989 through Hong Kong. The figure will work as a reminder about the students' fight for democracy and against the suppression of the human rights in China.

**3rd May:** The Olympic torch arrives in Macau and it's also the World Press Freedom Day. Since this whole conflict about the human rights in China has suppression of the press freedom as a core issue, the Orange activists will participate in the meetings.

**4<sup>th</sup> May:** The Orange activists are participating in a 19 kilometre run to remember the students' sacrifices at the Tiananmen square 4<sup>th</sup> June 1989.

**6<sup>th</sup> May:** The Orange activists leave Hong Kong.

We will continuously put information and pictures of our activities in Hong Kong on to [www.TheColorOrange.net](http://www.TheColorOrange.net). Interviews, photos and TV-footings are available for the media by taking direct contact to the Danish group.

In most cases international media such as AP, AFP, Reuters, CNN and BBC are eager to cover the activities.

### Info:

**Departure Copenhagen (DK):** Friday 25th April at 7:50 pm (flight BA821)

Arrival Hong Kong (CN): Saturday 26th April at 5:10 pm (flight BA27)

Departure Hong Kong (CN): Tuesday 6th May at 11:40 pm (flight BA32)

Arrival Copenhagen (DK): Wednesday 7th May at 9:55 am (flight BA812)

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## Can China ban The Color Orange?

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## 3 human rights activists barred from Hong Kong

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HONG KONG - Three human rights activists who planned to protest during Hong Kong's leg of the Olympic torch relay have been barred from entering the Chinese-ruled territory, one of the activists said Sunday.

The alleged denial of entry came days before the torch's arrival in Hong Kong on Wednesday - its return to Chinese soil after a global tour marred by protests against China's human rights record.

Protests were also expected when the torch arrives in this former British colony because it enjoys Western-style civil liberties, including the freedom to protest, which are denied in the mainland.

The three activists - Danish sculptor [Jens Galschiot](#) and his two sons - were questioned for almost six hours upon arriving from Denmark on Saturday, said cameraman Niels Madsen, who traveled with the trio to document their activities in Hong Kong. They were later escorted by heavily armed police onto a flight back home, Madsen said.

Madsen said he was allowed to enter the city without any questioning, however.

Back home in Copenhagen, Galschiot said he had visited Hong Kong twice before and was surprised and disappointed at being blocked this time.

"My point of view is that Hong Kong is a democratic place. This is the only place in China where (people) respect for freedom of expression, where (people) respect for human rights," he said in a telephone interview broadcast at a news conference in Hong Kong.

He said Hong Kong immigration officials did not explain why he was refused entry and asked him to sign a document. He said he did not do so because he did not know what it was about.

Galschiot also said on the Web site of his human rights group, Color Orange, that its members were questioned separately about their visit to Hong Kong, and that their camera and mobile phones were confiscated. It was not clear if they were returned.

Spokeswoman Heidi Liu from Hong Kong's Immigration Department said the department would not comment on individual cases.

Galschiot is the sculptor of "The Pillar of Shame," which stands at Hong Kong University and depicts 50 twisted human bodies to mourn pro-democracy demonstrators killed in the military crackdown at Tiananmen Square in Beijing in June 1989.

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## Hong Kong ejects three human rights activists ahead of torch relay

Hong Kong - The Hong Kong government was criticized Sunday after sending home three foreign human rights activists who flew to the city to demonstrate at the Olympic torch relay on May 2. Heavily armed police escorted the three onto a London-bound plane Saturday evening after they were interrogated for hours following their arrival in the former British colony.

One of the three was Danish sculptor [Jens Galschiot](#) who designed a 'Pillar of Shame' memorial in Hong Kong to the victims of the 1989 Tiananmen Square Massacre in Beijing.

Hong Kong's decision to eject the three was attacked by the Hong Kong Alliance in Support of the Patriotic Development Movement in China which accused the government of trying to 'please Beijing.' A travelling companion of the three, TV cameraman Niels Madsen, who was allowed into Hong Kong, said in an interview with the Sunday Morning Post newspaper. 'Galschiot is just an artist, there's no reason to refuse him entry,' Madsen said. 'He had come to Hong Kong for a peaceful protest only and had no intention to disrupt the torch.' Hours before the three were detained and ejected on Saturday, Hong Kong Security Secretary Ambrose Lee announced that pro-Tibet protestors would be barred from entering Hong Kong.

Refusing entry to overseas protestors could be controversial. Previously, Falun Gong members who were refused entry to the former British colony mounted successful court challenges.

People in Hong Kong have freedoms to demonstrate that are denied to citizens elsewhere in China because of the terms of its return to Chinese rule in 1997.

However, officials said that displaying the Tibetan flag may be interpreted as an offence during the torch relay, and people planning protests have complained of police harassment.

One 21-year-old university student who advertised a protest on her Facebook website page complained she was telephoned daily by police and asked to report to a police station.

Several protest groups plan to highlight the unrest in Tibet during the Hong Kong torch relay although surveys suggest a large majority of the city's population

opposes anti-China protests.

The city's Beijing-appointed Chief Executive Donald Tsang is expected to be the first of 120 torch-bearers to run in the 33-kilometre relay, which will be marshalled by 3,000 police.

Hong Kong reverted to Chinese sovereignty 11 years ago under a 'one country, two systems' arrangement guaranteeing political freedoms and the right to protest.

## Pillar of Shame' sculptor claims SAR barred entry - The Standard



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### 'Pillar of Shame' sculptor claims SAR barred entry

Diana Lee

Monday, April 28, 2008

A Danish sculptor said yesterday Hong Kong's international image as a place that respects the freedom of expression has been damaged following the refusal of immigration authorities to allow him and his two sons into the city.



The three were stopped at Hong Kong International Airport when they arrived on Saturday and expelled after a six-hour interrogation during which they claimed they were denied access to lawyers.

Sculptor Jens Galschiot, who had created the "Pillar of Shame" at Hong Kong University to commemorate the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre, had been invited by the Hong Kong Alliance in Support of the Patriotic Democratic Movements of China to attend a demonstration on May 2.

Speaking in a telephone interview soon after his return to Copenhagen yesterday, Galschiot said he was not given any reason for his expulsion. He said he and his sons were escorted by police to a flight which left for London at 11.15pm on Saturday.

"It is a shame for Hong Kong," he said. "I thought Hong Kong enjoys a degree of democracy, and is the only place in China that respects freedom of expression."

Galschiot said he had repeatedly asked why he was being refused entry, but no one would give him a straight answer.

"They also refused to confirm whether I would be allowed to visit Hong Kong in the future."

The three Danes are from a group called Color Orange, which had planned to voice its concerns about human rights violations in China during Friday's Olympic torch relay here.

Galschiot, who visited Hong Kong in 1997 and 2005, had also intended to renovate the Pillar of Shame.

Niels Madsen, a TV cameraman traveling with Galschiot and the only member of the group allowed to enter Hong Kong, said they had no intention to disrupt the torch relay.

He said he had originally planned to spend 11 days in Hong Kong, but would now be leaving on Wednesday.

Alliance chairman Szeto Wah said his group will march to government headquarters to voice its disapproval of the ban on Galschiot's visit.

He called on the government to fully explain the incident. "Does this mean foreigners are banned from participating in peaceful protests in Hong Kong?" Szeto asked.

Democrat Lee Wing-tat slammed the government for endangering the freedom of expression.

Executive Council convener Leung Chun-ying said the media should not speculate on the ban on Galschiot.

"Every country has its own immigration policy, and no one grants free access to everyone," Leung said.

An Immigration Department spokesman said he could not comment on individual cases.

HKU philosophy student Christina Chan Hau-man said she too had been planning a protest on Friday and had used an internet networking site to invite participants.

She also said she had been given a flag of Tibet and had intended to make a few more to be used during the protest.

"I am not related to the alliance, and I do not support the independence of Tibet," she said.

"I only wanted to show my concern about human rights in the mainland in general."

## China ridicules Dalai Lama, despite 'talks'

Beijing - The Communist party's official mouthpiece has poured fresh scorn on the Dalai Lama, only two days after the government's abrupt announcement that it would meet his aides within days.

Tibetan exiles had greeted the announcement warily and the Dalai Lama's nephew, Khedroob Thondup, a member of the Tibetan parliament-in-exile, yesterday (APR27) attacked it as a 'ruse' designed 'to deflect pressure and give false assurance to western leaders'. Yesterday's People's Daily commentary claimed: 'The Dalai clique have always been masters at games with words and the ideas that they have tossed about truly make the head spin ... Those who split the nation are criminals to history.' The renewed attack came as a leading Tibetan official launched an extraordinarily frank condemnation of the handling of recent protests in Tibet.

Bai Ma, chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference committee in Qinghai province, said: 'It is regrettable that authorities in Lhasa failed to take firm action to control the situation during the first few hours of the March 14 riots ... They did not have enough police. They had guns, but they could not open fire without permission from above.' He told the South China Morning Post that the situation at the Drepung and Sera monasteries in Lhasa remained tense because of the patriotic education programme targeting monks. 'The heavy-handed and arbitrary tactics (of the government) only create more animosity.' The Olympic torch relay also continues to provoke controversy, with Hong Kong this weekend barring a Danish artist, Jens Galschiot, and his two sons who had planned to protest over human rights violations when the torch arrives this week.

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### Kunst-håndværk i alle afskygninger

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Af Lisbeth Stryhn, list@amtsavisen.dk

Fussingø Slot strutter af form og farver den kommende uges tid. Randers: Såvel slotsbygning som hestestald tages i brug, når Fussingø-gruppen præsenterer efterårets traditionelle udstilling med fokus på dansk kunsthåndværk.

Det sker lørdag 30. august, hvor signalet til en af gruppens største udstillinger lyder. For der vises arbejder af 24 udvalgte kunstnere, som repræsenterer snart sagt alt inden for kunsthåndværkets rammer. Glas. Ler. Tekstil. Metaller. Skind. Og ben.

Der er skåle og fade, smykker og pyntegenstande placeret i krydsfeltet mellem kunst og håndværk. Og der er genstande, som især appellerer til godt håndværk. For eksempel finder vi Danmarksmeesteren i knivmageri, Michel West, på Fussingø-udstillingen med et pænt arsenal hjemmelavede knive. På pletten er også et bundt piber, lavet af pibemager Erik Nielsen, der har valgt ud fra eget værksted.

Anette Ankerlund har specialiseret sig i at lave tasker af skind, mens Johs. Bengtsson viser grønlandsk-inspirerede smykker i ben og horn. Der er keramik i abstrakte former og i funktionelle bløde former. Nævnes skal fra lerets afdeling Dorte Visby, Helle Bovbjerg, Mariko Wada, Sten Børsting, Cathrine Collart og Sigrild Hovmand.

#### Galschiot på banen

Elisabeth Amdisen, Lene Frantzen, Hedlen Vonsild og Grethe Rolle viser arbejder i tekstil og tekstildesign.

Og så er der den udlærte kleinsmed Jens Galschiot, som vi forlængst har lært at kende som en politisk og kunstpolitisk provokatør, der har rejst rundt i verden med sine skulpturer og skamstøtter og sagt sin mening til regimers store fortørnelse. I dag driver Galschiot en psyko-terapeutisk kulturel virksomhed i Odense med flere ansatte. Og så laver han altså også skulpturer for kunstens skyld. Nogle af dem viser han på Fussingø, hvor også jernkunstneren Ingolf Steffensen viser sine modernistiske og kraftfulde skulpturer, der står i skærende kontrast til Alice Riisager Rasmussens spindelvævsfine metalflet. Glemmes skal heller ikke Kvindesmedien fra Christiania, der laver smedjærnsarbejder til mange formål - lysesager og unika skulpturer, møbler og meget andet. Endelig er der et ansigt, der tidligere er dukket op i randrusianske udstillings-sammenhænge, nemlig Marianne Juhl, der i dag bor i København. Hun har specialiseret sig i at lave smykker og små skulpturer af skrot og kasserede materialer, som hun viser et udpluk af på Fussingø-udstillingen.

I modsætning til tidligere kunstmesser har Fussingø-gruppen i år besluttet, at købelystne gæster kan få deres varer med hjem umiddelbart efter købet, hvor man tidligere skulle væbne sig med tålmodighed og først fik adgang til værkerne, når udstillingen sluttede.

Denne artikel er bragt i: Randers Amtsavis,

#### Billedtekst:

Jern. Ingolf Steffensen fra Ørum Djurs, er både smedemester og kunstner. Det er i rollen som sidstnævnte, vi ser ham på Fussingø. Foto: Flemming Højer

#### Billedtekst:

Keramik. Sigrild Hovmands atelier vender ud mod gadekæret i Nordby på Samsø. Hun har keramiske arbejder emd på Fussingø.

#### Billedtekst:

Skulptur. Jens Galschiot viser et udpluk af skulpturer på Fussingø.

#### Billedtekst:

Melankolsk. Ingolf Steffensen viser sans for form og udtryk i sine jernskulpturer.

## Exiled Tibetan allowed into Hong Kong, Dane protests exclusion

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Excerpt from report by Radio TV Hong Kong Radio 3 "Newswrap" programme on 28 April

[Presenter] The government has allowed an exiled Tibetan religious leader to enter Hong Kong to attend a Buddhist seminar. There had been fears that Thrangu Rinpoche might be denied entry ahead of the Olympic torch relay on Friday [2 May]. This came amid reports that a Tibetan monk was barred from Hong Kong on Saturday.

The Danish sculptor **Jens Galschiot** and his two sons were denied entry on the same day. They planned to take part in a human rights protest on Friday being organized by the Hong Kong Alliance in Support of the Patriotic and Democratic Movement in China. Mr Galschiot told Benjamin Wong he is planning to file several protests about his treatment in Hong Kong.

[Galschiot] I'm making a complaint to the government of Hong Kong and to the Chinese embassy in Denmark and to the immigration authorities in the airport and making a complaint about what happened, because I don't understand anything. They have given no reason. I have asked and asked and asked for a reason why they have refused me [permission] to come in in Hong Kong, but they have told me nothing. And I can see they have no right to that. Denmark has an agreement with Hong Kong just to come in there without problems.

[Wong] Since your return to Denmark, have any officials either from Hong Kong or from the Chinese embassy contacted you?

[Galschiot] No, not at all, not at all. I have only talked with the press, anybody hasn't called me. [passage omitted]

[Presenter] For further comment we are joined on the line by the director of Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor, Law Yuk-kai.

Mr Law, what's the latest information you have on people being denied entry to Hong Kong?

[Law] I think all the information is available publicly now. We at this moment are trying to contact the director of immigration to see what kind of explanation he

will give us, given the fact that even when the WTO, the World Trade Organization, [was] meeting in Hong Kong people with a lot of past record of violence or perhaps other things in demonstrations were allowed to come into Hong Kong, while this time people who have been demonstrably very peaceful, they are just artists, will not be admitted here. Why they have changed the policy, and it's clearly a roll-back from their previous position.

Actually, Hong Kong is a place of tolerance. We accept different people's opinions and allow different opinions to be expressed freely in Hong Kong, unless it has to do with incitement of violence. Why at this moment we roll back and do not follow this core value of Hong Kong? So think it is important for him to explain to us why we have this change.

[Presenter] Isn't it more likely that the director of immigration is simply going to say, we have the right to do this and we're not good comment on individual cases?

[Law] Well, he would probably use this as an excuse. The problem is there are already allegations [words indistinct] in a Chinese newspaper editorial that when he visited China he was given a list, a blacklist, and he is now enforcing that.

So at least on the policy level we want to know whether Hong Kong under one country, two systems and has this autonomy in immigration control would accept a blacklist from China? And would Hong Kong, the Immigration Department become a tool of politics to further what China wants? And would that harm one country, two systems? This is an important policy issue. He has to address this.

[Presenter] Do you expect more such cases in the coming days in the lead-up to the torch relay on Friday?

[Law] It depends on whether the Hong Kong government learnt a lesson, if they learnt a lesson from this incident. It will actually hurt Hong Kong's cause rather than help Hong Kong. It has not simply hurt Hong Kong's image. It has narrowed our room of freedom of expression. It has undermined our autonomy in immigration control. I think these lessons, these very counterproductive things, should be taken into consideration and they should not, say, stop Mia Farrow from coming into Hong Kong.

Source: RTHK Radio 3, Hong Kong, in English 1000 gmt 28 Apr 08

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Kunstneren Jens Galschiot er med i netværket The Color Orange, der bruger farven til at gøre opmærksom på Kinas overgreb mod Tibet, hvor munkene bærer orange dragter.

FOTO: CLAUD FISKE/SCANPIX

## Kunstner udvist af Hong Kong

Af frygt for optøjer ved Den Olympiske Ilds ankomst til Hong Kong blev kunstneren Jens Galschiot udvist af Hong Kong i weekenden.

AF ANE-SOPHIE HANSEN

■ Fire danskere tog til Hong Kong, men tre af dem blev udvist allerede i lufthavnen. De skulle male **JENS GALSCHIOTS** egen skulptur, 'Skamstøtten', i Hong Kong orange i protest med Kinas overgreb på Tibet samt deltage i et løb for menneskerettigheder og Worlds Free Press Day på lørdag.

Aktionen er en del af det verdensomspændende netværk The Color Orange, der samarbejder med Demokratibevægelsen i Hong Kong.

Kunstner og samfundskritiker Jens Galschiot gav i 1997 skulpturen, der symboliserer massakren mod studerende på Den Himmelske Freds Plads i Beijing i 1989, til studerende ved Hong Kongs Universitet, hvor den stadig står.

Kun fotografen **NIELS MADSEN** slap ind, selvom man ikke behøver visum for at rejse ind i Hong Kong.

Jens Galschiot og hans to sønner blev deri-

mod tilbageholdt i seks timer og udspurgt om deres ærinde i Hong Kong.

»Vi blev udvist med den begrundelse, at vi ikke levede op til immigrationsreglementet. Vi fik aldrig at vide hvorfor,« siger Jens Galschiot.

Adspurgt om hvorfor den danske stat ikke greb ind, siger generalkonsul i Hong Kong, **JØRGEN MØLLEGAARD**:

»Der har været voldsomme optøjer i forbindelse med OL. Myndighederne vil derfor sikre sig mod enhver form for uroligheder.«

Men i dag demonstreres der i Hong Kong mod udvisningen, og onsdagens happening med at male skulpturen orange sker stadig som planlagt, med kinesiske studerende og Demokratibevægelsen som aktører.

»Det er en af de første gange, at kineserne aktivt blander sig i debatten om brud på menneskerettigheder,« siger Jens Galschiot.

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**THE COLOR ORANGE**



Netværket går ikke ind for boykot af Kina, men vil sætte fokus på presse- og ytringsfrihed, så ens tanker henledes på problemerne, bare man piller en orange appelsin.



3000 Polizisten sicherten am Samstag den olympischen Fackellauf im japanischen Nagano (I.), wo sechs Demonstranten verhaftet wurden. Am Sonntag beim Lauf durch Seoul protestierte ein Mann gegen China mit dem Versuch, sich zu verbrennen



AP/Choi Je-woo/Reuters, Reuters/Cheng/Agfars

# Hongkong weist Menschenrechtler ab

Behörden verweigern drei Tibet-Aktivisten nach stundenlangem Verhör die Einreise · Zeitschrift streicht kritischen Artikel

VON CLAUDIA WANNER, HONGKONG

**D**rei Menschenrechtsaktivisten ist am Wochenende die Einreise nach Hongkong verweigert worden. Die drei, zu denen nach Angaben lokaler Medien unter anderem der dänische Bildhauer Jens Galschiot gehört, wurden bei der Einreise am Flughafen fast sechs Stunden lang verhört und dann nach London zurückgeschickt. „Da wir den Fackellauf nicht behindern wollten, hatten wir nicht mit Problemen gerechnet, wir hatten nur friedliche Aktionen geplant“, sagte der mitreisende Kameramann Niels Madsen der Nachrichtenagentur Reuters. Madsen wurde die Einreise erlaubt.

In Hongkong kommt die olympische Fackel am Mittwoch an. Am Freitag findet unter strengen Sicherheitsvorkehrungen der Lauf durch die Stadt statt, der erste auf

chinesischem Boden. Hongkong, jahrzehntelang britische Kolonie, gehört seit 1997 wieder zu China, hat aber den Status einer Sonderverwaltungszone. Die Stadtobere betonen im Vergleich zur Volksrepublik gerne die Freiheiten, die in Hongkong gelten: Rechtsstaatlichkeit, freie Presse, Eigentumsrecht. Dennoch pflegt das Territorium enge Beziehungen nach Peking. Beobachter rechnen damit, dass Hongkong der einzige Ort in der Volksrepublik sein wird, an dem es Proteste gegen Menschenrechtsverletzungen in China geben wird.

Überraschend kommt die Abweisung der drei Menschenrechtler nicht. In politisch sensiblen Zeiten hat Hongkong auch früher schon Einreiseverbote ausgesprochen. So durften zum zehnten Jahrestag der Rückgabe Hongkongs an China Mitglieder der Falun Gong nicht in die Stadt kommen.

Ambrose Lee, Hongkongs Minister für Sicherheitsfragen, hatte friedlichen Protesten während des Fackellaufs grundsätzlich zugestimmt. Kürzlich hatte er aber klargestellt, dass Aktionen für die Unabhängigkeit Tibets in der Stadt nicht willkommen seien. Die Allianz zur Unterstützung der patriotischen demokratischen Bewegung in China verurteilte die Rücksendung der drei Aktivisten. Hongkong habe sich dem Druck der chinesischen Regierung gebeugt.

Galschiot ist in der Stadt nicht unbekannt. Der Däne hat für die Hongkong University eine „Säule der Schande“ gestaltet, die an die Opfer des Aufstands vom 4. Juni 1989 auf dem „Platz des himmlischen Friedens“ in Peking erinnert.

Ohne Druck von oben habe sich auch eine juristische Fachpublikation dem Einfluss der Zentralregierung in Peking gebeugt, klagt der

## Risiko bei Olympia

**Reisewarnung** Die Regierungen der USA und Großbritanniens haben Besucher der Olympischen Spiele in Peking auf die Gefahr von Anschlägen aufmerksam gemacht. Das US-Außenministerium sprach von einem „erhöhten Risiko“ von Attentaten extremistischer Gruppen. Allerdings sei die Gefahr von Angriffen auf Amerikaner „gering“. Das britische Außenamt riet trotz der Gefahr durch Gruppen, die Chinas Regierung ablehnen, nicht von Reisen nach Peking ab.

**Terrorwarnung** Interpol-Chef Ronald Noble sagte am Freitag, man müsse auf die Möglichkeit gefasst sein, dass al-Kaida oder andere Terrorgruppen versuchen, während der Spiele Anschläge zu verüben.

Anwalt Paul Harris. Das einflussreiche Magazin „Hong Kong Lawyer“ hatte bei dem auf Menschenrechte spezialisierten Juristen einen Beitrag über die rechtlichen Grundlagen einer Selbstbestimmung Tibets bestellt, den Artikel aber im letzten Moment aus der Mai-Ausgabe gestrichen. Harris räumt ein, dass die Ergebnisse kontrovers sein mögen, eine Debatte aber wichtig sei.

Der Artikel, der die Lage in Tibet unter anderem mit den Grundlagen für eine Unabhängigkeit des Kosovo vergleicht, wurde stattdessen im Internet veröffentlicht. In Hongkong wird viel über die Selbstzensur der Presse diskutiert. Mehrere Zeitungen gehören einflussreichen Unternehmern, die auch in der Volksrepublik Geschäftsinteressen verfolgen.

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## Fredericia Dagblad

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## Odense-kunstner finder inspiration i tegneserier

Da billedkunstneren Bjørn Haugaard var barn og ung i 1970'erne kastede han sig over amerikanske tegneserier, og de kulørte hæfter har fulgt ham siden. I hvert fald er de en vigtig del af inspirationen til de motiver, som man kan se i Det Bruunske Pakhus i Fredericia fra på søndag.

Intens læsning af tegneserier i teenage-årene danner sandsynligvis fundamentet for det univers, der folder sig ud i malerierne i dag, lyder det i Odensekunstnerens egen præsentation af sine værker.

Han har tidligere udstillet i en række gallerier landet over samt på større udstillinger, og han har arbejdet sammen med en anden Odensekunstner, kendte og kontroversielle Jens Galschiot.

Det er pakhusets kunststudvalg, der har fået Bjørn Haugaard til Fredericia, og kunstneren skriver videre om de malerier, han har med til fæstningsbyen:

Malerierne formidles med et gran af humor og eftertænksomhed og har en grundtone af surrelle – og



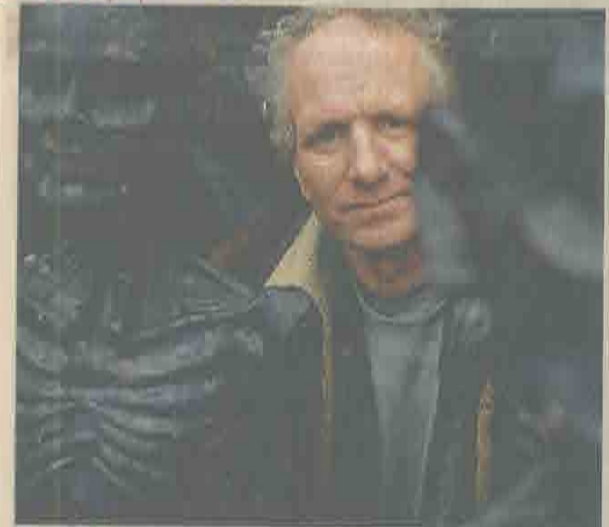
»Solbad« hedder dette Bjørn Haugaard maleri, som måler 70x50 cm. Odensekunstneren finder inspiration til sit surrealistiske univers i amerikanske tegneserier.

måske naivistiske – elementer i sig. Små skæve figurer optræder i malerierne, hvor de optræder som historiefortællere og fortolker menneskets gøren og laden gennem tilværelsen.

Der er fernisering i pakhuset på søndag fra kl. 15-17, og kunststudvalget er vært ved et lille traktement. Desuden byder eftermiddagen på et musikalsk indslag med slagtpøselever fra musikskolen under ledelse af Per Holm Jakobsen.

## Herning Folkeblad

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## Konsulatet giver aktivist en kold skulder

**UDVISNING**Jens Galschiot, kendt som en provokerende kunstner og samfundsdebattør, har indgivet en klage over det danske konsulat i Hongkong. Det sker, efter at Galschiot og to andre menneskerettighedsaktivister er blevet nægtet indrejse i byen.

Vi undrer os over den manglende støtte fra Udenrigsministeriet. Den danske konsul burde være kommet ud til os i lufthavnen med det samme, så han kunne hjælpe os med at komme ind, siger Galschiot, der er vendt hjem til Odense.

De tre aktivister ankom lørdag til Hongkong fra Danmark. Efter næsten seks timers afhøring af immigrationsmyndighederne blev de af bevæbnet politi eskorteret til et fly, der skulle til London.

Galschiot havde planer om male sin otte meter høje skulptur, Skamstøtten i orange farver ved Hongkongs Universitet, for at markere sin afstandtagen fra Kinas overtrædelse af menneskerettighederne.

Det har ikke været muligt, at få en kommentar fra Udenrigsministeriet.

# Olympic torch's entourage? Over 2,000

Officials worried about Danish group protesting China's human rights



Petros Giannakouris / AP

Associated Press

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ATHENS, Greece - More than 2,000 police were deployed Saturday to guard the Beijing Olympic torch relay as demonstrators gathered in the capital to protest China's human rights record.

A small group of Danish protesters dressed in orange were at the headquarters of the Hellenic Olympic Committee, several hours before the flame was due to reach Athens.

"We are here to protest the state of human rights in China and to speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves in China," Maja Groen told The Associated Press.

The group, led by Danish artist Jens Galschiot, said it had tried to follow the torch relay from central Greece to Athens but were kept back by police.

"It was really annoying that the Greek police did not allow us to follow the flame," Groen said. The flame arrived in Athens around 1 p.m. ET.

Thousands of people gathered in parts of the Greek capital to watch the event, as the runners ran through streets lined with the Chinese, Greek and Olympic flags.

Greek officials kept details of the route's Athens leg under tight wraps fearing a repeat of protests by human rights campaigners and opponents of China's violent crackdown in Tibet that marred Monday's flame-lighting ceremony in Ancient Olympia.

Police said the precise route was not being made public for security reasons.



Later Saturday, runners will carry the torch to the village of Marathon, the starting point of the 26-mile race inspired by an ancient soldier's run to Athens to announce the Athenian victory over the invading Persian army in 490 B.C.

The Beijing flame will then spend the night atop the Acropolis.

The Greek Olympic Committee has banned any media from covering the Acropolis leg, provoking protests from Greece's Foreign Press Association.

After being carried through the capital, the torch will be handed over to

Beijing officials on Sunday at the restored ancient stadium where the first modern Olympics were held in 1896.

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## More activists in H.K. deported over Olympic protests+

HONG KONG, April 30 (Kyodo) - Hong Kong's Immigration Department on Tuesday deported three more activists who arrived here for demonstration against the Olympic torch relay to be held Friday, activist groups said Tuesday.

Two members of New York-based Students for a Free Tibet and a press officer of London-based Free Tibet Campaign were barred from entering Hong Kong, Free Tibet Campaigner's Sophie Bod said.

The press officer was detained by immigration officers and questioned for up to four hours before being deported back to London, Bod told Kyodo News over telephone from London. She said no official reasons were given for the deportation.

The activists were to hold a press conference on the torch relay day in Hong Kong to call for cancellation of what they called a "provocative Tibet leg of the torch relay" scheduled for next month.

Last weekend, Danish sculptor Jens Galschiot, who planned a protest in Hong Kong during the Olympic torch relay, was also barred from entering the territory and turned back home.

No official reasons were given for his deportation. Galschiot said on the website of his group, the Color Orange, that he was detained for six hours after he arrived at the airport Saturday, denied a request to meet his lawyer. He said his phone and camera were confiscated. He was forced to take a flight back home under the escorts of armed police officers.

The Immigration Department said it has the right to bar any nonresident from entering Hong Kong, just like any other country. Security Secretary Ambrose Lee has said peaceful demonstrations during the torch relay are permitted. But he said Hong Kong "does not welcome troublemakers."

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## Actress Mia Farrow 'may be barred from Hong Kong' as torch arrives

Hong Kong – Actress Mia Farrow may be barred from entering Hong Kong to give a speech about human rights on the day the Olympic torch is carried through the city, a legislator claimed Tuesday. Prominent pro-democracy legislator Emily Lau said she had heard that the actress, who has criticized China for failing to stop genocide in the Sudan, would not be allowed into Hong Kong.

Danish artist and human rights activist [Jens Galschiot](#) and his sons were sent home on Saturday after arriving in Hong Kong to take part in anti-China protests on Friday when the torch relay takes place.

Speaking on government-run radio RTHK, Lau described the refusal to admit the artist as 'really terrible' and said she had heard that Farrow, who is due to arrive later this week, might also be barred. 'Mia Farrow is coming to attend a press conference and some other events, and some people tell me she and others may also be turned away,' Lau said. 'If we do that, we are going to turn ourselves into an international laughing stock. These are people with a very, very high international profiles. They are not the Taliban of Al Qaeda – so what is going on here?' Referring to the expulsion of Galschiot and his sons, Lau said: 'These guys are not coming here to create trouble but it seems our administration is so tense, so frightened. 'We have become a very frightened city. We are turning people away at our airport every day now.' Farrow, 63, is due to speak at a Foreign Correspondents' Club lunch on Friday where she is expected to repeat her call for China to act on the crisis in Darfur, Sudan.

There was no immediate response from the Hong Kong Immigration Department to questions on whether or not Farrow would be allowed into Hong Kong.

Security is expected to be extremely tight in Hong Kong on Friday as the Olympic torch returns to Chinese soil for the first time after its troubled round-the-world tour.

The former British colony is the only place inside China where demonstrations and anti-China protests are allowed and a number of groups are planning to mount demonstrations to coincide with the relay.

Hong Kong's Beijing-appointed Chief Executive Donald Tsang is expected to be the first of 120 torch-bearers to run in the 33-kilometre relay, which will be marshalled by 3,000 police.

Hong Kong reverted to Chinese sovereignty in 1997 under a 'one country, two systems' arrangement guaranteeing political freedoms including the right to peaceful protest.

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## Free speech, movement are important rights

Hong Kong and Macau authorities are clearly rattled by the prospect of protests during this week's Olympic torch relay and Labour Day celebrations. They have adopted an approach of targeting perceived trouble-makers through such means as using immigration checkpoints to restrict movement. What should be a straight-forward matter has become somewhat disturbing, however: some of our most basic rights are being disregarded.

Immigration officers in Hong Kong on Saturday night barred Danish sculptor [Jens Galschiot](#) and his two sons from entering. Macau's immigration authorities followed suit yesterday, preventing two members of Hong Kong's pro-democracy group the League for Social Democrats (LSD) from visiting; a third revealed he had also recently not been allowed to enter. University of Hong Kong student Christina Chan Hau-man, who has called for Tibetan self-determination and consequently been repeatedly contacted by police, coincidentally had her Facebook account cancelled. Another LSD activist, Wong Yuk-man, also had his Facebook account disabled, and he believed it had to do with its anti-Beijing content.

Whether the closure of Ms Chan's and Mr Wong's accounts is linked to their activism is uncertain. Whatever the justification, Ms Chan does not have a track record of causing disturbances or violence. Mr Wong's sharp tongue is regarded by his targets as a nuisance, but he has posed no real threat to anyone. Nor do any of the people prevented from coming to Hong Kong or going to Macau.

There is no doubt that these are sensitive times. The torch relay has been disrupted several times during its trip around the world, on occasion with violence. Macau's officials do not want a repeat of the unrest by labour activists that has in recent years marked May 1.

Authorities have every right in such circumstances to do their utmost to ensure the peaceful celebration of the events. But we also need to be clear that free speech and the free movement of people are important at such times. Those with the power to curtail such essentials of our daily life must think carefully about the implications of their decisions before acting.

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The Olympic Torch will arrive in Athens today ahead of its handover to Beijing officials amid heavy security with authorities anxious to prevent a repetition of protests that disrupted the flame's lighting ceremony earlier this week.

Activists and Tibetan demonstrators disrupted the globally televised Beijing torch-lighting ceremony at Ancient Olympia on Monday, breaking a tight security cordon and unfurling protest banners during the Games organizing chief's speech.

Further protests marred the start of the relay, with demonstrators lying on the ground in front of the vehicle convoy accompanying the torch-bearers in Olympia and holding up the relay several times.

"We are planning several actions for Sunday and Monday in Athens to demonstrate against China, for sure," Students for a Free Tibet representative Tashi Sering told Reuters. "On Monday, we will also have a peace march in central Athens."

The flame will depart for China on Monday.

More than 2,000 officers are to be deployed around the Greek capital this weekend.

The flame will reach the capital today, spending the night on the Acropolis. Media have been banned from the Acropolis during the flame's arrival.

A ceremony to mark the handing over of the flame will also be held at the Panathenaic Stadium in central Athens tomorrow in front of an estimated 20,000 people.

Greek officials kept details of the route's Athens leg under tight wraps yesterday, fearing further protest action.

Police said the precise route was not being made public for security reasons.

A Greek human rights group said yesterday police prevented its members from displaying a banner saying "No to the games of blood, dope and kickbacks" along the relay route in the city of Volos, and arrested one protester.

Also, a group of Danish activists said police stopped 10 of its members dressed in orange from being "a peaceful part of the torch relay" near the city of Larissa. The event was organized by a group led by Danish artist Jens Galschiot.

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The Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements in China was also seeking an explanation. A selection of our best photos from the past 24 hours. View Slideshow International E

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## Hong Kong deports pro-Tibet activists ahead of Olympic torch arrival

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## Hong Kong editorial backs denial of entry to pro-Tibet Danish rights activist

Text of report by Hong Kong newspaper Ta Kung Pao on 28 April

[Editorial: "Hong Kong is Not Paris; Troublemakers Scram Off!"]

Danish man Jens Galschiot was denied entry at the airport by the Immigration Department when he came to Hong Kong the day before yesterday [ 26 April].

In reply to media inquiries on the action concerned, a spokesperson for the Immigration Department pointed out: The Immigration Department has the responsibility to carry out effective entry controls to ensure Hong Kong's public interests.

Even though Hong Kong's "Alliance in Support of the Patriotic Democratic Movement in China" and one or two opposition legislators publicly denounced the Immigration Department for this action and accused it of "restricting" the freedom of entry and exit, the policy decision to deny Galschiot entry absolutely accords with the overall interests of Hong Kong's residents. At the moment the Hong Kong people are preparing with the greatest zeal to greet the sacred flame's arrival and an activity named "All the People Welcome the Sacred Flame" was officially launched yesterday. The Hong Kong people love the Beijing Olympic Games and welcome the sacred flame. Foreign troublemakers involved with "The Pillar of Shame," "The Colour Orange," or whatever, get out of our way and stay as far from Hong Kong as possible! We do not welcome you!

With regard to the denial of entry to Galschiot, Szeto Wah, chieftain of the "Alliance in Support of the Patriotic Democratic Movement in China," accused the government of "politicizing" the incident. This really is a very poor lie that reveals the truth and an unfounded countercharge.

What is meant by politicization? While this man called Galschiot is a sculptor by name, the Hong Kong people have no idea of his accomplishment in art and only know that his so-called works are invariably "known" for ugliness, contortion, and pains. After Beijing's "4 June" disturbance happened a few years ago, he hurriedly churned out a "Pillar of Shame," which is stacked with "dead bodies," and sent it to Hong Kong to be exhibited. We should like to ask Szeto Wah: Was this "politicizing?" Who was the one "politicizing" it, then?

What is more, before coming to Hong Kong this time, Galschiot had given much publicity to it by openly spreading words on the Internet that he would be wearing

orange clothes on the occasion to "accompany the run" and asserting that "The Colour Orange" initiated by him was for "making China's red more human" and orange "represents the colour of Tibetan monks' clothes" and "serves the purpose of drawing the close attention of people around the world to China's human rights and the Tibet issue." We should like to ask Szeto Wah: Is this "politicizing," then? Is this man called Galschiot "politicizing" it or the Special Administrative Region government "politicizing" it?

The facts are already clearly laid before our eyes: A happy day for the Chinese people would be an unhappy time for these anti-China politicians and troublemakers. As Hong Kong is the first stop on the sacred flame's way home and the Hong Kong people are members of the national population, both the Special Administrative Region government and all the residents have the responsibility to ensure the sacred flame's security and smooth relay in Hong Kong. Hong Kong is not Paris. Since they felt very bad and were very unhappy even when they saw the relay of the sacred flame in Paris disrupted by "Tibetan independence" elements, the Hong Kong people definitely will not allow such incidents that blasphemed the Beijing Olympic Games flame and injured the Chinese dignity to happen beside us.

Hong Kong is a free port and highly open city that anyone can freely enter and exit. Nevertheless, Hong Kong at the same time is a city with the rule of law. If people like Galschiot were given the green light to enter into Hong Kong and got to recklessly carry out here activities such as painting the so-called "Pillar of Shame" and inciting some people to join him in wearing orange clothes and "accompanying the run," it would be hard to say whether he would on the occasion stir up discontent among some of the residents, what kind of sharp conflicts that would lead to, and so on. To ensure public security and social order, it was totally a due obligation to deny entry to these troublemakers. Other big cities in the world have all along resorted to the same practice with regard to similar issues; without having to give any reasons or explanations, New York and London may deny entry to anyone who allegedly could cause "insecurity."

Yesterday Szeto Wah even said such things as the Hong Kong people's freedoms of expression and entry and exit also will be restricted in the future. This is sheer nonsense. Way back in the pre-reversion days, did Szeto Wah not openly say such things as he was prepared to be sent to jail at any time on a "red Black Maria?" More than 10 years have passed since the reversion and he not only did not go to jail but continues to engage in wild talk there. Is he not very free?

Source: Ta Kung Pao, Hong Kong, in Chinese 28 Apr 08

## Denmark seeks answers on why trio were denied entry Consul general expects to meet HK security chief

Celine Sun, Ambrose Leung, Albert Wong and Nick Gentle

The Danish consul general wants Secretary for Security Ambrose Lee Siu-kwong to explain why three Danish human rights activists were barred from the city on Saturday.

Jorgen Mollegaard said yesterday he expected to meet Mr Lee today or tomorrow.

"This is the first case of Danish people being denied entry that I've known," said Mr Mollegaard, who has been in the city for 2 1/2 years.

The trio, Danish sculptor Jens Galschiot, creator of the Pillar of Shame which is now on display at the University of Hong Kong, and his two sons, were escorted on to a London-bound flight after six hours' questioning by immigration officers at Chek Lap Kok airport.

The ban raised opposition among city activists, who accused the government of damaging Hong Kong's image as a free international city.

Legislator Albert Ho Chun-yan, secretary of the Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements in China, said his group was talking to Galschiot to see if he wanted to file a judicial review.

"We still have to explain to him what is really involved and his rights," said Mr Ho, who is also the Democratic Party's chairman. "This is a long-term matter to clear his name, but sadly it cannot change the fact that he will miss the [Olympic torch] relay on Friday."

The sculptor said he was drafting a protest letter to the Chinese embassy in Denmark and the Hong Kong government and Immigration Department to express his anger.

Earlier yesterday, Tibetan Buddhist leader the Venerable Thrangu Rinpoche, arrived from Nepal for a seminar organised by the Thrangu Vajrayana Buddhist Centre at the Newton Place Hotel in Kwun Tong tomorrow.

The respected lama, who went to India after Beijing took control of Tibet in 1959, said he and his two assistants were not detained at the airport.

Alliance members marched to the Central Government Offices yesterday to protest against the ban on Galschiot's entry. In a letter to Chief Executive Donald Tsang Yam-kuen, alliance chairman Szeto Wah said the incident was "shocking" and harmful to Hong Kong's image as a place with freedom.

At a Legislative Council human rights subcommittee meeting, Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor director Law Yuk-kai suggested a human rights commission be set up.

Mr Law said a commission would reduce the need to initiate judicial reviews each time a case such as Galschiot's arose. It could take up the issue directly with the government and seek an explanation.

Legal sector lawmaker Margaret Ng Ngoi-ye said even though there was a judicial process, receiving a full explanation on immigration matters was difficult.

A top official from Beijing's liaison office in Hong Kong yesterday denied proposing a "blacklist" to the local government.

"Every country or region has the right to deny entry for some individuals for the sake of safety. I believe the Hong Kong government's decision is based on its own regulations," office deputy director Li Gang said.

The Court of Appeal will later this year consider under what conditions the government can turn people away. The court is scheduled on October 22 to hear the case of several Falun Gong practitioners who were turned around at the airport before a conference in the city in 2003.

The hearing had been scheduled for January but was adjourned after the court criticised the government over its failure to produce any documentation of the reasons why they were turned around.

## Torch, Tibet test Hong Kong's open image

Rights activists are asking the Hong Kong government to explain why it denied entry to a group planning to protest at the Olympic torch parade, the latest incident to raise questions about the city's autonomy and image.

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The Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements in China was also seeking an explanation.

Immigration officials decline to comment on individual cases.

Several groups are aiming to protest as the torch passes through Hong Kong on Friday, including 'Free Tibet' activists. US actress Mia Farrow also plans to address the Foreign Correspondents Club in the city that day. Her group, Dream for Darfur, is seeking to use the Beijing Olympics as leverage to influence China's policy on Sudan, which the United States and humanitarian groups say has been waging genocide in Darfur.

Since 1997, Hong Kong has kept its own currency and maintained autonomy in many areas, but Beijing has closely managed the pace and direction of political change.

In 2001, amid controversy over the immigration department's decision to deny

entry to members of the spiritual group Falun Gong, then-security chief Regina Ip acknowledged that the city had a blacklist of people to keep out.

Four year later, Hong Kong admitted hundreds of South Korean anti-globalisation protesters for a meeting of the World Trade Organisation. Many of the demonstrators had a history of violence and eventually clashed with police during the meeting.

But Ma Ngok, a politics analyst at Chinese University of Hong Kong, said the government may have a tough time justifying denying entry to Galschiot, who has visited Hong Kong many times.

Galschiot sculpted Hong Kong University's Pillar of Shame, a writhing mass of human figures which marks the 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy protests centred on Tiananmen Square in Beijing. 'The major argument would be: How can that Danish artist damage the security of Hong Kong when he's come several times and never done anything violent?' Ma said. Hong Kong's permanent secretary for home affairs acknowledged on Tuesday the incident may have created a 'perception problem'. Separately, Cecilia Wong, chairwoman of the editorial board of Hong Kong Lawyer, said the board voted not to publish the article after a debate. She declined to explain the reasons.

The editor and other board members who attended the meeting did not return phone calls or could not be reached for comment.

## Chinese cheer Olympic torch in peaceful Vietnam relay

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The relay in Ho Chi Minh City was completed as China on Tuesday jailed 30 people for last month's riots in Tibet.

The relay has endured the most tortuous journey of its history, beset by trouble since protesters breached security at the torch-lighting ceremony at Ancient Olympia in Greece last month. Protesters have jostled the torchbearers in several places and denounced Beijing's human rights record, especially in Tibet.

The relay in southern Vietnam was peaceful but, as in many other cities, took place under massive security.

Torch bearers were flanked and escorted by a security convoy of dozens of police motorcycles, cars and minivans, watched by thousands lining the streets during the night-time procession.

Young Chinese nationalists, some who live or work in Vietnam and others who traveled from China wore "we love China" and "we are proud to be from China" on white Beijing 2008 Olympics T-shirts.

They screamed as the torch passed by amid a cacophony of loud motorbike and car horns en route to a military stadium. There, young Chinese shouted "Go China" or "Come on China" in Chinese.

Vietnamese students waved the Vietnam national flag and cheered too. Some also held banners marking the April 30 Liberation Day in the Southeast Asian country and May Day.

There were no signs of disruption in the former Saigon, despite a call for demonstrations by overseas Vietnamese groups opposed to Communist Party rule.

The torch heads to China on Wednesday, to Hong Kong, beginning the 100-day countdown to the August 8 Beijing Games.

Last month's Tibetan protests and the sympathy they engendered abroad have stoked the fires of patriotism in China that tend to flare when sensitivities about the country's standing collide with international events.

The around-the-world torch relay has been dogged by anti-China protests that in turn prompted rallies by overseas Chinese, who are proud that their country is hosting the Olympics and of Beijing's efforts to modernize Tibet.

### OPEN TRIAL IN LHASA

A court in Tibet's regional capital, Lhasa, announced the verdicts of the 30 people at an "open trial" attended by more than 200 people, state television said.

The terms ranged from three years to life in jail.

It was the first batch of sentences announced since the March 14 violence in Tibet and a Chinese crackdown that led to protests and disruption of the Olympic torch relay, most notably in London, Paris and San Francisco.

China has blamed Tibet's spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, and his government-in-exile for plotting the riots, in which at least 18 "innocent civilians," according to Beijing, were killed by Tibetan mobs in Lhasa last month.

South Korea is investigating violence at the relay in Seoul over the weekend.

Newspapers there ran angry editorials denouncing Chinese students who hurled rocks at groups criticizing Beijing, charging into lines of police, beating pro-Tibet protesters and kicking an elderly man.

On Monday, North Korea mustered tens of thousands of people waving flags, plastic flowers and dancing in the streets for the first incident-free leg of the global torch relay.

In Hong Kong, about 3,000 policemen will guard the torch during its 8-hour relay.

In recent weeks, analysts say Hong Kong authorities have been under pressure from Beijing to tighten its immigration and security apparatus to smother any possible flare-up of trouble during the torch's first touchdown on Chinese soil following its protest-marred global six-week tour.

Hong Kong blocked three pro-Tibet campaigners from entering the city on Tuesday and deported them, activists said.

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Over the weekend, authorities barred three Danish activists, including sculptor Jens Galschiot, from entering the city for "immigration reasons." They had planned to protest against Chinese human rights violations during the city's torch relay.

A senior official admitted the incident might have hurt Hong Kong's free and open image, but said the city should be judged by its positive overall track record of allowing protests.

(Additional reporting by James Pomfret and John Ruwitch in Hong Kong, Ben Blanchard and Nick Macfie in Beijing, and Jon Herskovitz and Jack Kim in Seoul; Writing by Bill Tarrant; Editing by David Fogarty)

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## Olympic torch draws cheers in Vietnam

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## Olympic torch reaches Acropolis

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ATHENS, Greece—Torchbearers carried the Olympic flame through the crowded streets of Athens to the Acropolis Saturday amid heavy security and demonstrations by small groups of protesters.

At the foot of the Acropolis, a pro-Tibet group unfurled a banner reading "Free Tibet 2008" and lit candles to protest China's deadly crackdown in Tibet.

"We don't want the torch relay to pass through Tibet," said one protester who identified herself only as Klara.

Earlier, police briefly scuffled with a group of anti-globalization demonstrators shortly after the torch relay entered the city.

The relay was not disrupted by either protest and no arrests were reported.

More than 2,000 police officers were deployed in Athens for the relay. A helicopter flew overhead and about a dozen plainclothes officers on motorcycles flanked the torchbearers.

Thousands of people gathered along the route to watch as the runners—including Athens Mayor Nikitas Kakkamanis—ran through streets lined with the Chinese, Greek and Olympic flags.

Organizers had made last-minute changes to the torch route to prevent protests against China's human rights record from disrupting the event.

The torch will be handed over to Beijing officials on Sunday at the restored ancient stadium where the first modern Olympics were held in 1896.

China's crackdown on anti-government protests in Tibet more than two weeks ago has prompted protests in several countries, and campaigners have pledged to demonstrate throughout the 85,100-mile global torch relay.

The flame was lit five days ago at Ancient Olympia, birthplace of the ancient games, and will be handed over to Beijing 2008 organizers Sunday after its overnight stop on the 2,500-year-old Acropolis.

At Monday's lighting ceremony, French campaigners protesting China's human rights record dodged tight security to display black flags with handcuffs replacing the Olympic rings. Pro-Tibetan demonstrators briefly stopped the relay later that day.

Greek and Chinese Olympic officials condemned the protests.

"We are here to celebrate the Olympic spirit, not to enter political debate," said Wang Wei, executive vice president of the Beijing organizing committee.

Hellenic Olympic Committee president Minos Kyriakou said the protests were from a "super, super minority."

"(The torch) went on a seven-day fairy tale journey around Greece ... the reception was enthusiastic through the country," Kyriakou said. "We are here for sport ... if some small minority wants to demonstrate (that) is their problem."

Led by monks, the Tibet protests began peacefully on March 10—the anniversary of a failed 1959 uprising against Chinese rule. Tibet had been

effectively independent for decades before Chinese communist troops entered in 1950.

Tibetan exiles say almost 140 people have died in the violence in Tibet. Beijing puts the number at 22.

But Wang said people in the West "have not got the truth" on the events. China has accused the Dalai Lama, the exiled Tibetan Buddhist leader, of masterminding the riots in Tibet. The Dalai Lama has denied the accusations.

"The truth is that turmoil, the riots, were orchestrated by a small group of people," he said.

"We are all striving for the same goal in the world, for peace, for love, for progress," Wang said.

Earlier Saturday, a small group of Danish activists dressed in orange staged a peaceful protest at the headquarters of the Hellenic Olympic Committee.

"We are here to protest the state of human rights in China and to speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves in China," protester Maja Groen said.

Associated Press writers Demetris Nellas and Maria Paschoula in Athens contributed to this report.

## 2 pro-Tibet activists stopped at Hong Kong airport ahead of torch relay

HONG KONG: Two pro-Tibet activists who planned to protest at Hong Kong's leg of the Beijing Olympics torch relay were stopped when they arrived at the territory's airport Tuesday, and one was immediately put on a return flight to New York, activists said.

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The fate of Whitticase, a British citizen who flew to Hong Kong from London, wasn't immediately clear.

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In August, six activists from Students for a Free Tibet were deported from China after hanging a banner on the Great Wall calling for Tibetan independence.

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Galschiot had also planned to protest during the Hong Kong leg of the torch relay.

Hong Kong Secretary for Security Ambrose Lee met with Danish Consul General Jorgen Mollegaard and two other European diplomats Tuesday to discuss Galschiot's case, a government spokesman said.

The spokesman, who declined to be named in line with government practice, said Lee didn't give the diplomats details but told them the Immigration Department 'has the responsibility to uphold effective immigration controls so as to safeguard Hong Kong's public interest.'

The spokesman also declined to discuss the detentions of Woznow and Whitticase.

Mollegaard didn't immediately return a reporter's call.

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Climbers will not be allowed to go past Everest's Camp 2 - at 21,325 feet - until after the Chinese finish their torch relay on the mountain, sometime in May when weather permits.

Associated Press writers Dikky Sinn in Hong Kong and Binaj Gurubacharya contributed to this report.

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## H.K. reveals Olympic torchbearers list, braces for protests

HONG KONG, April 29 (Kyodo) — The guarded list of Olympic torchbearers who are to carry the flame during the Hong Kong leg of the global torch relay Friday was finally revealed Tuesday by Hong Kong Olympic officials.

The identities of the 120 torchbearers had remained secret because Olympics organizers in Beijing, not their Hong Kong counterparts, finalized the list, Hong Kong Sports Federation and Olympic Committee president Timothy Fok explained to reporters.

The list comprises of people from many sectors," Fok said after releasing the official list. "It is a miniature of our society."

Only 46 of the torchbearers are full-time or retired athletes, while the rest are dignitaries from political and business circles, academics and celebrities favored by the committee, commercial sponsors and Beijing for their "representativeness" and contribution to the community.

Lee Lai-shan, a 37-year-old windsurfer who will run the first leg, said she is both nervous and proud to carry the torch.

"I am very happy and overjoyed when I heard this news. I hope I can do well," Lee said.

Lee, who won an Olympic gold medal for Hong Kong in the 1996 Atlanta Games, the only gold ever won for what was then a British colony, said she respects people's right to protest during the torch relay because "Hong Kong embraces freedom of speech."

"But I hope they respect the torch relay event," she said, adding that the torch relay is meant to spread the Olympic spirit.

Chiu Chung-hei, a 14-year-old boy who will be the youngest torchbearer, said he has been fine-tuning his running posture while jogging "as it is different to hold a torch and run."

Cycling athlete Wong Kam-po will be the last torchbearer. Wong won the world championship in the 2007 Palma de Mallorca.

Of the 120 selected torchbearers, 84 were proposed by the local Olympic

organizer, 24 were named by commercial sponsors while the rest were recommended by the Central Liaison Office, Beijing's representative office here.

Among the non-athlete runners, Tsang Hin-chi, 74, is the oldest. His selection has stirred controversy for his lack of affiliation with sports. Wheelchair-bound Tsang was a former local deputy of the National People's Congress, China's parliament.

"I will jog if I can. If not, I will use the wheelchair," Tsang said. "Don't worry, no one would dare to grab my torch."

Other runners include Central Liaison Office Deputy Director Li Gang, Hong Kong Executive Council convener Leung Chun-ying, Legislative Council chairwoman Rita Fan, Hong Kong Jockey Club Chairman John Chan, property developer Victor Li, who is the heir of Asia's richest man Li Ka-shing, and celebrities such as Andy Lau and Jacky Cheung.

Hong Kong's top leader, Chief Executive Donald Tsang, has turned down the offer, saying athletes, not him, should have the honor.

The relay course, which was initially set at 33 kilometers, has since been shortened to 26 km for punctuality and to avoid passing by schools where examinations are due to be held.

Hong Kong will allow China's blue-tracksuit torch guards, who were described as "thugs" in Western countries that earlier hosted the relay, to run along and protect the torchbearers, police spokesman David Ng said.

"Hong Kong police officers assigned to guard the torch will don the blue tracksuit too, only they will not wear caps," Ng said, while insisting that law enforcement is under Hong Kong police's jurisdiction.

University student Christina Chan said she will display the "snow lion" Tibetan flag when protesting during the relay, in support of Tibetan people's right to determine their future.

"We will go ahead with the protest," Chan told Kyodo News. "Some people have threatened me. I am not fearless, but I will not budge."

She said police have asked her to "cooperate" and promised her protection if she provides them with details of the protest.

Ng said whether anyone will be allowed to protest is to be considered on a case-by-case basis.

"We have to see if the flag was provocative to others, if it aroused unruly reaction by others or public disorder. But there is no specific law prohibiting the showing of the Tibetan flag," Ng said.

About 3,000 police officers will be on duty on the relay day and about 20 protest zones will be set up for protesters.

But pro-democracy group Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China, the only organization applying to protest during the event, has expressed dissatisfaction with the location of the protest zone far away from the relay route.

The group will launch a human rights torch relay as a parallel to the Olympic torch run. Danish sculptor [Jens Galschiot](#), who was invited to join the alliance's protest, was barred from entering Hong Kong last weekend.

The Olympic flame is scheduled to leave Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City for Hong Kong on Wednesday and the torch relay will be held Friday. The flame will then be flown to nearby Macao, where the next torch relay will be held Saturday before the flame is returning to the mainland.

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## 3 torch protesters turned back in Hong Kong

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China sentences 30 in Tibet riots BEIJING Six Buddhist monks were among 30 people sentenced by a Chinese court Tuesday to prison terms ranging from three years to life for roles in Tibet's deadly riots.

The punishments were the first meted out by a Chinese court over the attacks targeting mainly Han Chinese and their businesses in the Tibetan capital of Lhasa and nearby areas in mid-March.

The sentences were announced during two sessions of a one-day trial at the Intermediate People's Court of Lhasa, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

Xinhua said three men received life sentences, including a Buddhist monk identified as Basang who allegedly led 10 people, including five other monks, to destroy local government offices, burn down shops and attack policemen.

Soi'nam Cering, a driver for a Lhasa real-estate company, was sentenced to life for joining in the mobs that burned vehicles, smashed police stations and assaulted firefighters, Xinhua said.

The third man to receive a life sentence was a 30-year-old businessman who was identified only by his last name, Cering, Xinhua said. The agency reported that he was convicted of inciting others to commit arson and looting shops and vehicles during riots in his home county of Lingzhou, about 40 miles east of Lhasa, on March

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Hong Kong Secretary for Security Ambrose Lee met with Danish Consul General Jorgen Mollegaard and European Union and French diplomats Tuesday to discuss Galschiot's case, a government spokesman said.

The spokesman, who declined to be named in line with government practice, said Lee gave no details but told the diplomats the Immigration Department 'has the responsibility to uphold effective immigration controls so as to safeguard Hong Kong's public interest.'

Mollegaard did not immediately return a reporter's call seeking comment.

The Hong Kong leg of the torch relay on Friday is a high-stakes event for the local government because it marks the flame's homecoming to Chinese soil after a world tour tarnished by protests. Demonstrators have tried to snatch the torch and have thrown eggs and tomatoes at it.

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## Athletics have taken backseat thus far to protests and politics in run-up

### LEAD: Olympic torch arrives in H.K.+

HONG KONG, April 30 (Kyodo) \_ (EDS: UPDATING WITH CEREMONY AND DANISH CONSUL'S COMMENT)

By Matthew Lee

HONG KONG, April 30 Kyodo - The Olympic flame arrived in Hong Kong on Wednesday ahead of a torch relay scheduled for Friday, as the government came under criticism from human rights groups for barring entry to foreign activists hoping to use the occasion to protest against China.

The flame, which left Olympia 37 days earlier on a journey across five continents and 19 cities, arrived at Chek Lap Kok airport on a special charter flight shortly before 2 p.m. and was greeted by officials and about 200 primary school students.

Yang Shu'an, executive vice president of Beijing's Olympic organizing committee, carried the lantern off the plane and left after a photo shoot to attend the unveiling ceremony for a larger-than-life Olympic torch statue.

"I am here to share with you the excitement the flame has brought us and we are looking forward to a successful relay in Hong Kong," Yang said when addressing scores of guests at the ceremony, including officials, foreign diplomats and some of the 120 selected torchbearers.

"We are proud to bring the Olympic flame to Hong Kong. Together we will celebrate the Olympic spirit of peace, friendship and progress and to share to joy and glory of the Olympic Games," he said.

Hong Kong Chief Secretary Henry Tang said it is the responsibility of each of the 137 torch relay cities to "ensure the dignified, smooth and orderly progress" of the Olympic flame.

"Hong Kong is proud to be the first Chinese city to welcome the torch after its global journey," Tang said.

The flame also relayed in Hong Kong during the 1964 Tokyo Olympics.

But the latest torch relay has been an occasion for protests overseas against China's crackdown in restive Tibet and its handling of human rights issues in Sudan and at home.

Szeto Wah, chairman of the Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China, accused China of failing to live up to the promise it made to improve human rights when it applied to host the Olympic Games.

The alliance and the advocacy group Human Rights Monitor both urged the government to reveal why it barred Danish sculptor [Jens Galschiot](#) and his two sons from entering Hong Kong over the weekend, and to stop refusing entry to other activists.

Galschiot, who sculpted Hong Kong University's Pillar of Shame, which commemorates the June 1989 Tiananmen crackdown, had planned to protest against China's human rights violations during the relay.

Denmark's Consul General Jorgen Mollegaard met and filed a complaint with Hong Kong's security chief Ambrose Lee on Tuesday over Galschiot's deportation, which he called "unacceptable."

"The problem really is that (the Hong Kong government) wants to be 100 percent sure there will be no serious demonstrations while the torch is here," Mollegaard, who was not invited to the statue unveiling ceremony, told Kyodo News over the telephone.

"We don't like the answers. Only three people (will be joining) a peaceful demonstration, and if they do anything the police cannot accept, they could easily be stopped," he said.

Other than Galschiot, three activists from pro-Tibet groups overseas and Zhang Yu, head of the writers' group Independent China PEN Center, were also denied entry Tuesday, according to the groups and a South China Morning Post report.

U.S. actress Mia Farrow, a UNICEF goodwill ambassador, has said she is coming to Hong Kong to deliver a speech about China's failure to halt the genocide in Sudan.

BEIJING - China began counting down 100 days to the Beijing Olympics on Wednesday with songs, a mass run and prayers, as the torch arrived back on Chinese soil after a tumultuous world tour.

Unlike run-ups to recent Olympics, Beijing's preparations have kept to plan and some stadiums and infrastructure have even been completed ahead of schedule.

The city has spent \$35-\$40 billion on improved infrastructure, including a new airport terminal and subway lines, as well as \$2.1 billion to cover the cost of running the Games. "The 100 days ahead will bring mounting excitement and energy to Beijing," the International Olympic Committee said. "Citizens and visitors will see the city continue to transform itself, as it welcomes athletes, the media and spectators for the final test events, as well as for the Games themselves." But over the past few months the city's smooth preparations have been overshadowed by the torch relay's troubled journey around the globe, with protesters, especially in London, Paris and San Francisco, targeting China's human rights record, in particular its policies on Tibet. Wednesday's festivities in Beijing started off under a hazy sky with a run around the Olympic Green by 10,000 Beijing residents, part of China's promise to make the Games a "People's Olympics." And in officially atheist China, Catholic churches prayed for a successful Games. One nun told Reuters they forgave people who had disrupted the torch relay. "Of course we forgive the things that those who don't understand politics have done," Angela Teresa Ying said after attending a Mass for the Games at a Beijing cathedral.

Security in Beijing has been noticeably stepped-up following last month's anti-Chinese protests in Tibet, the troubled torch relay and China's assertion that it has broken up terrorist plots to attack the Games.

The red carpet was rolled out in Hong Kong for the torch's return to Chinese soil with authorities under fire for barring activists from entering the city.

Three Tibetan activists from the groups Free Tibet and Students for a Free Tibet were denied entry by Hong Kong authorities on Tuesday, while three Danish human rights activists including sculptor [Jens Galschiot](#) were barred over the weekend.

Zhang Yu, general secretary of the writers' group Independent Chinese PEN Centre, arrived in Hong Kong from Stockholm late on Tuesday but was also refused

entry, the Hong Kong Journalists' Association said. Zhao Dagong, a Chinese writer, was barred by Chinese authorities from entering Hong Kong at the Shenzhen border crossing. Zhao had planned on attending the same international writer's forum in Hong Kong as Zhang.

Some political analysts said Hong Kong's high level of sensitivity over the torch relay stemmed from Beijing, and was testing the limits of freedoms granted to the city when it reverted from British to Chinese rule in 1997.

Three thousand police will guard the torch during its eight-hour relay in the city on Friday.

A highlight of the relay was meant to be the flame's ascent of the world's highest peak, Mount Everest.

A second special torch was especially commissioned for the high altitude run from the Tibet side of Everest, but a meteorologist at Everest Base Camp on Wednesday ruled out a climb for at least three days because of the weather. Beijing's promise to ensure complete media freedom has been called into question, especially following Chinese criticism of foreign reporters for perceived bias in their coverage of the Tibet protests, with some reporters receiving death threats.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao denied the Chinese public harbored anti-Western sentiment. "What they want is only impartial and fair media coverage. That is legitimate," Liu said. China has lashed out at human rights groups and some European and U.S. politicians who have, in China's words, tried to politicize the Games and raised the prospect of an Olympic boycott.

Olympics chiefs have praised the city's preparations and its showpiece stadiums, the Bird's Nest and Water Cube, have drawn wide acclaim. "The Beijing Organizing Committee has put a tremendous amount of effort into putting on a great Games for the athletes," the IOC said in a statement. "It is currently fine-tuning its operations and we are satisfied by the assurances that we have received across a number of areas of Games preparations, ranging from media service levels to environmental contingency plans for improved air quality." "I believe the image of China's Olympics is still good," said Jin Yuanpu, a political scientist and executive director of the Humanistic Olympic Center at Renmin University in Beijing. "It's just the Western media and some Westerners who are taking this opportunity to attack us. Chinese are trying their best to be a good host."



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Human rights groups accused the Hong Kong government of squashing free speech to avoid the political embarrassment of any demonstrations involving the torch.

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Law Yuk-kai, director of the Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor, accused the government of suppressing freedom of speech.

'The government's goal is clear to cleanse Hong Kong of critical voices,' Law said.

'They view this as an important political mission. To them, hosting a successful torch relay means no embarrassments,' he said.

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Associated Press writer Dicky Sinn contributed to this report.

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## China stages massive Olympic security drill

Chinese forces foiled mock riots and rappelled from buildings to free hostages in Olympic security drills yesterday designed to display the country's readiness for anything at the Beijing Games.

The show of force comes days after the head of Interpol warned there was a real possibility that the Games would be targeted by terrorists, and as the Olympic torch is dogged by anti-Chinese protests as it makes its way around the world. The Beijing city commission will firmly carry out the Olympic directives given by President Hu Jintao (JA), Vice Minister of Public Security Liu Jing (B) told the ceremony. We will impose high standards and strict requirements on ourselves and do the job with first-class standards. China's top security official, Zhou Yongkang (Pd), and Minister of Public Security Meng Jianzhu (s

W) also attended the event, presiding over an oath-taking rally that included police, army and paramilitaries, and anti-chemical squads and SWAT teams. CAR CHASE AND HOOLIGANS Special forces clad in black kicked and punched their way through choreographed martial arts routines, and police staged a car chase, tires screeching as they wheeled around to entrap a stolen car, whose driver was yanked to the ground and handcuffed. In another scene, complete with sets of a sports ground and a city street of bars and restaurants, soccer hooligans surrounded a team bus, prompting riot police to emerge to take control. Attention please! The game is over. Please be calm and abide by instructions. Leave the scene as soon as possible, an officer yelled at the crowd through loudspeakers, in English and Chinese. Your behavior has already violated the laws of the Peoples Republic of China and disturbed the public order. You must follow police instructions. Leave the scene immediately! he said. The prospect of such an event is all too real X during a 2004 Asian Cup match in China, Chinese fans rushed the bus of the Japanese side, forcing it to leave without two players. In yesterday's scenario, the fans confronted each other outside a bar, throwing chairs and setting a car on fire, before riot squads fired tear gas and water cannons to restore order. But the climax of the show was the anti-terror drills. In one, security forces dressed up as a road maintenance crew and hid in trash cans, popping up in time to intercept a hijacked bus. In another, men in black descended from helicopters and rappelled down buildings in a display worthy of a Hong Kong action film to free tourists taken hostage by a group demanding China release from prison followers of their unspecified cause. In related news, Vietnamese police broke up a demonstration in Hanoi yesterday ahead of the final international leg of the Olympic torch relay, witnesses said. VIETNAM Officers detained seven people for

unfurling a banner and shouting Boycott the Beijing Olympics through a loudspeaker in a market in the capital Hanoi, two witnesses said on condition of anonymity. Police refused to comment on the incident. Scores of riot police also blocked the road in front of the Chinese embassy in Hanoi. The torch relay was scheduled to begin at 6pm last night in Ho Chi Minh City. Several police officers were stationed close to the starting point outside the city's 19th century opera house. Earlier, a group of pro-Chinese supporters rallied there, waving flags and shouting slogans. HONG KONG In other developments, actress Mia Farrow may be barred from entering Hong Kong to give a speech about human rights on Friday, the day the torch is carried through the city, pro-democracy Legislator Emily Lau (Bz) said yesterday. Lau said she had heard that the actress, who has criticized China for failing to stop genocide in the Sudan, would not be allowed into the territory. Danish artist and rights activist [Jens Galschiot](#) and his sons were sent home on Saturday after arriving to take part in protests on Friday. If we do that, we are going to turn ourselves into an international laughingstock. These are people with a very, very high international profiles. They are not the Taliban of al-Qaeda X so what is going on here? Lau said on RTHK radio.

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Yang Shu'an, executive vice president of Beijing's Olympic organizing committee, carried the lantern off the plane and left after a photo shoot without saying a word.

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He also urged the government to reveal the reasons for barring Danish sculptor Jens Galschiot from entering Hong Kong over the weekend.

Galschiot, who sculpted Hong Kong University's Pillar of Shame, which commemorates the June 1989 Tiananmen crackdown, had planned to protest against China's human rights violations during the relay.

Other than Galschiot, three activists from pro-Tibet groups overseas and the general secretary of writers' group Independent China PEN Center, Zhang Yu, were also denied entry Tuesday, according to the groups and a South China Morning Post report.

U.S. actress and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Mia Farrow has said she is coming to Hong Kong to deliver a speech about China's failure in stopping genocide in Sudan.

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## ist record was not the cause of try ban, says Danish activist

Ambrose Leung, Danny Mok and Albert Wong

Danish human rights activist Jens Galschiot yesterday said that his past record was not the reason for him being denied entry into Hong Kong last week.

His sources said he was barred from entering because of his activism in the past, including his association with the Colour Orange movement to press for human rights during the Beijing Olympics, and his involvement in the World Trade Organisation (WTO) protests in Hong Kong in 2005.

The incident led to a meeting between Danish consul general Jorgen Mollegaard and Secretary for Security Ambrose Lee Siu-kwong yesterday. French consul general Jean-Pierre Thebault also took part.

Mollegaard said they had a "frank discussion" with Mr Lee during the 45-minute meeting.

Several Chinese-language newspapers yesterday reported the government had used Galschiot's entry to Hong Kong because of an incident in December 2005, in which it was alleged he had not arranged adequate insurance for a sculpture he displayed in Victoria Park during the 2005 WTO meeting.

On his website, Galschiot said the allegation was "a sheer lie" and said he had arranged insurance for the sculpture.

Reporters Without Borders, an international pressure group, said it had decided to come to Hong Kong to protest because it believed the group would be denied entry.

Ambrose Brossel, spokesman for the group's Asia-Pacific desk, said it had learned about a blacklist from many sources.

Brossel said some members of the group from locations other than Paris would come to Hong Kong to attend some events organised by the Hong Kong Journalists Association.

Meanwhile, other groups in Hong Kong have stepped up preparation for protests in the run-up to Friday's Olympic torch relay.

The Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements in China said it was unhappy with police arrangements.

Alliance chairman Szeto Wah said they could not accept that they could only protest near the Star Ferry in Tsim Sha Tsui, which would be far away from the relay site.

Last night, a group of activists led by University of Hong Kong student Christina Chan Hau-man staged a protest in Kowloon Park, raising concerns over human rights in Tibet.

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## Four more activists turned back at airport

Immigration officials denied entry to another four visitors to Hong Kong yesterday.

The four were held at the airport as activists prepared protests and activities related to the Olympic torch relay and Hollywood actress Mia Farrow vowed to go ahead with a visit to speak about the crisis in Darfur, Sudan.

Zhang Yu, general secretary of the writers' group Independent Chinese PEN Centre, was held for questioning on the arrival from Sweden at about 4pm and later put on a flight back to that country, Hong Kong Journalists Association official Mak Yin-ting said.

Students for Free Tibet activists Tsering Lama and Kate Woznow, and Free Tibet Campaign's Matt Whitticase were detained earlier, questioned and put on planes to the US and Britain.

Mak said the association invited Mr Zhang to speak at seminars before World Press Freedom Day on Saturday.

He was allowed into Hong Kong in February last year, when he flew in from Beijing for a conference, but was barred from returning to the mainland for "violating national security". He visited Hong Kong earlier this year.

Mak said other speakers for the seminar had arrived without trouble. An Immigration Department spokesman would not comment on the cases but said its responsibility was control of immigration in the public interest. It gave the same reaction when asked why it denied entry to Danish sculptor Jens Galschiot, of human rights group the Colour Orange, and his two sons on Saturday.

Ms Woznow told Associated Press that immigration officials had given no reason for turning her away. "The Hong Kong government is being pressured by the Chinese government," she said.

Mr Whitticase said the denials of entry were "a slap in the face for 'one country, two systems'". "Everywhere one looks, China is slamming the door in the face of free expression."

Farrow and director Jill Savitt will arrive tomorrow to speak at the Foreign Correspondents' Club on Friday. The pair, representing the Dream for Darfur

group, have said they are determined to address the club. Farrow is to speak on "Darfur and the Olympics".

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu said she did not know Farrow planned to visit Hong Kong, but said the actress should "deepen her understanding" of China's role in Darfur. Activists say civil war has killed at least 200,000 people there.

Ambrose Leung, Danny Mok and Associated Press

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## Hong Kong blocks torch protesters

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Date: Wednesday 30, April 2008

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## Olympic torch set to reach Hong Kong

HONG KONG: The Olympic torch arrives in Hong Kong on Wednesday with authorities under fire for barring at least half a dozen activists from entering the city.

Three Tibetan activists from the groups Free Tibet and Students for a Free Tibet were denied entry by Hong Kong authorities on Tuesday, while three Danish human rights activists including sculptor Jens Galschiot were barred over the weekend.

The Hong Kong relay leg will be the flame's first stop on Chinese soil following its protest-marred global tour. Some political analysts said Hong Kong's high level of sensitivity over the torch relay stemmed from Beijing, and was testing the limits of freedoms granted to the city when it reverted from British to Chinese rule in 1997.

"I believe this is not a decision by the Hong Kong immigration authorities, but a request from Beijing asking them to eliminate all possible outside risks of protest," said James Sung, a political analyst with City University.

Carrie Yau, a senior government official, said on Tuesday the deportations may have caused a 'perception problem' with Hong Kong's free and open image, but said the city should be judged by its positive overall track record of allowing protests.

Three thousand Hong Kong police will guard the torch during its eight-hour relay in the city on Friday, with police officials warning they will not tolerate any violence and that the flying of Tibetan flags during the torch relay might be an offence.

Several local groups have said they will protest on Friday, but they'll be restricted to designated protest locations.

US actress Mia Farrow, who has pressured China over its policy on Sudan, also plans to speak in Hong Kong on Friday.

The Hong Kong government and business groups have, however, been at pains to emphasise Chinese Olympic pride, organising events involving tens of thousands of singing supporters, with patriotic flags and more than 1 million stickers printed for territory-wide distribution.

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(Reporting by James Pomfret; Editing by Nick Macfie and Alex Richardson)

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## Olympic flame arrives in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, China (CNN) -- The protest-plagued Olympic torch relay arrived in Hong Kong Wednesday, its first stop on Chinese soil.

The Olympic flame arrives from Vietnam at Hong Kong's international airport Wednesday.

Authorities in Hong Kong deported at least seven activists before the flame's arrival and braced for possible protests and the arrival of more activists prior to the official torch run on Friday.

The flame arrived at 2 p.m. (6 a.m. GMT) with red-carpet treatment at Hong Kong International airport, greeted by a row of children waving Chinese flags and a band playing patriotic tunes.

The occasion also marked the 100-day countdown to the start of the Beijing Olympic Games, which begin on August 8.

Authorities plan to deploy 3,000 officers to guard the flame, according to media accounts.

Demonstrators criticizing Beijing's human rights record and its recent crackdown in Tibet dogged the relay in London, England; Paris, France; and San Francisco, California.

However, the flame had protest-free jaunts in Pyongyang, North Korea, on Monday and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, on Tuesday -- the last stop in a 29-day odyssey through 21 cities in five continents before entering China. The torch relay also will stop in Macau before heading to the mainland, including Tibet, where Chinese authorities cracked down after violent riots broke out against Han Chinese there in March.

There sometime in May weather-permitting, Chinese climbers plan to take the Olympic flame to the summit of Mount Everest, the world's highest peak at 29,028 feet (8,848 meters). Since its handover to China by the British in 1997, Hong Kong has been allowed to run its own domestic affairs with considerable autonomy until 2047.

The territory grants visa-free entry to many Westerners, raising the possibility

that the relay Friday could be greeted with the kind of protests it has faced in some other stops.

However, three pro-Tibet campaigners and a freedom of speech activist were barred entry into Hong Kong and questioned for hours at the airport before being deported, according to Students for a Free Tibet's web site.

The trio involved two of its members and an organizer with the Free Tibet Campaign. Their plan was to take part in a press conference that would draw attention to the likelihood of violent protests, if China did not cancel the 'provocative' Tibet leg of the torch relay. 'The Chinese government has shut out international observers and media from Tibet, and now they have even stopped individuals from speaking out in Hong Kong about the humanitarian crisis unfolding in Tibet,' said Kate Woznow, campaign director for Students for a Free Tibet.

China says 18 civilians and a police officer were killed in Lhasa during the March violence. Tibetan exile groups say many times that number were killed in the ensuing crackdown.

Also deported Tuesday was free speech activist Zhang Yu, who was flying in to take part in 'World Press Freedom Day.' The four-day conference calls for freedom of expression in China.

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Authorities did not specify a reason for barring his entry, said the association's general secretary, Mak Yin-ting.

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China is believed to have special influence with the Islamic regime because it buys two-thirds of Sudan's oil exports and sells weapons to Sudan. China also defends Khartoum in the U.N. Security Council.

Nepal, meanwhile, deported a U.S. citizen on Tuesday for allegedly holding a 'Free Tibet' banner on Mount Everest.

Even though the climb up Everest will take place on the Chinese side of the mountain, Nepal has posted about 25 security personnel on its side of the mountain -- an attempt to maintain good relations with its neighbor. Nepal has granted them permission to shoot mountaineers engaged in anti-Chinese activities, according to a Home Ministry official. CNN's Saeed Ahmed contributed to this report

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## Galschiøt malede Hong Kong orange

ARIE BERING

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Da kunstneren Jens Galschiøt blev nægtet indrejse i Hong Kong i weekenden, er det besluttet at fuldføre aktionen. En otte meter høj skulptur er blevet malet orange i protest.



Jens Galschiøt stillede "Skamstøtten" op ved universitetet i Hong Kong i 1997, kort før byen blev en del af Kina. Skulpturen var en kommentar til massakren på studenterne på Den Himmelske Freds Plads i Beijing otte år tidligere. Foto: Wally Santana/AP

Orange. Orange. Orange. Hvis det står til kunstneren Jens Galschiøt skal farven orange kunne ses over alt, når de olympiske lege begynder i Kina. I dag fik han fuldført en vigtig del af missionen.

Da den olympiske fakkel i dag ankom til Hongkong, blev Galschiøts otte meter høje skulptur "Skamstøtten", der står opført ved Hong Kongs universitet, malet orange af aktivister og kinesiske studenter.

Det skete til trods for, at kunstneren selv blev nægtet indrejse, da han og hans to sønner i weekenden ankom med fly til Hong Kong.

TV: [Skamstøtten overmalet](#)

### Stor opmærksomhed

Afvisningen af de tre danskere, der var inviteret af den kinesiske demokratibevægelse, har fået stor opmærksomhed fra offentligheden i Hong Kong.

Demokratibevægelsen og flere parlamentsmedlemmer demonstrerede mandag foran regeringskontorerne i Hongkong for at protestere imod at danskerne ikke kunne komme ind i byen.

Både den danske og franske generalkonsul, samt EU-repræsentationen i Hong Kong er involveret i en klagesag over afvisningen i lufthavnen.

### Blot en farve

Jens Galschiøt og hans samarbejdspartnere vil køre farven orange i stilling til at blive sympol på Kinas overtrædelse af menneskerettighederne.

"Ved at bære orange tøj, en orange kuglepen eller andet, kan deltagerne under OL sende et signal til verden om, at man godt ved, at der er noget galt med menneskerettighederne i landet. Dette er den eneste måde som sportsfolk, journalister og andre kan udtrykke kritik af Kina på, uden at blive diskvalificeret eller udvist fra OL," forklarer Jens Galschiøt.

Farven orange er valgt, fordi det ikke er muligt for de kinesiske myndigheder at forbyde folk at bære en bestemt farve.

Jens Galschiøt og folkene bag projekt orange er på nuværende tidspunkt i gang med at følge op på skulpturaktionen i Hong Kong. De sender opfordringer til kunstnere og aktivister om at lave tøjstrimler af orange stof og binde dem på skulpturerne i de byer, hvor de bor.

<http://kpn.dk/article1331222.ece>



Jens Galschiøt. Arkivfoto

# Tibet Activists Deported From HK

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Separately, Zhang Yu, general secretary of the Independent Chinese PEN Center, was detained for at least seven hours at the airport before being put on a plane to Paris late Tuesday, Hong Kong Journalists Association general secretary Mak Yin-ting said Wednesday.

Zhang, who is based in Sweden, was planning to attend a four-day writers' and artists' conference calling for freedom of expression in China that coincided with the torch relay, Mak said.

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Hong Kong Secretary for Security Ambrose Lee met with Danish Consul General Jorgen Mollegaard and European Union and French diplomats Tuesday to discuss Galschiot's case, a government spokesman said.

Mollegaard did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Mark Allison, a spokesman for Amnesty International's Hong Kong branch, urged the government to explain the grounds for the deportations.

Also on Tuesday, the government of Nepal said it had deported American mountaineer William Brant Holland of Midlothian, Va., for violating regulations by bringing a 'Free Tibet' banner to the Mount Everest base camp. It also ordered a BBC news crew out of the camp.

Nepal, not wanting to hurt relations with Beijing, is trying to enforce a strict ban on protests during China's upcoming Olympic torch relay to the summit of the world's highest mountain. Dozens of armed Nepalese soldiers have been posted at Mount Everest's base camp and at Camp 2, a lower stop for mountaineers.

The relay up Everest will take place on the Chinese side of the mountain. But Nepal's government, under pressure from Beijing, has posted soldiers on its side and banned climbing near the summit from May 1-10.

Climbers will not be allowed to go past Everest's Camp 2 - at 21,325 feet - until after the Chinese finish their torch relay on the mountain, sometime in May when weather permits.

## Beijing starts 100-day countdown

BEIJING/HONG KONG (Reuters) - China began counting down 100 days to the Beijing Olympics on Wednesday with songs, a mass run and prayers, as the torch arrived back on Chinese soil after a tumultuous world tour.

Unlike run-ups to recent Olympics, Beijing's preparations have kept to plan and some stadiums and infrastructure have even been completed ahead of schedule.

The city has spent \$35-\$40 billion (18 billion pounds-20 billion pounds) on improved infrastructure, including a new airport terminal and subway lines, as well as \$2.1 billion to cover the cost of running the Games. 'The 100 days ahead will bring mounting excitement and energy to Beijing,' the International Olympic Committee said. 'Citizens and visitors will see the city continue to transform itself, as it welcomes athletes, the media and spectators for the final test events, as well as for the Games themselves.' But over the past few months the city's smooth preparations have been overshadowed by the torch relay's troubled journey around the globe, with protesters, especially in London, Paris and San Francisco, targeting China's human rights record, in particular its policies on Tibet.

Dozens of Philippine activists held a mock torch relay outside the Chinese consulate in Manila on Wednesday, protesting against what they called political repression in China.

Wednesday's festivities in Beijing started off under a hazy sky with a run around the Olympic Green by 10,000 Beijing residents, part of China's promise to make the Games a 'People's Olympics'. And in officially atheist China, Catholic churches prayed for a successful Games. One nun told Reuters they forgave people who had disrupted the torch relay. 'Of course we forgive the things that those who don't understand politics have done,' Angela Teresa Ying said after attending a Mass for the Games at a Beijing cathedral.

Security in Beijing has been noticeably stepped-up following last month's anti-Chinese protests in Tibet, the troubled torch relay and China's assertion that it has broken up terrorist plots to attack the Games.

### TORCH REACHES CHINA

The red carpet was rolled out in Hong Kong for the torch's return to Chinese soil with authorities under fire for barring activists from entering the city.

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Three thousand police will guard the torch during its eight-hour relay in the city on Friday.

Beijing's promise to ensure complete media freedom has been called into question, especially following Chinese criticism of foreign reporters for perceived bias in their coverage of the Tibet protests, with some reporters receiving death threats.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao denied the Chinese public harboured anti-Western sentiment. 'What they want is only impartial and fair media coverage. That is legitimate,' Liu said. China has lashed out at human rights groups and some European and U.S. politicians who have, in China's words, tried to politicise the Games and raised the prospect of an Olympic boycott.

Olympics chiefs have praised the city's preparations and its showpiece stadiums, the Bird's Nest and Water Cube, have drawn wide acclaim. 'The Beijing Organising Committee has put a tremendous amount of effort into putting on a great Games for the athletes,' the IOC said in a statement. 'It is currently fine-tuning its operations and we are satisfied by the assurances that we have received across a number of areas of Games preparations, ranging from media service levels to environmental contingency plans for improved air quality.' (Additional reporting by Benjamin Kang Lim, Chris Buckley, Guo Shipeng in Beijing and Reuters Television; Writing by Nick Macfie; Editing by Jeremy Laurence) ('Countdown to Beijing Olympics' blog at <http://blogs.reuters.com/china>)

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[Adds writer barred from HK; Everest attempt, paras 13,16,17]

BEIJING/HONG KONG, April 30 (Reuters) - China began counting down 100 days to the Beijing Olympics on Wednesday with songs, a mass run and prayers, as the torch arrived back on Chinese soil after a tumultuous world tour.

Unlike run-ups to recent Olympics, Beijing's preparations have kept to plan and some stadiums and infrastructure have even been completed ahead of schedule.

The city has spent \$35-\$40 billion on improved infrastructure, including a new airport terminal and subway lines, as well as \$2.1 billion to cover the cost of running the Games.

'The 100 days ahead will bring mounting excitement and energy to Beijing,' the International Olympic Committee said. 'Citizens and visitors will see the city continue to transform itself, as it welcomes athletes, the media and spectators for the final test events, as well as for the Games themselves.'

But over the past few months the city's smooth preparations have been overshadowed by the torch relay's troubled journey around the globe, with protesters, especially in London, Paris and San Francisco, targeting China's human rights record, in particular its policies on Tibet.

Wednesday's festivities in Beijing started off under a hazy sky with a run around the Olympic Green by 10,000 Beijing residents, part of China's promise to make the Games a 'People's Olympics'.

And in officially atheist China, Catholic churches prayed for a successful Games. One nun told Reuters they forgave people who had disrupted the torch relay.

'Of course we forgive the things that those who don't understand politics have done,' Angela Teresa Ying said after attending a Mass for the Games at a Beijing cathedral.

Security in Beijing has been noticeably stepped-up following last month's anti-Chinese protests in Tibet, the troubled torch relay and China's assertion that it has broken up terrorist plots to attack the Games.

### TORCH REACHES CHINA

The red carpet was rolled out in Hong Kong for the torch's return to Chinese soil with authorities under fire for barring activists from entering the city.

Three Tibetan activists from the groups Free Tibet and Students for a Free Tibet were denied entry by Hong Kong authorities on Tuesday, while three Danish human rights activists including sculptor [Jens Galschiot](#) were barred over the weekend.

Zhang Yu, general secretary of the writers' group Independent Chinese PEN Centre, arrived in Hong Kong from Stockholm late on Tuesday but was also refused entry, the Hong Kong Journalists' Association said.

Zhao Dagong, a Chinese writer, was barred by Chinese authorities from entering Hong Kong at the Shenzhen border crossing. Zhao had planned on attending the same international writer's forum in Hong Kong as Zhang.

Some political analysts said Hong Kong's high level of sensitivity over the torch relay stemmed from Beijing, and was testing the limits of freedoms granted to the city when it reverted from British to Chinese rule in 1997.

Three thousand police will guard the torch during its eight-hour relay in the city on Friday.

A highlight of the relay was meant to be the flame's ascent of the world's highest peak, Mount Everest.

A second special torch was especially commissioned for the high altitude run from the Tibet side of Everest, but a meteorologist at Everest Base Camp on Wednesday ruled out a climb for at least three days because of the weather.

Beijing's promise to ensure complete media freedom has been called into question, especially following Chinese criticism of foreign reporters for perceived bias in their coverage of the Tibet protests, with some reporters receiving death threats.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao denied the Chinese public harboured anti-Western sentiment.

'What they want is only impartial and fair media coverage. That is legitimate,' Liu said.

China has lashed out at human rights groups and some European and U.S. politicians who have, in China's words, tried to politicise the Games and raised the prospect of an Olympic boycott.

Olympics chiefs have praised the city's preparations and its showpiece stadiums, the Bird's Nest and Water Cube, have drawn wide acclaim.

'The Beijing Organising Committee has put a tremendous amount of effort into putting on a great Games for the athletes,' the IOC said in a statement.

'It is currently fine-tuning its operations and we are satisfied by the assurances that we have received across a number of areas of Games preparations, ranging from media service levels to environmental contingency plans for improved air quality.' (Additional reporting by Nick Mulvenney at Everest Base Camp, Guo Shipeng in Beijing and Reuters Television; Writing by Nick Macfie; Editing by Jeremy Laurence) ('Countdown to Beijing Olympics' blog at [blogs.reuters.com/china](http://blogs.reuters.com/china))

## Four more activists expelled as Olympic Torch reaches Hong Kong

Hong Kong - The Olympic Torch was Wednesday due to return to Chinese soil at the end of its troubled world tour as more activists were denied entry to Hong Kong ahead of its arrival. The torch was due to reach the former British colony from Vietnam ahead of Friday's relay through the city which will be closely watched for protests and demonstrations over Tibet.

Hong Kong is the only place in China apart from Macau where anti-China demonstrations are allowed, thanks to the territory's 'one country, two systems' arrangement with Beijing.

However, the city's Beijing-appointed administration has taken a hard line against protestors so far, expelling Danish sculptor and human rights activist [Jens Galschiot](#) and his sons when they arrived Saturday to take part in anti-China protests.

Four more activists have also been refused entry at Hong Kong international airport, it emerged Thursday, including two members of the Students for Free Tibet movement and the London-based spokesman for the Free Tibet Campaign, Matt Whitticase.

In a statement sent to Deutsche Presse-Agentur

## Olympic protests heat up in Athens

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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ATHENS - More than 2,000 police were deployed Saturday to guard the Beijing Olympics torch relay as demonstrators gathered in the Greek capital to protest China's human rights record.

A small group of Danish protesters dressed in orange were at the headquarters of the Hellenic Olympic Committee, several hours before the flame was due to reach Athens.

"We are here to protest the state of human rights in China and to speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves in China," demonstrator Maja Groen said.

The group, led by Danish artist Jens Galschiot, said it had tried to follow the torch relay from central Greece to Athens but were kept back by police.

"It was really annoying that the Greek police did not allow us to follow the flame," Groen said.

After being carried through the capital, the torch will be handed over to Beijing officials tomorrow at the restored ancient stadium, where the first modern Olympics were held in 1896.

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Date: Wednesday 30, April 2008

Source: Forbes (web)  
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## Olympic torch arrives in Hong Kong after activists deported

The Olympic torch arrived in Hong Kong Wednesday after the Chinese territory deported at least seven activists who planned to protest the flame.

Three pro-Tibet activists who planned to protest during Hong Kong's leg of the Olympic torch relay were deported after they arrived at the territory's airport Tuesday, activists said.

A fourth person, an organizer for an independent Chinese writers' group, was also deported.

Four other activists who planned to protest China's human rights record have been turned away since the weekend. The flame's return to Chinese soil follows a global tour marred by protests against Beijing's human rights record and its recent crackdown in Tibet.

Mia Farrow is due to arrive here Thursday to raise awareness about fighting in Sudan's Darfur region. Activists such as the 63-year-old actress want China to press Sudan to let U.N. peacekeepers into Darfur.

The Hong Kong leg of the torch relay on Friday is a high-stakes event for the local government because it marks the flame's homecoming to Chinese soil after a world tour tarnished by protests.

Hong Kong, a former British colony now ruled by China, is supposed to enjoy Western-style civil liberties such as freedom of expression that are denied in the mainland. It grants visa-free entry to many Westerners, raising the prospects of demonstrations.

Authorities plan to deploy 3,000 officers to guard the flame, which was carried through Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, earlier Tuesday - the last international leg of the relay.

Activists said Kate Woznow and Tsering Lama, organizers of Students for a Free Tibet, and Matt Whitticase, organizer of the Free Tibet Campaign were turned away after arriving in Hong Kong on Tuesday.

Woznow, a Canadian, told The Associated Press she was put on a return flight to New York. Whitticase, a British citizen, was booked on a return flight to London.

## Torch in Hong Kong after activists deported

Source: MSNBC  
Date: Wednesday 30, April 2008

Free Tibet Campaign spokeswoman Claire Cooper said.

Tsering Lama, an ethnic Tibetan Canadian citizen, was deported back to Toronto, Canada, Students for a Free Tibet spokeswoman Lhadon Tethong said.

Separately, Zhang Yu, general secretary of the Independent Chinese PEN Center, was detained for at least seven hours at the airport before being put on a plane to Paris late Tuesday, Hong Kong Journalists Association general secretary Mak Yin-ting said Wednesday.

Zhang, who is based in Sweden, was planning to attend a four-day writers' and artists' conference calling for freedom of expression in China that coincided with the torch relay, Mak said.

The grounds for the deportations wasn't immediately clear. Hong Kong officials have said repeatedly they won't discuss individual cases.

In a phone call from the plane before takeoff, Woznow said immigration officials questioned her about her trip but gave no reason for turning her away.

Woznow accused the Hong Kong government of caving in to pressure from Beijing. 'I really thought that Hong Kong authorities were different from Beijing,' she said. On Saturday, three Danish human rights activists were detained and deported. Danish sculptor Jens Galschiot and his two sons were questioned for six hours and then put on a flight to Denmark, a cameraman traveling with them said.

Galschiot sculpted the 'The Pillar of Shame,' which depicts 50 twisted human bodies to mourn victims of the 1989 military crackdown on pro-democracy protests in Tiananmen Square.

Hong Kong Secretary for Security Ambrose Lee met with Danish Consul General Jorgen Mollegaard and European Union and French diplomats Tuesday to discuss Galschiot's case, a government spokesman said.

Mollegaard did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Mark Allison, a spokesman for Amnesty International's Hong Kong branch, urged the government to explain the grounds for the deportations.

Also on Tuesday, the government of Nepal said it had deported American

mountaineer William Brant Holland of Midlothian, Va., for violating regulations by bringing a 'Free Tibet' banner to the Mount Everest base camp. It also ordered a BBC news crew out of the camp.

Nepal, not wanting to hurt relations with Beijing, is trying to enforce a strict ban on protests during China's upcoming Olympic torch relay to the summit of the world's highest mountain. Dozens of armed Nepalese soldiers have been posted at Mount Everest's base camp and at Camp 2, a lower stop for mountaineers.

The relay up Everest will take place on the Chinese side of the mountain. But Nepal's government, under pressure from Beijing, has posted soldiers on its side and banned climbing near the summit from May 1-10.

Climbers will not be allowed to go past Everest's Camp 2 - at 21,325 feet - until after the Chinese finish their torch relay on the mountain, sometime in May when weather permits.

Associated Press writers Dicky Sinn in Hong Kong and Binaj Gurubacharya contributed to this report.

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The Olympic torch returned to Chinese soil Wednesday after a turbulent 20-nation tour, landing in the bustling

# Jens opfordrer til orange protest

Billedhuggeren Jens Galschiøt, der som bekendt er kunstneren bag succes-udstillingen i Kastellet, skulpturen Guldkalven på rådhuspladsen og debatten om levende byrum i Fredericia, har etableret projektet The Color Orange.

Det førte ham i weekenden til Hongkong, hvor han skulle male sin verdensberømte skulptur, Skamstøtten, orange og dermed modtage OL-faklen med en tavs demonstration.

Men sådan gik det ikke ...

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## Elbo Bladet

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# Jens Galschiøt opfordrer til orange protest

**Kunstneren bag succes-udstillingen i Kastellet og Guldkalven på rådhuspladsen, billedhuggeren Jens Galschiøt, som frederianerne har taget til sig og omvendt, fløj i weekenden til Hongkong - for blot at blive tilbageholdt og derefter tvunget på et fly hjem igen.**

den britiske kronkoloni blev en del af Kina - som et varigt minde om massakren på Den Himmelske Freds plads i Beijing 4. juni 1989, og skulpturen blev et globalt symbol på en forbrydelse.

**Nonverbal demonstration**  
Sammen med den kinesiske demokratibevægelse og studenterbevægelsen

i Hongkong skulle Jens Galschiøt i dag onsdag - præcis 100 dage før åbningen af OL 2008 (08.08.08) - male Skamstøtten orange og således modtage OL-faklen med en nonverbal demonstration, når den i overmorgen kommer til Hongkong. Derudover skulle han bl.a. deltage i et 19 kilometer langt løb for at mindes ofrene fra Den Himmelske Freds plads.

Men ved ankomsten til Hongkong lørdag aften blev Jens Galschiøt - med orange bluse og taske - og hans to sønner Lasse og Kasper tilbageholdt, frataget deres mobiltelefoner og kameraer, og deres advokat blev nægtet adgang til dem. Efter seks timers

forhør uden at kunne få oplyst årsagen til tilbageholdelsen, blev de af bevæbnet politi tvunget ombord på et fly til Europa.

Jens Galschiøt oplyser, at selv om han ikke selv kan male Skamstøtten orange nu, vil det ske alligevel, da Hongkongs demokrati- og studenterbevægelser sørger for det.

Som et symbol på Kinas krænkelser af menneskerettighederne opfordrer Jens Galschiøt alle til at bruge farven orange under og efter OL - ikke alene ved at iføre sig orange, men også ved at drapere skulpturer med orange stof og bånd.

Man kan bakke op om kampagnen på [www.thecolororange.dk](http://www.thecolororange.dk)

Formålet med rejsen var at sætte fokus på Kinas overtrædelser af menneskerettighederne. Jens Galschiøt plejer som bekendt at bruge sine skulpturer til manifestationer af et humanistisk menneskesyn, men på grund af de snævre grænser for ytringsfriheden ved OL 2008 har han i stedet valgt blot at udtrykke sig med farven orange og har således etableret projektet The Color Orange.

Jens Galschiøts plan var derfor at male sin otte meter høje skulptur, Skamstøtten, orange for at markere afstandstagen til Kinas krænkelser af menneskerettighederne.

Skamstøtten fik sin plads ved Hongkongs universitet i 1997 tre uger før



Jens Galschiøt med orange tørklæde og badge på Gasværksgrunden. Han finansierer selv sine kunst-events ved salg af sine bronze-skulpturer til kunstsamlere og er således 100% uafhængig af politiske, økonomiske og religiøse interesser.

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Her 100 dage inden åbningen af OL i Beijing vil oppositionelle kinesiske elementer i Hongkong sammen med den danske kunstner Jens Galschiøt fremstille en orangemalet skamstøtte over Kina. Mon kronprins Frederik tager sig tid til at kigge forbi og sige et par passende ord?

## Bowring: Hong Kong greets the torch

The Olympic torch arrival is being marked by feverish efforts to raise patriotic zeal, with a massively publicized torch relay on May 2 and bans on the entry of several foreign critics of China. Both run contrary to the territory's liberal and internationalist traditions. So much too for the protestations by Beijing - and International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge - that sports should not be mixed with politics.

The Hong Kong government's hand can be seen in the membership of the Committee for Welcoming the Torch, which includes the heads of several major quasi-governmental entities, a member of the government's policy-making Executive Council as well as assorted business and professional figures.

Not content with cheering the torch and the Olympic spirit, the committee has urged Hong Kong people to dress in red on the day, or wear one of two million special red stickers being prepared, as a sign of patriotic identification with the government.

It urged schools and employers to support the effort, a move seen by critics as a way of separating the 'patriotic' from the 'unpatriotic.' The local authorities also did their bit for patriotic politics by appointing various pro-administration politicians, as well as property tycoons and their employees to take part in the torch relay. Sports people were conspicuous by their minority status in the relay list.

Seemingly unaware of the irony, the Torch Welcoming Committee spokesman, Jack So, who is the head of the government-funded Trade Development Council, was quoted as saying, 'We are only concerned about sports, peace and harmony. We don't want to talk about politics.' Meanwhile So's council, which is supposed to help all business in Hong Kong - Chinese or not - has remained silent on a crucial issue facing thousands of foreign businessmen based in Hong Kong: the pre-Olympic refusal of Beijing to issue multiple reentry visas. This issue is of major concern to the foreign chambers of commerce whose members must cross the border frequently to meet suppliers and visit factories. Hong Kong's liberal reputation has also been undermined by refusal to allow the entry of a group of human-rights activists headed by the Danish sculptor Jens Galschiot, who was planning to join the small group of local activists eager to use the occasion to wave the Tibetan flag.

No such ban appears set for actress Mia Farrow, due to speak on Darfur, though there are fears that 'patriotic' demonstrators could be disruptive. But in another example of politically inspired patriotism trumping liberalism, the local Law Society journal has declined to publish an article setting out a legal case for Tibetan independence.

It is clear that Olympics-related anti-China protests have stirred up nationalism throughout China, including among many who are otherwise critical of the government. Protesters have often failed to distinguish between criticism of the government and attacks on China's pride in hosting what they hope will be the biggest and best Olympics.

As events in Hong Kong are now demonstrating, that can be counter-productive and make it easier for the government to wrap itself in the flag of patriotism. But it is equally clear that governments in Hong Kong and Beijing have been as determined as the demonstrators to use the games for political ends.

Adding to it in Hong Kong's case is the fact that the city is spending a huge sum to host the equestrian events, which could not be held on the mainland for quarantine reasons.

These events have underlined the exclusionary character of Hong Kong's Olympic selection process and the nationalist, patriotic agenda which the games represent.

By excluding anyone not holding Chinese nationality - and there are tens of thousands of locally born non-Chinese residents, mostly of south and southeast Asian ancestry - some of the best local equestrians as well as other athletes are unable to compete for Hong Kong even though it has separate Olympics participation from China.

The Olympics should be open to those who meet residence qualifications, as is generally the case with most other sports and with other dependent territories with teams at the Olympics.

But officials seem to fear they would compete for the territory of Hong Kong, and not for the red flag or Han ethnic pride.

<http://www.ihf.com/articles/2008/05/01/opinion/edbawring.php>

## Farrow arrives in Hong Kong ahead of Olympic torch relay

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Ms Farrow (above), who is pushing China to help stop violence in Sudan's conflict-riven Darfur region, will give a speech in Hong Kong on Friday entitled 'Darfur and the Olympics'. -- PHOTO: AP HONG KONG - US ACTRESS and activist Mia Farrow touched down in Hong Kong on Thursday ahead of the Olympic torch relay, as diplomats raised concerns over the decision to bar other campaigners from the city.

Amid final preparations before Friday's leg of the torch relay - which has been dogged by protests on its worldwide journey - Ms Farrow said there had been no problems with officials on her arrival.

'They were very polite and very nice,' she told reporters at Hong Kong airport. 'They wanted some assurance that we are not here to disrupt the torch relay, which of course we are not.'

Ms Farrow, who is pushing China to help stop violence in Sudan's conflict-riven Darfur region, will give a speech in Hong Kong on Friday entitled 'Darfur and the Olympics'.

Asked what she thought Beijing should do on the Sudan issue, Ms Farrow said the government could press leaders in Khartoum to 'cease the aerial bombardment and ground attacks' and let in a full complement of international peacekeepers.

The torch arrived in Hong Kong on Wednesday to begin its journey through China after a round-the-world relay marred by protests over China's human rights record and controversial crackdown on unrest in Tibet.

The parade through the city on Friday is expected to offer campaigners their final chance to criticise China on a range of issues, before it passes from the relatively open former British colony to the more restrictive mainland.

Before Ms Farrow's arrival, at least 13 people - including known members of activist groups - were prevented from entering the Chinese territory in the run-up to the relay, diplomats and campaign groups have said.

The latest to be refused entry is a British man, who tried to enter the Asian financial hub on Tuesday, a spokesman for the British Consulate said on Thursday.

Free Tibet press officer Matt Whitticase, also British, was also prevented this week from entering and flown back to Britain.

'We are seeking a meeting with Hong Kong's secretary of security to clarify why two British nationals were denied entry,' the spokesman said.

Senior representatives of the European Commission were also expected to seek a meeting with the Hong Kong government over the issue, a report in the South China Morning Post newspaper said.

The Hong Kong immigration department has refused to comment on individual cases, but the issue to restrict entry ahead of the relay has drawn condemnation from several rights groups.

Others turned away include two Canadian pro-Tibet campaigners on Tuesday.

Danish sculptor and rights campaigner Jens Galschiot and two others were turned away on Saturday.

A writer and Chinese citizen, Zhang Yu, was prevented from entering the territory and sent back to Sweden on Tuesday as he tried to enter to address a freedom of speech event, the Hong Kong Journalists' Association said,

Another spokesman for the event said five people had also been prevented from attending the same long-planned conference after trying to enter Hong Kong from mainland China.

Amnesty International said the city's concerns about maintaining public order should not be used as an excuse to clamp down on 'fundamental human rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly'.

After the torch's journey through Hong Kong - which includes a trip across the city's spectacular Victoria Harbour - it will be paraded in nearby Macau on Saturday.

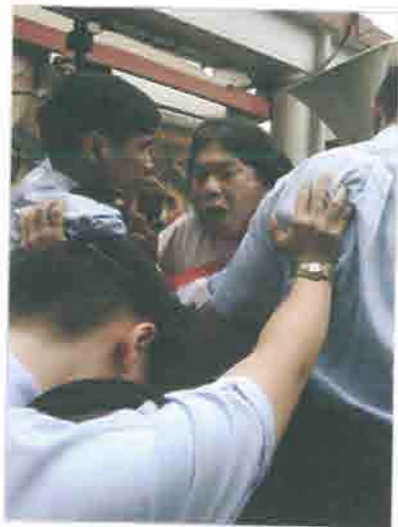
Organisers in Macau said on Thursday the relay leg has been cut in half from seven hours to just over three on advice from Olympic officials in Beijing, without elaborating.

From Macau, it will snake its way through the Chinese mainland to the capital

Beijing for the August 8 Olympic opening ceremony.

Hong Kong, a wealthy financial centre returned to China by colonial power Britain in 1997, boasts liberal legal and economic arrangements agreed after the handover, making it a potential target for protesters. -- AFP

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Kin Cheung/Associated Press

Police officers prevented Leung Kwok-hung, a lawmaker and pro-democracy activist, from moving closer to the Olympic flame welcoming ceremony in Hong Kong on Wednesday.

The Olympic torch returned to China on Wednesday in preparation for its first relay on Chinese soil after a troubled worldwide tour.

There were no reports of protests, but several advocates critical of China had already been deported. The torch's relay through Hong Kong will take place on Friday.

The torch's arrival in Hong Kong has been depicted as part of a broader struggle over Hong Kong's evolving role as an autonomous territory of China. The torch, traveling from Vietnam, landed at Hong Kong International Airport, where it was greeted by a marching band and flag-waving children dressed in red and white tracksuits, The Associated Press reported.

The torch was then taken to a welcoming ceremony at a cultural center.

On Saturday, the Hong Kong government denied entry to three Danish human rights advocates who had hoped to protest at the torch relay, detaining them for six hours and then putting them against their will on a flight to London. A Tibetan monk was stopped on arrival at the airport over the weekend and forced to fly elsewhere, according to the local news media.

On Tuesday, three pro-Tibet advocates were deported after they arrived at the airport in Hong Kong, The A.P. said.

In a statement on Wednesday, Amnesty International urged the Hong Kong authorities to allow protesters "to engage in peaceful demonstrations before, during and after the Olympic torch relay."

Despite the deportations, local critics of China's human rights record are still planning to demonstrate, and more rights advocates from overseas are expected to try to enter the territory of Hong Kong to hold their own protests, notably the actress Mia Farrow, who is now one of the most prominent critics of China's role in the Darfur region of Sudan.

About 3,000 police officers planned to guard the torch during its relay on Friday, The A.P. reported.

The Hong Kong police authorities have been making extensive preparations to try to separate critics and supporters of China on Friday. "It has been, and continues to be, the Hong Kong Police Force's policy to endeavor to facilitate, as far as possible, all peaceful public order activities," the police said in an e-mail response to questions.

The Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China, which commemorates the Tiananmen Square killings in 1989 and seeks human rights improvements in Hong Kong, held a small demonstration on Monday to protest the government's decision to block the entry of the Danish advocates.

"It really hurts the image of Hong Kong as an international city when we start restricting freedom of access," said Lee Cheuk-yan, a union leader, Hong Kong legislator and vice chairman of the alliance.

Any protests that take place Friday could be an early glimpse of demonstrations to come during the Olympics in August. The International Olympic Committee moved all six Olympic equestrian events from Beijing to Hong Kong after Beijing failed to convince international veterinary groups that horses brought into mainland China could be kept free of equine diseases.

Groups critical of China are considering whether to hold protests at Olympic events here or in Beijing. Hong Kong has a tradition of tolerating peaceful protest, but Beijing will host more Olympic events, so protests there may receive greater attention.

Reached by telephone on Sunday night at her Connecticut home, Ms. Farrow said she had not been aware that rights advocates were being stopped at the airport. She still planned to fly to Hong Kong this week.

"I don't think we have a choice; we have to go," said Ms. Farrow, chairwoman of the advisory board of Dream for Darfur, a group that criticizes China for its diplomatic, military and commercial ties to Sudan.

The Hong Kong immigration authorities have a policy of not commenting on individual cases. But officials have said in recent weeks that any government has the right to refuse entry to those who may be disruptive, and they have denied suggestions that the city is taking orders from Beijing.

Before Britain returned Hong Kong to Chinese rule in 1997, the Chinese government promised to let Hong Kong run its own domestic affairs, including immigration policies, with considerable autonomy until 2047.

Chinese citizens and people of Chinese descent have shown up in large numbers at torch relay events from San Francisco to Sydney and have sometimes scuffled with critics of China's policies in Tibet. Three Japanese citizens received blows when they tried to unfurl a pro-Tibet banner at the torch relay in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, but suffered no lasting injuries, according to the Japanese Embassy there. Pro-China demonstrators also threw rocks, water bottles, and plastic and metal pipes at critics of China during the torch relay on Sunday in Seoul, South Korea.

Official Chinese news media have exhorted citizens in recent days to "defend the torch" in each city on the relay route. "We are worried that we may be confronted by these nationalists," said Mr. Lee, of the Hong Kong Alliance.

Jill Savitt, the executive director of Dream for Darfur, who plans to arrive here with Ms. Farrow on Thursday, said that it was in the interest of Beijing officials to encourage Hong Kong to allow advocates to enter. "They have just called more attention to their repressive policies than letting them in would have done," she said.

## After Troubled Tour, Torch Arrives in China



Associated Press

The Olympic flame was carried by Yang Shuan, executive vice president of the Beijing Organizing Committee of the 2008 Olympic Games, upon its arrival at the Hong Kong airport on Wednesday.

By GRAHAM BOWLEY and KEITH BRADSHER  
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Dream for Darfur had been planning to hold protests in Beijing, but is concerned now about the increasingly tough Chinese position toward protesters, and is considering whether to shift demonstrations to the Hong Kong events instead, Ms. Savitt said.

The Chinese government has said repeatedly that it is seeking peace in Darfur, and its top envoy for the region has made a series of trips in an effort to win an agreement among the various warring factions. But groups like Dream for Darfur hold Beijing responsible for providing military, diplomatic and commercial assistance to the government of Sudan, which the activists accuse of allowing and even encouraging widespread murders and other human rights abuses in Darfur.

Graham Bowley reported from New York, and Keith Bradsher from Hong Kong.

Source: Earth Times  
Date: Thursday 1, May 2008

## Britain questions expulsions ahead of Olympic torch relay

Hong Kong - British officials in Hong Kong were Thursday preparing to meet a Hong Kong government minister to ask why two Britons planning to take part in anti-China protests during the Olympic torch relay on May 2 were refused entry. British consul-general Andrew Seaton is due to meet Secretary for Security Ambrose Lee Friday afternoon to ask why Free Tibet Campaign spokesman Matt Whitticase and another unnamed Briton were detained at the airport on Tuesday.

British consulate spokesman told Thursday's South China Morning Post that Seaton wanted to 'seek clarification' over why the two Britons were refused entry to the former British colony.

European Union representatives are expected to join in the meeting between Seaton and Lee, the newspaper said, following the refusal to allow protesters from other European countries into Hong Kong in recent days.

Whitticase has returned to London and was due to give a press conference over the internet on the situation in Tibet later Thursday while the unnamed Briton was still being detained in Hong Kong and receiving medical treatment for high blood pressure.

The Britons are among a number of foreigners refused entry to Hong Kong ahead of Friday's torch relay, which will be the first appearance of the Olympic flame on Chinese soil after its troubled round-the-world tour.

On Saturday, Danish sculptor and human rights activist Jens Galschiot and his two sons were also denied entry to Hong Kong and sent on a plane back to Europe by immigration officials.

Hong Kong guarantees the freedom to protest under its 'one country, two systems' arrangement with Beijing which gives people more political freedom than in the rest of China.

However, the Hong Kong government appears anxious to ensure that protests like those seen in London and Paris do not disrupt the Olympic torch during its 30-kilometre relay through the city on Friday.

Immigration officials have refused to comment on any of the cases so far, insisting it will not comment on individual cases, but have said in statements they must

uphold effective immigration control so as to ensure Hong Kong's public interest. US actress Mia Farrow, who has criticized China over its links with the Sudan, was due to arrive in Hong Kong later Thursday. The Hong Kong government is refused to say whether or not she will be allowed in.

Source: Earth Times  
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## Actress Mia Farrow allowed into Hong Kong ahead of torch relay

Hong Kong - Actress Mia Farrow on Thursday was allowed into Hong Kong, where she planned to give a speech criticizing China on the day of the Olympic torch relay through the city, despite speculation she would be turned away. The 63-year-old US citizen passed through immigration Thursday after a brief interview, during which she gave assurances she would not attempt to disrupt Friday's torch relay, the government-run radio station RTHK reported.

There had been widespread speculation that Farrow might be refused entry into the former British colony after at least four other overseas activists arriving to join in anti-China protests were detained and ejected.

Hong Kong is the only place on Chinese soil apart from Macau where anti-China protests are allowed, and Friday's relay was being seen as a test of freedom in the city of 6.9 million, which reverted to Chinese sovereignty in 1997.

Farrow is due to deliver a speech at Hong Kong's Foreign Correspondents Club Friday criticizing China for failing to do more to stop genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan, with which China has strong trading links.

She is scheduled to speak as the Olympic torch is being taken on a 33-kilometre relay around the city and was expected to join in some of the human rights protests planned to coincide with the relay.

On Saturday, Danish sculptor and human rights activist Jens Galschiot and his two sons were denied entry to Hong Kong and sent on a plane back to Europe by immigration officials.

A number of other Tibet activists, including Matt Whitticase, the London-based spokesman for the Free Tibet Campaign, have also been refused permission to enter Hong Kong this week.

Hong Kong guarantees the freedom to protest under its 'one country, two systems' arrangement with Beijing, which gives people more political freedom than in the rest of China.

However, the Hong Kong government appears anxious to ensure that protests like those seen during the relay legs in London and Paris do not disrupt the Olympic torch as it is taken around the city.

Immigration officials have so far refused to comment on any of the cases in which foreign visitors were denied entry, insisting they would not comment on individual cases, but have said in statements they must 'uphold effective immigration control so as to ensure Hong Kong's public interest.'

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Date: Thursday 1, May 2008

## Torch Relay Likely to Run Into Problems in China, Too

The Chinese government is on high alert as the Olympic torch relay is about to continue its journey through China beginning tomorrow.

For one, Western civil rights activists might try to sabotage the relay. On the other hand, the Chinese might wage fierce anti-Western demonstrations or campaign against Western products.

A Hong Kong newspaper reported yesterday that the Hong Kong and Macao governments, due to these concerns, had recently refused to allow entry for Western civil rights activists, since the torch relay is scheduled to pass through Hong Kong and Macao for two days, beginning tomorrow.

Hong Kong authorities, for example, rejected entry for Danish sculptor and human rights activist Jens Galschiot. The Hong Kong immigration authorities also refused to allow three non-Tibetan members of Students for Free Tibet into Hong Kong late last month. A senior officer of the Independent Chinese PEN Center was also deported soon after his entry, since the officer had been critical of the Chinese government overseas. Likewise, the Macao government beefed up its surveillance of Falun Gong members.

Meanwhile, Chinese authorities have banned Chinese search engines from providing online search results for the French retailer Carrefour, which has become the target of anti-Western protest in China. Thus, when a person types in Carrefour's Chinese name on Baidu.com, China's largest Internet search engine, a warning pops up stating that the search may violate government policy or law. This is an effort by the Chinese government to contain the spreading campaign of Chinese citizens protesting against the French retailer.

On the other hand, the Chinese government organized a variety of events to commemorate the 100 days before the Olympics, yesterday. It hosted a marathon race in the Olympic park, and held a pledge session at the Hall of the People where 6,000 citizens and government workers promised to assist the Olympics with their utmost.

State-run Xinhua news agency reported yesterday that two police officers were gunned down during an attempted arrest of a Tibetan activist, who had been wanted by Chinese authorities for his involvement in the recent demonstrations in Tibet. The activist was also shot to death, said the agency reported.

## Olympic torch relay in Hong Kong draws protests - Kyodo

Source: Asia Intelligence Wire  
Date: Friday 2, May 2008

Olympic torch relay in Hong Kong draws protests - Kyodo

Text of report in English by Japan's largest news agency Kyodo

Hong Kong, May 2 Kyodo - The Hong Kong leg of the Olympic torch relay began Friday morning as supporters and vastly outnumbered protesters faced off along the relay route in drizzly weather.

Lee Lai-shan, Hong Kong's first-ever Olympic gold medalist, was the first runner, followed by Olympic table tennis stars Li Ching and Ko Lai-chak and Hong Kong film actor and heartthrob Andy Lau.

Protesters in at least several groups, ranging from eight to a dozen people each, were surrounded by flag-waving Chinese congesting the sidewalks along Nathan Road, the main thoroughfare in Kowloon.

Christina Chan, a Hong Kong University student who wrapped herself in a Tibetan "Snow Lion" flag was among eight pro-Tibet protesters who police separated from an aggressive and took away in police vans.

"A man charged towards us but he was arrested by police," Chan told Kyodo News by telephone. "The police barred us from displaying the Tibetan flag and banners, and we were taken away against our will to a police station."

"The crowd tried to shove us, but we were actually surrounded by reporters," she said.

Chan said no one in the group was injured or arrested and they would protest later in the day at another part of the relay route.

Protesters from the Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China and other pro-democracy groups were scattered in different spots along the first part of the relay route in Tsim Sha Tsui, on the southern tip of the Kowloon Peninsula.

Dozens of members of the alliance ran their own version of a relay with plastic makeshift "democracy torches" along the route, but they could only move slowly as the roads were congested.

"It feels good," Democratic Party founder Martin Lee said. "Except a few who heckled us, most other people smiled and some even took pictures with us. On the mainland, our action would not have been allowed. It showed in a way that Hong Kong still endorses 'one country, two systems.'" While most onlookers donned red outfits to show support for the Beijing Olympics, protesters wore orange to call for better human rights in China and full democracy in Hong Kong.

The 26-kilometre relay will take about eight hours to finish.

Hong Kong has blocked seven foreign activists from entering in the past week, including Danish sculptor Jens Galschiot and his two sons, three activists from overseas pro-Tibet groups and the general secretary of writers' group Independent China PEN Centre, Zhang Yu.

US actress and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Mia Farrow, however, was allowed to enter Hong Kong on Thursday and was scheduled to speak at the Foreign Correspondents' Club on China's responsibility for the genocide in Sudan.

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## Tiananmen run adopts dream theme

Diana Lee

Activists have taken part in a 19-kilometer run as part of a campaign that aims to persuade Beijing to reverse the official verdict of the June 4 crackdown in Tiananmen Square and vindicate all those who took part.

About 50 participants, including 10 members of the Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China, students and others gathered in Tsim Sha Tsui yesterday morning.

Wearing white T-shirts displaying the words "One Dream and Rectify June 4 Verdict" the runners, some of who carried a "democratic torch," ran to Kowloon Park, then back to Tsim Sha Tsui to take a ferry to Central. A key venue on the run was Hong Kong University in Pok Fu Lam to pay homage at The Pillar of Shame, an 8-meter statue made by a Danish sculptor to commemorate the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown.

It finished outside the Central Liaison Office in Connaught Road where flowers were placed in front of a replica of the The Goddess of Democracy, a statue that was placed in Tiananmen Square during the Beijing protest. Alliance vice-president Lee Cheuk-yan said the 19-kilometer distance represented the 19 years since the student protest was crushed.

He said to mark the anniversary of the crackdown, the Alliance had adopted the 2008 Olympic slogan "One World One Dream."

Lee said the Alliance hopes Beijing will keep the promise it made in 2001, when bidding for the Games, to improve human rights. On April 26, Danish artist Jens Galschiot, sculptor of The Pillar of Shame, was refused entry into Hong Kong.

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## Hong Kong hosts torch relay

HONG KONG, China (CNN) -- Hong Kong played host to the Olympic torch relay on Friday, the first time the event is held on the soil of the host of this year's Summer Games.

Clear blue skies, light rain and heavy mist greeted the thousands of organizers and police who were deploying across the region, as the torch was to be carried through canyons of skyscrapers and outlying communities in the New Territories.

The relay began at 10 a.m. and was to end some eight hours -- and 120 torchbearers -- later.

The relay will include a ride aboard a dragon boat.

Hong Kong residents have been encouraged to wear red to show their support for the flame, and about 3,000 police will be on hand.

What remained to be seen, however, was the level of any protests that may happen in Hong Kong. The special administrative region is a place with civil liberties unrivaled in the rest of China.

Hong Kong was a British colony until the city was handed back to China in 1997. Although Beijing makes all the big political decisions, Hong Kong was promised a wide degree of autonomy under a formula called 'one country, two systems.' The media are allowed to criticize the leaders, massive street protests have been held demanding greater democracy, and English is still the official language in the courts, where judges wear British-style wigs.

For Friday's event in Hong Kong, protesters have said they would wear orange -- a mixing of the Chinese symbolic colors of red for the country, and yellow for freedom. But for special events such as the Olympic torch relay, Hong Kong leans more toward the 'one country' part of the formula than the 'two systems' part. In the past week, authorities used a blacklist to stop seven pro-Tibet and human rights activists at the airport. After questioning, they were deported.

The torch relay also will stop in Macau before heading to the mainland, including Tibet, where Chinese authorities cracked down after violent riots broke out against Han Chinese there in March.

There sometime in May weather-permitting, Chinese climbers plan to take the Olympic flame to the summit of Mount Everest, the world's highest peak at 29,028 feet (8,848 meters). Authorities in Hong Kong deported at least seven activists before the flame's arrival and braced for possible protests and the arrival of more activists prior to the official torch run on Friday.

Actress Mia Farrow was in Hong Kong to raise awareness about the fighting in Sudan's Darfur region, where an estimated 300,000 people have been killed and 2.5 million others displaced. While she said she sympathized with Tibetans 'on a personal level,' her main concern was in pressuring China to use its commercial ties with Sudan to end its campaign in Darfur. China is believed to have special influence with the Islamic regime because it buys two-thirds of Sudan's oil exports and sells weapons to Sudan. China also defends Khartoum in the U.N. Security Council.

China's trade with Sudan is 'underwriting the war in Darfur,' she said. 'The Darfur issue is one they could solve within easy reach,' Farrow said. The flame arrived on Wednesday to red-carpet treatment at Hong Kong International airport, greeted by a row of children waving Chinese flags and a band playing patriotic tunes.

The occasion also marked the 100-day countdown to the start of the Beijing Olympic Games, which begin on August 8.

Demonstrators criticizing Beijing's human rights record and its recent crackdown in Tibet dogged the relay in London, England; Paris, France; and San Francisco, California.

However, the flame had protest-free jaunts in Pyongyang, North Korea, on Monday and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, on Tuesday -- the last stop in a 29-day odyssey through 21 cities in five continents before entering China. Hong Kong grants visa-free entry to many Westerners, raising the possibility that the relay Friday could be greeted with the kind of protests it has faced in some other stops.

However, three pro-Tibet campaigners and a freedom of speech activist were barred entry into Hong Kong and questioned for hours at the airport before being deported, according to Students for a Free Tibet's web site.

The trio involved two of its members and an organizer with the Free Tibet Campaign. Their plan was to take part in a press conference that would draw attention to the likelihood of violent protests, if China did not cancel the

'provocative' Tibet leg of the torch relay. 'The Chinese government has shut out international observers and media from Tibet, and now they have even stopped individuals from speaking out in Hong Kong about the humanitarian crisis unfolding in Tibet,' said Kate Woznow, campaign director for Students for a Free Tibet.

China says 18 civilians and a police officer were killed in Lhasa during the March violence. Tibetan exile groups say many times that number were killed in the ensuing crackdown.

Also deported Tuesday was free speech activist Zhang Yu, who was flying in to take part in 'World Press Freedom Day.' The four-day conference calls for freedom of expression in China.

He was detained for seven hours before being deported, the Hong Kong Journalists Association said.

Authorities did not specify a reason for barring his entry, said the association's general secretary, Mak Yin-ting.

Danish sculptor Jens Galschiot and two others were detained and deported on Saturday while trying to participate in the same conference, Mak added. 'Jens was coming here to promote the freedom of expression, but he himself was deprived of the freedom of expression,' Mak said. 'The Chinese government pledged to have a free press if it could host the games. We urge the Chinese government to do it.' Galschiot created 'The Pillar of Shame,' a sculpture in Hong Kong depicting 50 torn and twisted bodies to symbolize those who died in the 1989 Chinese crackdown at Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

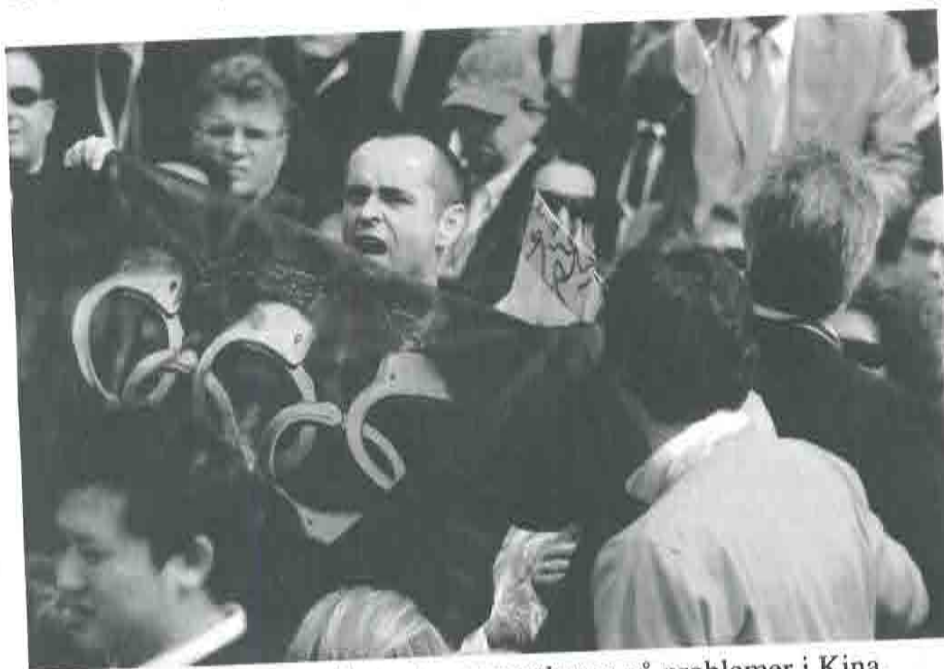
Nepal, meanwhile, deported a U.S. citizen on Tuesday for allegedly holding a 'Free Tibet' banner on Mount Everest.

Even though the climb up Everest will take place on the Chinese side of the mountain, Nepal has posted about 25 security personnel on its side of the mountain -- an attempt to maintain good relations with its neighbor. Nepal has granted them permission to shoot mountaineers engaged in anti-Chinese activities, according to a Home Ministry official. CNN's Saeed Ahmed contributed to this report.



Armbånd for pressefrihed i Kina

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er blevet et springbræt til at gøre opmærksom på problemer i Kina. Også pressefriheden i landet eller mangel på samme gøres der opmærksom på.  
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Ved at bære et gummiarmbånd ved OL i Kina kan danske journalister vise deres utilfredshed med vilkårene for pressefriheden i Kina.

Med teksten "Playing the game for media freedom" præget i gummiarmbånd, vil International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) markere, at kinesisk pressefrihed før, under og efter OL i Beijing er under kraftige restriktioner.

Det oplyser Dansk Journalistforbund (DJ), som er medinitiativtager til den internationale markering af problemerne i Kina.

#### Bæres efter eget ønske

DJ er med til at tilrettelægge kampagnen og står for produktionen af armbåndene, som udelukkende vil blive båret af de mediefolk, der selv ønsker det.

"International Federation of Journalists kæmper for pressefrihed over hele verden. Det gør DJ også på mange forskellige måder både herhjemme og i udlandet. Derfor er vi også i front med forslaget om, at de OL-akkrediterede journalister kan vælge at bære et lille bånd om håndledet til støtte for den trængte pressefrihed i Kina," siger Mogens Blicher Bjerregård, formand for DJ.

<http://nyhederne.tv2.dk/article.php/id-11157670.html>

#### Galschiøts skulptur overmales

**Happening.** I dag mellem klokken 17 og 21 dansk tid vil studerende fra studenterbevægelsen i Hongkong overmale den danske kunstner Jens Galschiøts skulptur Skamstøtten (billedet) med orange maling. Skulpturen, som Jens Galschiøt donerede til studenterbevægelsen i 1997, står ved Hongkong Universitet til minde om massakren på Den Himmelske Fredsplads i 1989, og oprindeligt var ideen, at



endnu uafklaret, selv om det kunne tyde på, at festivalstiftelsen vil ende med at udnævne Wolfgangs to døtre fra hver sit ægteskab, Eva Wagner-Pasquier, 63 år, og Katharina Wagner, 29. Ifølge stiftelsens vedtægter skal arvefølgen afklares inden fire måneder. Det var Wolfgangs kone Gudruns død i november, der løste den gordiske knude for festivallederen, der forsonede sig med Eva, datteren fra første ægteskab, og foreslog en løsning, hvor begge døtre deltes om magten. Wolfgang styrede festivalhuset på den grønne bakke sammen med broren Wieland Wagner indtil Wielands død i 1966, siden alene. (mBo)

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kunstneren selv skulle føre den orange pensel. Men Jens Galschiøt blev i søndags afvist ved paskontrol i Hongkongs internationale lufthavn og efter seks timers afhøring sat på et fly tilbage. Derfor er det nu hans samarbejdspartnere i Hongkong, der som en del af projektet 'The Color Orange', vil udføre happeningen. Projektet 'The Color Orange' opfordrer alle til at bære orange som en stille protest mod Kinas brud på menneskerettighederne. Jens Galschiøt har startet projektet, som altså nu vil inkludere hans eget værk, og planen er ifølge kunstneren, at skulpturen skal forblive orange, indtil de olympiske lege er overstået. Og hvis 'The Color Orange' fanger an, kan »den såmænd beholde den orange farve fremover«, siger Jens Galschiøt. (pj)

#### Vejen banet for nyt Wagner-team

**Festival.** Wolfgang Wagner, leder af Wagnerfestspillene i Bayreuth gennem 57 år, fratræder sin stilling ved udgangen af august, blev det meddelt i går. I årtier har spekulationerne raset om, hvem fra Wagnerslægten der skulle overtage efter den nu 88-årige Wolfgang, komponistens barnebarn, og det spørgsmål, der har sæt splid i klanen, er endnu uafklaret, selv om det kunne tyde på, at festivalstiftelsen vil ende med at udnævne Wolfgangs to døtre fra hver sit ægteskab, Eva Wagner-Pasquier, 63 år, og Katharina Wagner, 29. Ifølge stiftelsens vedtægter skal arvefølgen afklares inden fire måneder. Det var Wolfgangs kone Gudruns død i november, der løste den gordiske knude for festivallederen, der forsonede sig med Eva, datteren fra første ægteskab, og foreslog en løsning, hvor begge døtre deltes om magten. Wolfgang styrede festivalhuset på den grønne bakke sammen med broren Wieland Wagner indtil Wielands død i 1966, siden alene. (mBo)

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## Læs i weekenden

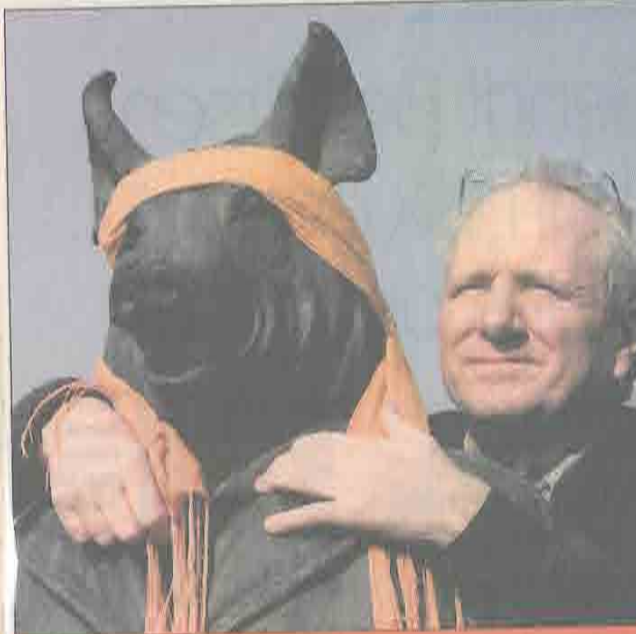


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### Galschiøts håb er orange

Står det til den odenseanske billedkunstner Jens Galschiøt, skal orange være protestens farve ved OL i Kina. Han ønsker, at ikke blot sportsfolk og tilskuere, men også resten af verden bruger farven - for eksempel på tøj eller tilbehør - for på den måde stiltiende at protestere mod værtslandets forhold til menneskerettighederne. Stiftstidendes Anders Mose Poulsen har talt med ham.

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## The Color Orange

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*speaking for The Color Orange Project*

### Can China forbid the color orange?

**Purpose:** To use the Olympics in Beijing 2008 to visually put focus on China's violations of human rights, and to create a visual symbol, using the color orange, to remind people that "we do know there is something wrong with the respect for human rights in China." We will use the color orange and make it a symbol of the protest against the human rights violations in China.

Due to the strict censorship it will be practically impossible for sports people and spectators to get into the stadium with obvious symbols in form of text or pictures. But no authority will be able to ban the color orange, although it is obvious for everybody that it expresses a conspicuous accusation against the human rights violations in China.

**Starting the campaign:** The project will be launched at the beginning of 2008. We will send out information to vast circles in various languages.

**Background:** China is known as a country that practices great suppression of its own people and of human rights. The examples are countless, from the annexation of Tibet to the slaughter of their own students at the Tienanmen Square. Due to the extreme violation of the Freedom of Speech, it is impossible to talk about this suppression in China. There is no doubt that China will use the Olympics 2008 to improve its image. By carrying out a perfect and efficient Olympic game in 2008, they hope to be able to promote China as an efficient and modern country.

Some have compared the Olympics in Beijing 2008 with the Olympics in Berlin in 1936 where Hitler used the games to promote Nazi-Germany as a great country where things worked fine. Many things have changed since then, but to stop China in repeating the same 'success' as Berlin 1936, it is necessary that everyone supports a common project that tells both China and the many millions of viewers that a modern and efficient society must contain self-determination and the respect for human rights. It is necessary to make a statement during the Olympics that this kind of respect does not exist in China. Usually there is strict control with political and ethic expressions in relation with the

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## WAN NEWS

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Freedom of Expression in Hong Kong?

Hong Kong Conference Participants Denied Entry, International Organisations Condemn Governments Decision

Organisers of a major conference in Hong Kong on freedom of expression in China today (Wednesday) condemned a decision by the Hong Kong government to deny entry to a noted editor and to Danish sculptor [Jens Galschiot](#), whose 'Pillar of Shame' is a memorial to the victims of the Tiananmen Square massacre.

The organisers, including the Paris-based World Association of Newspapers, said that Zhang Yu, a Swedish-based editor and coordinator of the Writers in Prison Committee of the Independent Chinese PEN Centre, and Mr Galschiot and two of his colleagues, were denied entry to Hong Kong to participate in the 'One Dream: Free Expression in China' conference.

It was the third time that Mr Zhang, who holds a valid Chinese passport, has been denied entry to his homeland since February 2007, based on an oral decision for 'activism' allegedly endangering national security because of his PEN activities.

"To close Hong Kong's borders to people who were invited to participate in an international conference is further evidence that freedom of expression is under attack and discussion about China's policies is unwelcome," said Timothy Balding, CEO of WAN. "It also serves notice to those who believe that Hong Kong's freedoms will have a positive influence on China, or that 'engagement' with China will magically convince the authorities to change their practices."

The conference, from 30 April through 3 May, World Press Freedom Day, coincides with the Olympic Torch Relay through Hong Kong.

Conference details can be found at <http://www.hkja.org.hk/Host/hkja/UserFiles/File/Notices/May3/rundown.pdf>.

Organisers of the conference include: Hong Kong Journalists Association, International Federation of Journalists, Reporters Sans Frontiers, World



# Der Rahmen des Möglichen

Das olympische Feuer ist zurück in China, erste Station ist Hongkong. *Wie frei wird der Fackellauf sein?*

Die Schauspielerin Mia Farrow musste sich bei der Einreisekontrolle am Hongkonger Flughafen Chep Lap Kok eine Belehrung gefallen lassen. „Man hat uns erklärt, dass der Fackellauf für Hongkong eine große Ehre ist“, berichtet ihre Begleiterin Jill Savitt der „South China Morning Post“. Sie und Mia Farrow, beide Kritikerinnen des chinesischen Regimes, werden am Samstag im Hongkonger Foreign Correspondent Club einen Vortrag über die Darfur-Krise halten. „Wir haben gesagt, dass wir nicht vorhaben, den Lauf zu stören.“ Am Ende durften die Frauen die Kontrolle passieren. Doch zuvor hatten Hongkongs Sicherheitsbehörden sieben weniger prominenten Menschenrechtsaktivisten die Einreise verweigert.

Der heutige Fackellauf durch Hongkong ist zu einem Test der demokratischen Kultur der Stadt geworden. „Ein Land, zwei Systeme“ lautet das politische Prinzip Hongkongs, das am 1. Juli 1997 von Großbritannien an China zurückgegeben wurde. Im Gegensatz zu Festland-China garantiert die Sonderverwaltungszone Hongkong seinen Bürgern Meinungsfreiheit – eine freie Presse und eine ausgeprägte Demonstrationenkultur zeugen davon. Dennoch, der politische Druck wegen des heutigen Fackellaufs ist groß. Denn auf chinesischem Boden sollen imageschädigende Bilder wie in London, Paris oder San Francisco vermieden werden. Dort hatten Menschenrechts- und Tibetaktivisten den Lauf vehement gestört. Hongkongs Verwaltungschefsekretär Henry Tang Ying-Nian betonte, dass die Stadt die Verantwortung habe einen „würdigen, problemlosen und ordnungsgemäßen Lauf der olympischen Flamme sicherzustellen.“

Am Donnerstag bei der Willkommenszeremonie für die Flamme am Hongkonger Hafen sagte Henry Tang Ying-Nian: „Wir sind ungemein stolz, die erste chinesische Stadt zu sein, in der die Flamme nach ihrer Reise durch die Welt begrüßt wird.“ Er forderte die Bürger auf, morgen in Rot gekleidet zum Lauf zu kommen.

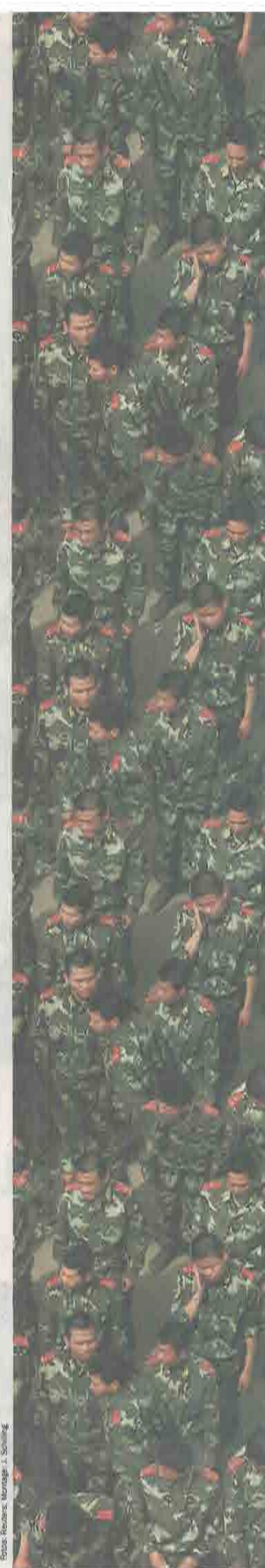
Wie auf den letzten Stationen in Vietnam und Nordkorea werden vor allem chinesische Unterstützer an der Strecke erwartet. Chinesische Medien, Zeitungsanzeigen und ein „Komitee zur Begrüßung der Flamme“ haben die Bevölkerung aufgerufen, dem Fackellauf beizuwohnen. Trotzdem ist die Angst der Behörden vor Demonstrationen oder Störungen groß. Eine 21 Jahre alte Studentin musste sich bei der Hongkonger Polizei melden, nachdem sie auf ihrer Internetseite zum Protest mit tibeti-

schen Flaggen aufgefordert hatte. Und dass Menschenrechtlern die Einreise verweigert wurde, führte zu diplomatischen Verwicklungen. Der dänische Generalkonsul verlangte eine Antwort darauf, warum der Bildhauer und Menschenrechtsaktivist Jens Galschiot und seine beiden Söhne am vergangenen Samstag sechs Stunden lang am Hongkonger Flughafen befragt und anschließend in ein Flugzeug zurück nach London gesetzt wurden. Neben drei Briten durfte auch ein tibetischer Mönch nicht einreisen. Laut dem Büro für Pekinger Beziehungen in Hongkong habe China keine schwarze Liste zur Einreiseverweigerung ausgegeben. „Jedes Land oder Region hat das Recht, einigen Personen die Einreise aus Sicherheitsgründen zu verweigern“, sagte der stellvertretende Bürodirektor Li Gang. „Ich denke, diese Entscheidung der Hongkonger Regierung basiert auf ihren eigenen Regularien.“

Morgen fliegt die olympische Flamme nach Macau weiter, am Sonntag startet sie in Sanya auf der Ferieninsel Hainan ihre Reise durch Festland-China. Dort dürfte sie bis zur Eröffnung der Olympischen Spiele in Peking am 8. August von einer patriotischen Welle der Begeisterung getragen werden. Eine zweite Flamme wartet gegenwärtig im Basiccamp des Mount Everest, um in den nächsten Tagen bei geeignetem Wetter auf den höchsten Berg der Welt getragen zu werden.

Zu den 19 400 Fackelträgern in China wird auch der Deutsche Klaus Schormann zählen. Der Präsident des Weltverbandes der Modernen Fünfkämpfer hat sich nach Athen bereits zum zweiten Mal als Läufer gemeldet. „Es ist ein ganz besonderes Erlebnis und Gefühl, die Flamme zu tragen“, sagt Schormann. Die Fackel symbolisiere den Geist der olympischen Bewegung. Die aktuelle Politisierung des Laufs empört ihn: „Das ist alles von außen, auch von den Medien, aufgeladen worden.“

Doch trägt China eine Mitschuld an der Politisierung. Taiwan wollte bereits im vergangenen Jahr nicht Station des Laufes werden, da das Land seine politische Unabhängigkeit im Routenverlauf nicht ausgedrückt sah. „Wenn das Ausmaß eines Laufes so riesig ist, beginnt er eine politische Symbolik zu bekommen“, sagt Zhan Jiang, Dekan für Journalismus an der China Youth University für Politische Wissenschaften. Das soll künftig nicht mehr passieren. Nach den Spielen will sich das IOC mit den Ereignissen befassen – voraussichtlich wird es den internationalen Teil des Fackellaufs einfach wieder abschaffen. **BENEDIKT VOIGT, PEKING**



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# Kina straffer tibetanere hårdt

Foreløbig er 30 blevet dømt for opstanden i Tibet, herunder seks buddhistiske munke, hvoraf én fik livstid. Hongkong afviser aktivister forud for OL-flammens optog i dag

VERA BUNDGAARD  
skriver fra Kina

De første domme for opstanden i Tibet viser, at Kina ikke har tænkt sig at løsne grebet om Tibet lige med det første. Indtil nu er 30 tibetanere ble-

vet stillet for en domstol, og de har fået fængselsstraffe på mellem tre år og livstid for deres deltagelse i opstanden i Lhasa i marts.

Seks af dem er buddhistiske munke, og én af dem blev idømt fængsel på livstid. Ifølge det statslige nyhedsbureau Xinhua stod han i spidsen for en gruppe, der angreb lokalregeringens kontorer, brændte butikker og angreb politibetjente. Fem andre munke, der deltog i angrebene, fik mellem 15 og 20 års fængsel.

Retssagerne, der blev klarret på en enkelt dag, har fået fremtrædende dækning på det nationale tv, hvor man

kunne se de dømte blive ført bort med bøjede hoveder og angrende attituder. Formålet er at signalere, at den kinesiske ledelse ikke tolererer nogen form for uro i den sidste tid op til OL.

– Partiet har en lang tradition for at gennemføre den slags hurtige retssager med meget få muligheder for de tiltalte til at forsvare sig. Det sker, når man ønsker at sende et stærkt signal til lokalbefolkningen, siger Robert Barnett, forsker med speciale i Tibet, til det amerikanske nyhedsbureau Associated Press.

Også menneskerettighedsorganisationen Human

Rights Watch kritiserer rettsagerne for at bygge på ”hemmeligt bevismateriale, at foregå bag lukkede døre og uden mulighed for et meningsfuldt forsvar.”

Trods de hårde domme fortsætter den sporadiske uro i de tibetanske områder i Vestkina. Tidligere på ugen meddelte Xinhua, at politiet havde skudt og dræbt en tibetansk oprører i Qinghai-provinsen, der grænser op til Tibet. Det skete angiveligt under politiets forsøg på at arrestere manden, og også en betjent blev dræbt.

Det er første gang, at Kina officielt indrømmer, at sik-

kerhedsstyrker har dræbt en tibetaner under opstanden. Hidtil har det heddet sig, at det især var civile kinesere, der var ofre, og ifølge Kina blev 22 dræbt. Den tibetanske eksilregering sætter tallet til over 200 dræbte tibetanere.

For en uge siden lovede Kina at genoptage dialogen med repræsentanter for Dalai Lama, men ifølge den tibetanske eksilregering er der endnu ikke kommet nogen henvendelser fra Beijing. Det kinesiske løfte kom efter et møde med EU-ledere og et hårdt pres fra omverdenen. Den verdensomspændende rute for OL-flammen har væ-

ret præget af protester mod Kinas håndtering af Tibet.

Flammen er nu omsider nået til Kina, og i dag skal den gennem Hongkong, der er et selvstyret område i Kina med udvidede frihedsrettigheder, herunder retten til at demonstrere. Derfor har det vakt bekymring, at Hongkong tidligere på ugen afviste flere aktivister, da de forsøgte at komme ind i området. Herunder tre Tibetaktivister og i sidste weekend også den danske kunstner Jens Galschiot og hans to sønner.

## Entry refusal a matter of national security

Observer Lau Nai-keung

Danish activist Jens Galschiot, who openly advocates "colour revolution" and supports the Tibetan independence movement, has recently been denied entry into Hong Kong. In the mainstream media, this incident was framed as the government's high-handed violation of the freedom of expression. As usual, our dissidents plan to resort to judicial review to resolve this political problem. The Hong Kong government, on the other hand, privately uses the lame excuse of his previous scuffle with the police during the World Trade Organisation convention in 2005 to justify its decision.

While governments around the world can deny entry to anybody they do not like, and do not have to give reasons for doing so, this is very bad public relations. Although Galschiot said he just wanted to paint his Pillar of Shame sculpture orange, he has a record of clashing with police in a number of cities, and his Colour Orange project has very strong political undertones. If anything had happened, our mainstream media would have blamed the government for letting him in. However, this is beside the point. Let's face it, no government anywhere would allow in someone who openly advocates a colour revolution and supports a violent independence movement in that country. To do so would be not only foolhardy, but downright irresponsible. Would Britain have allowed someone like that into Belfast at the height of violent protests both at home and abroad? I'm guessing not. Our government can justifiably declare Galschiot persona non grata during this sensitive period.

This is not a matter of freedom of expression; it falls in the domain of national security. Denying entry to a champion of separatism is a statement of principle. Our government can say it, and say it loud. In fact, it should, if only to educate our citizens and mainstream media about the balance between personal freedom and public interest, and our civic responsibilities. If our citizens and the government are seemingly so embarrassed by, and reluctant to defend, national security, it is only natural that Beijing will be more anxious about it. Nowadays, no one in Hong Kong wants to mention national security legislation stipulated by Article 23 of the Basic Law. Sooner, rather than later, it will come, and probably in a more stringent form.

Remember, even under "two systems", Hong Kong is still part of "one country" - China. Ours is a multiracial country with 56 nationalities, and racial harmony is of paramount importance. It is the vital ingredient of territorial integrity, which is the

primary concern of any sovereign state. Hong Kong does not have a licence to jeopardise the sensitive racial harmony within the country, especially during this volatile period, in the name of freedom of expression.

The west's use of the Olympics to unfairly humiliate China has infuriated the Chinese. After recent incidents, Beijing does not have any illusion of goodwill and fair play by the west. Come September, after the Olympics is over, the international political ecology will be drastically altered and some political backlash seems inevitable. Do we want to aggravate the situation and get ourselves hurt in the process? It is up to us to decide in the coming months.

In this respect, the Law Society magazine Hong Kong Lawyer has wisely withdrawn from publication an article articulating Tibetan independence. At this moment, the publication of a one-sided piece supporting separatism would invariably become a political issue, not an academic one - like pouring oil on the fire. Articles on this subject can be published at a more relaxed time, with balancing views. I am glad our legal establishment has refused to be involved in unnecessary partisan disputes. Common sense and decency prevails.

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## Consulate wants clarification as second Briton denied entry UK envoy seeks talks as fears for freedom of speech grow

Ambrose Leung and Fanny W.Y. Fung

A diplomatic row is brewing between the international community and Hong Kong after a second British national was refused entry - the latest of a number of foreigners banned in the run-up to the Olympic relay.

High-profile American activists Mia Farrow and Jill Savitt, of Dream for Darfur, are scheduled to arrive today. The group has notified the US consulate of its plans in an attempt to prevent complications.

The British consulate asked for a meeting with Secretary for Security Ambrose Lee Siu-kwong "to seek clarification" on why Matt Whitticase, of the Free Tibet Campaign, and another unnamed Briton were refused entry on Tuesday.

Senior representatives of the European Commission in Hong Kong were also expected to take part in the meeting between British consul general Andrew Seaton and Mr Lee, scheduled for tomorrow afternoon.

Since last week, at least eight nationals of western states including Danish sculptor Jens Galschiot and his two sons, the two Britons, two from Canada and one from Sweden have been denied entry.

A British consulate spokesman said last night the unnamed Briton was still being detained and "receiving medical treatment for blood pressure". Mr Whitticase had been sent back to London.

"We have sought a meeting with the secretary for security to seek clarification of facts regarding {hellip} Mr Whitticase. We have also been informed by Hong Kong immigration that a second British national was denied entry," he said.

A spokesman for Mr Lee reiterated that the government had acted according to the law.

Sources said Mr Lee had told Danish consul general Jorgen Mollegaard on Tuesday that the activists had been banned because anyone lobbying for the "splitting of China" would not be welcome until after the Olympics because of security fears.

Meanwhile, mainland border officers blocked a board member of the Independent Chinese PEN Centre writers' group from entering Hong Kong on Tuesday, the same

day the group's general secretary, Zhang Yu, was turned away and forced to return to Sweden.

Zhao Dagong was with his wife, sister and five other centre members at Lo Wu. They were intending to join World Press Freedom Day activities in Hong Kong on Saturday.

Mr Zhao's companions were allowed through.

"The customs officer immediately called the police after he scanned my travel document," he said in Shenzhen yesterday. "Two policemen {hellip} held me for about half an hour. They made me switch off my mobile phone and did not allow me to hand my belongings to my family members. Without explaining why, they said I could not go."

Mr Zhao said he visited Hong Kong about two weeks ago and held a valid permit. He said police told him early this year he could not go to Beijing during the Games. Officials had approached him again recently and asked about his views on Tibet.

Fellow activist Wen Kejian, who intended to visit Hong Kong for the same functions, said in Hainan yesterday that police had told him this week not to go.

The Hong Kong Journalists' Association and representatives of international and Chinese writers' groups condemned the bans and expressed concern for free speech in Hong Kong.

Activists from the Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements in China yesterday painted the Pillar of Shame at the University of Hong Kong orange, signifying the call for more human rights on the mainland. The 'ue commemorates those killed in the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown.

## LEAD: Olympic torch relay in H.K., draws protests, ends smoothly+

HONG KONG, May 2 [Kyodo] (EDS: UPDATING WITH RELAY END)

The Hong Kong leg of the Olympic torch relay that began Friday with supporters vastly outnumbering protesters ended peacefully some seven hours later.

"In Hong Kong, we are a world in a city, where different people, with different beliefs, and different views have thrived in the spirit of diversity, tolerance and respect," Chief Executive Donald Tsang said at the relay launch ceremony. "This same spirit feeds the Olympic flame, and makes it burn brightly."

Lee Lai-shan, Hong Kong's first-ever Olympic gold medalist, was the first runner, followed by Olympic table tennis duo Li Ching and Ko Lai-chak and Hong Kong film actor and heartthrob Andy Lau.

The torch was carried on foot, ferry, dragon boat and horse by 119 torchbearers.

The relay ended with bicycle athlete Wong Kam-po covering the last leg.

During the 26-kilometer run, no protesters tried to grab the torch or throw debris at the torchbearers as happened during some previous legs of the torch's journey from Ancient Olympia in Greece on its way to its final destination in Beijing. Protesters in at least several groups, ranging from eight to dozens of people each, were surrounded by flag-waving Chinese congesting the sidewalks along Nathan Road, the main thoroughfare in Hong Kong's Kowloon district.

Christina Chan, a Hong Kong University student who wrapped herself in a Tibetan "Snow Lion" flag, was among eight pro-Tibet protesters the police separated from a hostile crowd.

"A man charged towards us, but he was arrested by police," Chan told Kyodo News by telephone. "The police barred us from displaying the Tibetan flag and banners and they held us down to the ground. We were taken away against our will to a police station."

"The crowd tried to shove us, but we were actually surrounded by reporters," she said.

Chan said no one in the group was injured or arrested.

Five members of her group briefly protested in the business center Central and were taken away by police again for what police said was concern for their safety.

"There was no crowd around us by then, but police still said it was dangerous for us and urged us to go with them. We are disappointed that police used excessive force on us while ignoring those who can't exercise self-restraint."

"There was a sea of red Chinese flags, why can't they accept one different flag? Hong Kong's freedom of expression is shrinking," Chan said.

She alleged that most of the hostile crowd who jeered them spoke Putonghua and did not look like Hong Kong locals.

Supporters of the Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China and other pro-democracy groups were scattered in different spots along the first part of the relay route in Tsim Sha Tsui on the southern tip of the Kowloon Peninsula.

Dozens of members of the alliance ran their own version of a relay with plastic makeshift "democracy torches" along the route, but they could only move slowly as the roads were congested.

"It feels good," Democratic Party founder Martin Lee said. "Except a few who heckled us, most other people smiled and some even took pictures with us. On the mainland, our action would not have been allowed. It showed in a way that Hong Kong still endorses 'one country, two systems.'"

While most onlookers donned red outfits to show support for the Beijing Olympics, protesters wore orange to call for better human rights in China and full democracy in Hong Kong.

Hong Kong blocked seven foreign activists from entering in the past week, including Danish sculptor Jens Galschiot and his two sons, three activists from overseas pro-Tibet groups and the general secretary of writers' group Independent China PEN Center, Zhang Yu.

U.S. actress and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Mia Farrow, however, was allowed to enter Hong Kong on Thursday.

Lighting a separate torch in a demonstration outside the Hong Kong government

headquarters, Farrow called for China to do more against genocide in Darfur, saying China has the power to motivate other countries to a joint effort.

"How can China host the Olympic Games at home while underwriting genocide in Darfur?" Farrow asked when addressing reporters at the Foreign Correspondents' Club.

"Chinese oil revenue, which now tops \$2 billion a year, has been used by the Sudanese government to purchase attack helicopters, bombers and a steady flow of arms and ammunitions, all used against the civilians in Darfur," she charged.

According to the United Nations, as many as 300,000 people are now estimated to have died in Darfur since early 2003 when rebels began fighting government forces and allied militiamen.

Aside from the death toll, more than 2.7 million people in Darfur have been displaced by the fighting and around 260,000 refugees have had to flee to the east of neighboring Chad.

Farrow urged China to assume leadership and call for a U.N. Security Council meeting to launch a partnering initiative with other countries to "end the suffering" in Darfur and use the Olympics to promote peace and implement the truce China has introduced.

Farrow said she does not call for a full boycott against the Olympic Games, only the opening ceremony.

"A boycott of the opening ceremony would not hurt the athletes. For our leaders to refuse to attend the opening ceremony would send a clear signal to Beijing that their policies on certain issues are simply not acceptable," she said.

The Olympic flame is to leave Hong Kong for neighboring Macao by plane and the Macao leg of the relay will be held Saturday before it is goes to mainland Chinese cities.

The Olympic Games will run Aug. 8 to 24, to be followed by the Paralympics from Sept. 6 to 17.

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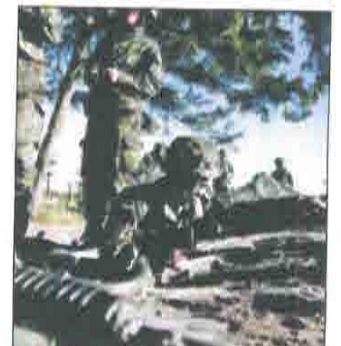
### DAGENS QUIZ

ved Politikens Bibliotek

1. Der er 40 spørgsmål i indfødsretsprøven, men hvor mange spørgsmål skal besvares korrekt for at bestå prøven?
2. En opgørelse fra Forsvarets Personeltjeneste viser, at i alt 449 befalingsmænd og 71 officerer vil have droppet uniformen i løbet af første halvdel af 2008. Viceadmiral Tim Sloth Jørgensen mener, at det blandt andet skal forklares med forsvarrets hårde internationale opgaver. Hvilken stilling får Sloth Jørgensen per 1. august i år?
3. I Hongkong vil studerende fra studenterbevægelsen overmale skulpturen 'Skamstøtten', der er lavet af en dansk kunstner og doneret til bevægelsen i 1997. Hvad er kunstnerens navn?
4. Karl Kristian Hvidt Nielsen tiltræder som topchef i en kendt dansk virksomhed 1. august. Hvilken virksomhed?

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**PÅ FLUGT.** Et meget stort antal befalingsmænd og officerer forlader forsvarret. Foto: Martin Lehmann

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Udenrigsministeriet har modtaget dine klager af 28. april og 5. maj 2008 over Udenrigsministeriets indsats i forbindelse med din udvisning fra Hong Kong. Du klager bl.a. over, at generalkonsulen ikke stoppede udvisningen, at generalkonsulen angiveligt godkendte udvisningen, og du udtrykker forventning om, at Udenrigsministeriet protesterer imod udvisningen.


Efter høring af det danske generalkonsulat i Hong Kong kan Udenrigsministeriet konstatere følgende:

Generalkonsulen tog kontakt til immigrationsmyndighederne i lufthavnen umiddelbart efter, at han blev bekendt med sagen. Det lykkedes at få kontakt til den øverst ansvarlige i immigrationskontoret, som oplyste, at der allerede var truffet beslutning om at afvise dig og to af dine ledsagere. Generalkonsulen forsøgte at få et møde med den ansvarlige i lufthavnen, men dette blev afvist.

Generalkonsulen har ingen mulighed for at forhindre en udvisning fra Hong Kong. Det er ethvert lands suveræne ret at nægte indrejse. Generalkonsulen har selvsagt hverken fået forelagt eller godkendt udvisningen men er alene blevet orienteret om, at beslutningen var truffet.

Generalkonsulen har efterfølgende haft et møde med Hong Kongs sikkerhedsminister og udbedt sig en forklaring på afvisningen. Sikkerhedsministeren oplyste, at Kina ikke ville tillade demonstranter i forbindelse med den olympiske fakkels ophold i Hong Kong, og at dette var baggrunden for afvisningen. Sikkerhedsministeren oplyste endvidere, at det af skiltning fremgår, at kameraer ikke er tilladt i en del af lufthavnen, og på dette grundlag kan mobiltelefoner med kameraer konfiskeres.

Der henvises i øvrigt til  
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På dette grundlag må Udenrigsministeriet konkludere følgende:

De kinesiske myndigheder har ret til at afvise indrejsende. Under opholdet i lufthavnen fik du adgang til at ringe til såvel din egen advokat som til generalkonsulatet. Som sagen ligger oplyst, har Hong Kongs myndigheder overholdt de konsulære forpligtelser i Wiener-Konventionen.

Generalkonsulen i Hong Kong forsøgte at bistå bedst muligt. Udenrigsministeriet har intet at udsætte på generalkonsulens indsats.

I lyset af sikkerhedsministerens forklaring vil Udenrigsministeriet ikke foretage sig yderligere i forhold til de kinesiske myndigheder. Såfremt du eller din advokat ønsker at klage til de kinesiske immigrationsmyndigheder kan dette ske til:

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## Barred sculptor just one of the crowd

Diana Lee

Close to 40,000 visitors were denied entry to Hong Kong last year, a Legislative Council panel was told yesterday.

Nearly two-thirds of those turned away were deemed "suspicious" while 32 percent did not have proper documents. Two percent had tried to sneak in with false passports.

The figures were disclosed after several legislators demanded to know why Danish sculptor Jens Galschiot was stopped at the airport on April 26, just days before the Olympic Torch Relay was held in Hong Kong. Several other activists were also denied entry in the run-up to the relay.

Deputy Secretary for Security Grace Lui Kit-yuk told Legco's security panel the government did not welcome those seeking to disrupt various Olympic activities in Hong Kong.

Cheung Man-kwong of the Democratic Party said Galschiot was invited to renovate "The Pillar of Shame" he gave to Hong Kong University to commemorate Tiananmen Square 1989.

He said the incident adversely affected Hong Kong's image as a free international city under the one-country, two systems formula. "How much harm could be done to the safety and peace of Hong Kong by repainting 'The Pillar of Shame' orange?" Cheung asked.

Lui said there could be no comment on individual cases. But she did reveal that four consulates sought meetings with the Security Bureau in the past two weeks to discuss immigration issues.

Another democrat, James To Kun-sun asked Lui to elaborate on policy: "Can you tell the public whether the government will deny entry to those who intend to come to Hong Kong for a legitimate and peaceful protest but which may spoil the atmosphere?" Lui responded: "We do not restrain freedom of expression and expression of opinion in a peaceful manner," adding that the watchlist for frontline immigration officers should not be considered a blacklist as those on it might be allowed in after checks. Assistant Director of immigration Chan Man-lang said about 11,000 people were denied entry from January to April while 39,508

percent of 28 million visitors were halted in 2007.

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## Hong Kong getting tougher on foreigners in run-up to Olympics

Hong Kong - Hong Kong has said it would not welcome anyone who planned to disrupt proceedings or 'damage the solemnity of the Olympic Games,' an official document revealed Wednesday. The admission, revealed in a paper to the Legislative Council security panel, comes after at least eight foreigners have been denied entry into the former British colony over the past two weeks.

They included Danish sculptor Jens Galschiot, famous for his work *The Pillar of Shame*, created in 1997 to mark the eighth anniversary of the Tiananmen Square protests, plus two Britons, two Canadians and one Swede.

It also follows tough new visa restrictions imposed on Westerners by Beijing last month.

The document, discussed Tuesday afternoon, said Hong Kong, as a co-host of the Beijing Games in August, has an obligation to ensure activities proceed in a 'safe, peaceful and smooth manner.' Deputy Secretary for Security Grace Lui also said the government has a 'watch list' of people whose entry into Hong Kong, which is the venue for the Olympic equestrian events, might not be 'conducive to the public good.' However, she also stressed that not everyone on the list would be automatically banned.

The tough stance has come under fire from democratic lawmakers who said it would damage Hong Kong's international reputation.

Legislator Cheung Man-kwong was quoted in the South China Morning Post as saying that the government's behaviour in refusing entry to some foreigners had damaged the 'one country, two systems' policy, which Hong Kong and China adopted when Hong Kong was returned to China in 1997.

China suddenly stopped issuing multiple-entry visas to people travelling from Hong Kong, giving out only single- and double-entry visas instead from the beginning of April.

Applicants have been asked to provide proof of hotel bookings and return tickets before visas are issued, and China has stopped issuing visas on the border as it did in some cases previously.

The sudden change of policy has caused consternation among business people

based in Hong Kong who for years have made weekly trips to China using multiple-entry visas.

Before the ban, foreigners could get multiple-entry visas for up to three years to visit mainland China from Hong Kong.

# Bekend kulør om OL

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**UNA:** Fortalerne for deltagelse i åbningsceremonien til De Olympiske Lege i Beijing 8. august 2008 gør gang på gang opmærksom på de forbedringer, der er sket i Kina de sidste mange år og at enhver sammenligning med OL i Berlin i 1936 er uacceptabel.

Det er korrekt, at der er sket visse forbedringer i Kina, hvilket man også skal påkøbe.

Men frihed, demokrati og menneskerettigheder kan ikke gradbøjes.

Overgreb kan ikke forsvares, fordi de reduceres en smule eller har stået på i lang tid. En mand, som banker sin kone hver dag, bliver ikke en agtværdig borger, fordi han ændrer adfærd og kun banker sin kone hver anden dag.

Med hensyn til sammenligningen med De Olympiske Lege i Berlin i 1936 er denne særdeles relevant.

Overgrebene i Tyskland blev først intensiveret i slutningen af 30'erne, altså efter OL.

Kina har forud for OL over 10 millioner tibetaneres liv på

samvittigheden og har ødelagt over 6000 klostre. Ydermere er Kinas overgreb begået i et besat land.

Regeringen har bekendt kulør i OL-spørgsmålet ved ikke at stille konkrete krav til Kina for officiel dansk deltagelse i åbningsceremonien til De Olympiske Lege, endstige arbejde for en nærmere undersøgelse af overgrebene i Tibet eller andre tiltag, som kan hjælpe menneskerettighederne i Kina på rette vej.

Dette er et klart signal til kineserne om, at de kan fortsætte deres overgreb.

Undertrykkende regimers største frygt er oplysning, som begrænser mulighederne for at regere ved hjælp af manipulation og overgreb.

Kina har derfor titusindvis af personer ansat til at kontrollere pressen.

Det er en politisk sejr af dimensioner – i en situation, hvor hele verdens øjne hviler på Kina – fortsat at kunne nedskyde folk med koldt blod, forfølge mindretal, behandle politiske kritikere som kriminelle og tvangsforflytte folk for at give plads til OL – uden at dette udløser egentlige sanktioner fra det internationale sam-

fund.

Vore politikere kan tilsyneladende gradbøje frihed, demokrati og menneskerettigheder, hvis der står andre interesser på spil, f.eks. økonomiske eller politiske.

Det skal i den forbindelse slås fast, at en boykot af åbningsceremonien er et klart

politisk signal, som først og fremmest vil ramme den kinesiske ledelse – og ikke det kinesiske folk, som det ville være tilfældet med en evt. handelsboykot.

De ting, der sker i Kina for tiden, er klart i strid med de høje etiske standarder, der er fastsat i det olympiske

charter og FN's deklaration om oprindelige folks rettigheder, som Danmark har tilkendegivet at ville støtte aktivt.

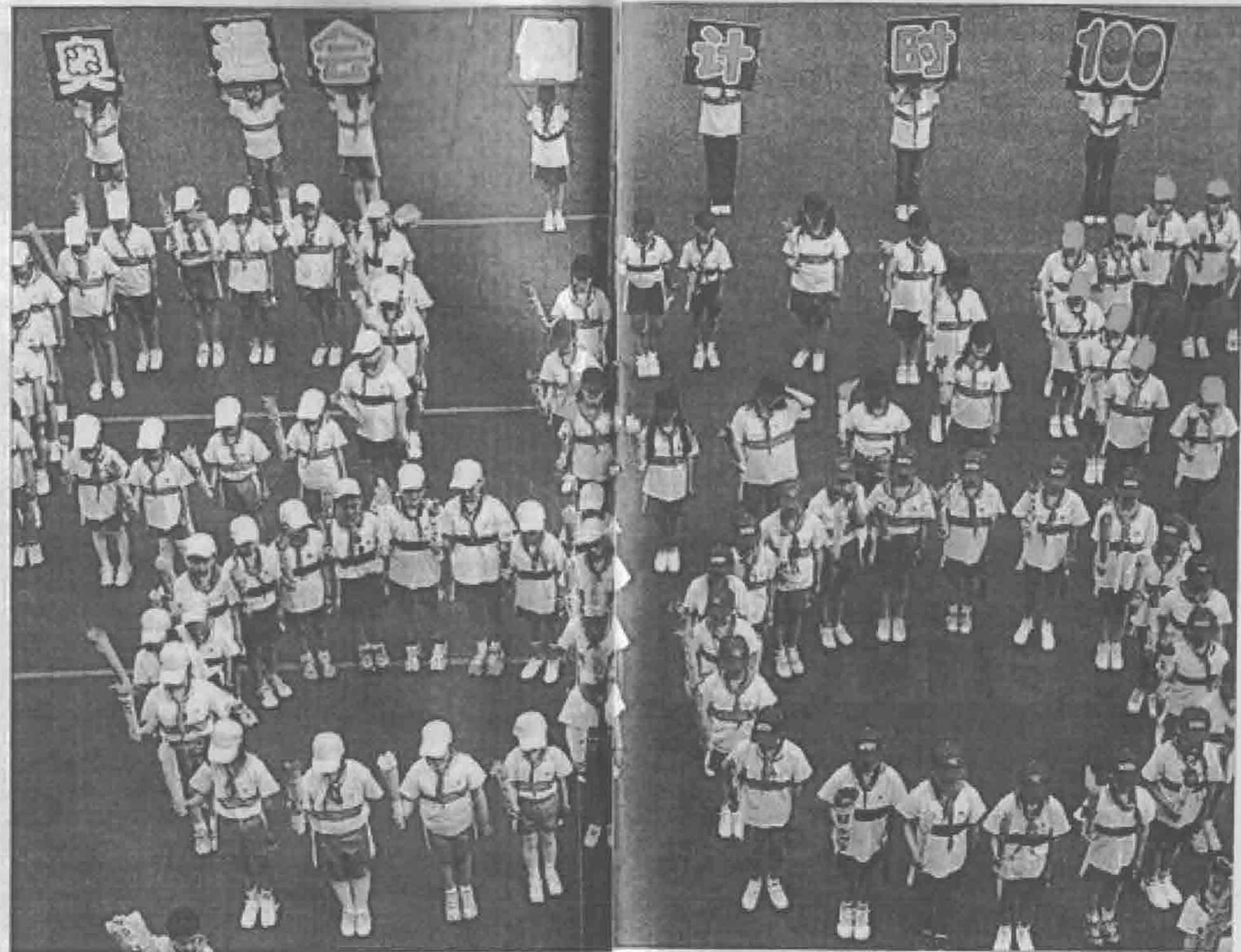
Det internationale samfund har gennem årtier lukket øjnene for Kinas overgreb.

De mennesker som betaler

prisen – ofrene – har kun én frygt (Halfdan Rasmussen's digt):

"...den nådeløse verdens blinde ligegyldighed".

Vi har alle en mulighed for at bekende kulør i OL-spørgsmålet: Orange (frihedens farve). Se [www.TheColorOrange.net](http://www.TheColorOrange.net)





## Torch carried on wave of patriotism

At Large Chris Yeung

This time 19 years ago, Hong Kong was gripped by growing anxiety about events unfolding in Beijing, after students there mourned the death of Communist Party chief Hu Yaobang in the spring of 1989.

As calls by the students for an open, free and democratic China went unheeded, Hongkongers, driven by patriotism and hope for progress in their motherland, took to the streets en masse.

Traditional pro-Beijing leaders such as Tam Yiu-chung, now of the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong, stood shoulder to shoulder with pro-democracy activists such as Szeto Wah at a rally to condemn the Beijing authorities' handling of the protests.

When tanks rolled into Tiananmen Square early on June 4, Hongkongers were shocked and awed. Those feelings quickly gave way to disillusion, despair and a sense of loss as their patriotic fervour was chilled by the harsh reality of the day's tragic events and those that followed.

The scene in Hong Kong was vastly different on Friday as more than 100,000 people, many dressed in red, waved national flags to cheer the runners of the Olympic torch relay and to show a sense of nationhood.

Teachers took their students to watch. Others watched live television broadcasts of the relay at their desks, getting a real-life lesson in Chinese history.

The Olympic flame has fuelled patriotism - and nationalism - in Hong Kong. With media coverage of the nationwide relay and the lead-up to the Olympic Games increasing, a wave of nationalism is set to engulf the city.

Most Hongkongers support the Games and wish them to be a success. On top of that, the tensions between China and some western countries over the recent Tibetan unrest has stoked the nationalistic feeling. The biased reporting of some western media about the unrest in Lhasa and the chaos caused by protests during the torch relays in London, Paris and San Francisco have brought the Chinese people together to counter what they see as a campaign of China-bashing in the west.

The way the mainland authorities have handled the unrest in Lhasa, such as banning Hong Kong and overseas journalists from Tibetan-populated areas, has left much to be desired. But most people who have watched television footage of the Tibetan riots seem to have given the benefit of doubt to the mainland authorities over their use of force to restore order.

It is understandable that Chinese people feel indignant about the enormous foreign political pressure over Tibet. Obsessed as some have become with the threat of an American-funded "colour revolution" there, patriotism has turned into xenophobia.

The supermarket chain Carrefour has become a convenient target for protests against the French government's stance over Tibet and the human rights situation on the mainland. In Seoul, mainland students clashed violently with South Koreans during the Olympic torch relay.

In Hong Kong, the voices of activists calling for better human rights protection on the mainland and an independent Tibet were drowned out by the cheers of the crowd during Friday's relay; though there were minor scuffles, the relay passed off without violence.

The event was peaceful, orderly and passionate, and provided a timely show of patriotism - and nationalism - with Hong Kong characteristics.

It could have been even better if immigration authorities had been less paranoid about the entry of some allegedly pro-Tibet independence activists and the Danish sculptor Jens Galschiot.

Difficult and delicate as it is, striking a balance between patriotism, nationalism and the right to express dissenting views about the country's development is not only possible, but good for Hong Kong and the nation in the long run.

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## A rising tide of nationalism raises uneasy questions

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China's hosting of the Olympics has made Chinese people the world over swell with national pride. But it has also exposed Chinese sensitivity and even hostility to criticism and challenge from the west, which are seen as deliberate insults and malicious distortions of China and the Chinese.

The pitch and intensity of the reaction of large groups of Chinese all over the world, and in China itself, has not only worried western governments but also alarmed many Chinese people. However, when the latter attempt to call for calm, they become targets of ferocious attacks.

Stifling opposition and debate is dangerous, because when rationality is barred, darkness descends. In Hong Kong, while criticism of the special administrative region government is still relatively free, self-censorship and curtailing the freedom of expression of others have become the norm where Beijing is concerned. From the refusal of entry to sculptor Jens Galschiot and other rights activists, to the "zero tolerance" of possible protests against China during the torch relay, the matter cannot be clearer.

There were also subtle means of intimidation, such as the wide publicity given to surveys showing that the overwhelming majority of Hong Kong people did not welcome any protests or actions during the torch relay. Away from the cameras, there was direct intervention by police, who manhandled real or imagined protesters, while tolerating rowdy mainland compatriots.

The hostility to criticism and challenge is fuelled by the conspiracy theory that the west is deliberately plotting against China by sewing seeds of enmity in and about Tibet, because of western fears of China becoming a great world power.

Most of the elation as the torch passed through Hong Kong was the spontaneous response of ordinary residents. Groups from elsewhere exhibiting belligerent patriotism were in a minority. But there is no question that the SAR government put on a good show to please Beijing.

But what is the real price Hong Kong, and China as a whole, have paid? Which kind of patriotism is better for China's future: the kind which manifests itself as might and power which broaches no challenge? Or one which manifests itself as the expectation that China embraces the universal values of rights and freedoms?

The sea of red flags around the world wherever the torch went told a powerful tale. The Olympic colours and spirit have been dwarfed by the display of nationalism. Is this what a rising China will mean to the world and to its own nationals? In Hong Kong, which should have been China's most international city, few international characteristics were in evidence. There was little indication of a pluralist or multicultural society, or greater understanding by this government of the Olympic spirit.

On the contrary, the list of torch-bearers, and the way they were chosen, reflected poorly on Hong Kong's governance. Such a major public event was not run as a public good, but as a chance to appropriate the public good for private distribution. A place on the list was seen as a gift from tycoon Timothy Fok Tsun-ting and the liaison office, and a business or political boon. What did the SAR government do to assert the public sentiment? Where was the principle of "one country, two systems"?

The only saving grace, ironically, was the criticism voiced by the public through the media that the list was a scandal. But the message to the world is already clear: that, under the red flag, Hong Kong has no will to preserve its characteristics and, hence, has lost the best parts of its potential contribution to China's future.

There is no question that China is rising to become a great world power, perhaps the greatest. The only question is what kind of a great power it will be, and what it will bring to world peace and civilisation? Perhaps more than showing the way ahead, the torch relay and the reaction it inspired has set off the dynamics that will shape the future direction.

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**OLYMPISCH****Kunstenaar: oranje in Peking protestkleur**

De Deense kunstenaar Jens Galschiot heeft de wereld opgeroepen om oranje als protestkleur te gebruiken tijdens de Olympische Spelen in Peking. Via de website [www.thecolororange.net](http://www.thecolororange.net) is hij zijn actie tegen de misstanden in China en Tibet gestart. Het NOC\*NSF heeft in een reactie laten weten niet blij te zijn met het initiatief, omdat de kleur oranje ook aan de Nederlandse sporters kleefte. „Het kan niet zo zijn dat we ongewild in een standpunt van anderen worden betrokken,” aldus woordvoester Annemiek van der Meer.

# Oranje de protestkleur tijdens Spelen

door Theo Jongediik

**AMSTERDAM, maandag** De kleur oranje wordt tijdens de Olympische Spelen het vreedzame teken van internationaal protest tegen de schendingen van mensenrechten door China.

Het NOC\*NSF is ongelukkig met de actie en vreest 'politiseren' van de Nederlandse sportkleur bij uitstek. „We gaan bekijken of, en hoe, er kan worden gereageerd”, aldus communicatiemedewerker Annemiek van der Meer het afgelopen weekeinde.

Het initiatief van de actie tegen China vindt zijn oorsprong in Denemarken en is bedacht door de kunstenaar Jens Galschiot.

Hij wil dat zoveel mogelijk mensen tijdens de Olympische Spelen in China én daarbuiten iets oranje zullen aandoen, of gebruiksvorwerpen in die kleur gaan gebruiken als een signaal van protest. De actie wordt via het internet uit-

gerold, in een tiental talen en is te volgen op [www.thecolororange.net](http://www.thecolororange.net).

Op deze website wordt benadrukt dat de actievoerders het olympisch ideaal van verbodering van de mensheid onderschrijven en dat de kleur oranje juist wordt gezien als een niet-politiek signaal. Galschiot vindt dan ook dat Nederlandse sporters zich geen zorgen hoeven te maken.

„Het Nederlands olympisch team is door hun nationale kleur, oranje, de geboren ambassadeur voor dit initiatief.”

Er is door de Deen en zijn medestanders voor oranje gekozen omdat de monniken in Tibet en Birma veelal in deze

kleur gekleed gaan. „Door gebruik van oranje tijdens het sportevenement dat internationaal volop de aandacht krijgt, kunnen mensen overal ter wereld laten zien dat er iets fout is in China. Dat zij dat weten en dat zij daar niet over zwijgen.”

„Nederland heeft met oranje een kleur die juist weinig door andere landen wordt gebruikt”, stelt Van der Meer, namens NOC\*NSF.

„Rood en blauw zijn veel algemener. Het kan niet zo zijn dat wij ongewild in een standpunt van anderen worden betrokken. Als sportorganisatie reageren we zeker niet op alles wat er in de wereld gebeurt, maar hier zullen we toch even kritisch naar moeten kijken.”

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**ARNHEM - Erica Terpstra heeft dinsdagavond op de jaarvergadering van NOCNSF haar medeleven betuigd aan China en de slachtoffers van de aardbeving in het land. "Laten we hopen dat het aantal doden bij dit grote drama niet nog verder oploopt", verklaarde de voorzitter van de sportkoepel.**



In augustus vinden in Peking de Olympische Spelen plaats. Eerder al sprak de internationale olympische beweging, het IOC, zijn leedwezen uit over de gebeurtenissen in het land. „Wij sluiten ons daarbij aan”, zei Terpstra.

**Focussen**

Terpstra herhaalde op Papendal haar eerdere standpunten over de situatie van de mensenrechten in China. Het staat de Nederlandse sporters vrij hun mening daarover naar buiten te brengen, het staat ze ook vrij dat niet te doen. „Ze hebben ook het recht zich volledig te focussen op de sport.”

Wel zei de voormalig staatssecretaris van sport blij te zijn met het recent aangepaste IOC-standpunt. „Het IOC gaat zich beraden over zijn rol ten aanzien van de mensenrechten in de toekomst. Wij als Nederland zullen ons van harte met die discussie gaan bemoeien.”

**Oranje**

De vermeende oproep van een Deense kunstenaar om in Peking bij wijze van protest in het oranje gehuld te gaan, noemde Terpstra geen issue. „Oranje is onze kleur en wij zijn daar trots op. Wij zullen dat niet afstaan. Onze atleten gaan straks in Peking in het oranje naar de openingsceremonie.”