I write this in response to Dagri R public statement, his monastery’s letter, to the update posted on the FPMT site, and Lama Zopa’s advice.

Honestly I have been repeating myself for years, trying to take this to all sort of different instances and being blamed and shamed again and again, starting from Dagri’s own lies against me in order to protect his reputation, which he’s doing all over again without the slightest regret or embarrassment. His attitude is the result of an entire life getting away with molesting students and devotees around the world due to the silence and complicity of some institutions and of the Tibetan system itself.

The part of Dagri’s statement when he talks about me, starts by discrediting me, saying that I experienced “physical and mental problems”. I had a physical problem and, as far as I’m concerned, we all experience some degree of mental distress until we achieve the higher grounds... but we cannot deny that what he is trying to say is that I am crazy. He told that to several others years ago. Today he is doing the same, instead of apologising he’s blaming and discrediting the victims, the oldest method proved effective to get away with abuse. If I was crazy or mentally unstable at that time, HHDL probably wouldn’t have sent me as the official Spanish translator of the Kalachakra initiation and teachings in Washington 2011 and the following Kalachakra in Bodhgaya, as well as many other teachings I translated for years into different languages. I have extensive intellectual and academic experience, enough to prove my intelligence, but getting into details about this would be insulting as I am obviously not crazy. Furthermore, even if a person was crazy, he or she would still have the right to be heard and protected.

Then the abuser says I spoke up after three years from the incident. That is a lie, look at the date in my statutory declaration (attached), it says 2008. Look at the police stamp at the end of the declaration, it says 11/11/2010. It took me one and a half years to start recovering from the shock and talking about it. Everybody knows that when these situations happen, it can take many many years if not an entire life for the victim to even be able to start talking about it, so the time here should not be of any importance or diminish the seriousness of the matter. After talking with some friends and sisters, I was finally advised in October 2010 by Jetsunma Tenzin Palmo to proceed the way I did. Finally I went to Kangra police to do the statement one month later.

Then he says the there was a meeting with the two of us and six witnesses, that is a lie too. At the meeting there were him and his attendant, me and my friend Karma Yeshe, Chime-la from HHDLs office, and a Tibetan person taking notes. These are not 6 witnesses as you can see.

I also have no idea of what he means by ‘clarifying the truth’, as the meeting was for him to apologise to me, which he did, and not the other way around as he tried to make others believe and still is. Please see the statement from my witness Karma Yeshe.

Regarding the update about Dagri R on the FPMT website, I am happily surprised to hear that some sort of measures of this kind were finally taken this time. But I also have to disagree with some of the points, which maybe due to lack of information were made. For example where it says ‘The Private Office informed us that they had investigated the allegations, and that they had resolved the matter’. I’m really curious to know what the FPMT and HHDLs office mean by ‘investigated’ and by ‘solved’. How do you ‘solve’ molestation or abuse? The very minimum from the abuser’s side would be to acknowledge the wrongdoing, apologising, have the determination not to do it again... and from the institution side, at least retrieve the support to the abuser and stop promoting him around the world. When the Office told the FPMT that the matter had been solved, did they say I dropped the allegations? I have never dropped the allegations as I will never take back my statutory declaration, did the FPMT even read it? How could I possibly take all that back? I didn’t and I won’t cause it’s the truth. So just to be clear, the charges were never dropped cause I didn’t press charges, because he apologised and promise not to repeat his behaviour again. The allegations were never dropped cause what happened is what happened and it cannot be modified, my written police statement is not an opinion but a description of facts. Was it correct to keep promoting Dagri, even if the office said that the ‘matter was solved’, when a statement like this was issued and never retracted? Did the FPMT ever thought of asking me or the other victims how we felt about this?

In the update on FPMTs website it mentions only the Indian woman and me, even though there were other incidents before and after me, the newest victim to speak up is this Korean woman Shin Young Sun who used to be a student in Sarah College: https://m.facebook.com/veonseons/posts/10157134479759598. But there have been several other allegations before. Even tulku XXX and XXX have had they say about Dagri’s misbehaviour since the 80’s and they weren’t heard or were criticised, until the issue was forgotten. There is one anonymous testimony from another nun victim which was sent to FPMT executive dated 2010, and correspondence where he acknowledges an incident which he had kept confidential. There was also a complaint about Dagri R from my friend, Australian lawyer XXX related to my case in 2013 which means there were other complaints after 2011. Due to all these different testimonies that were sent to this organisation, I feel quite sad that this issue is still being treated as if the only unfortunate incidents happened to the Indian lady on the plane and to me, and that while we are being doubted Dagri’s innocence is still implied as a clear possibility! That is not the case and FPMT knew about this. The fact that some victims wished to remain anonymous doesn’t mean that the molestation didn’t happen or that it can be kept secret, but that is exactly what happened, manipulation, secrecy and fear.

*Please notice that being silent about abuse and continue to hire a molester with multiple allegations, makes the institutions who have promoted him liable for the damage caused to the victims*

After all this, none of us have even received a single apology or acknowledgement of wrongdoing from Dagri R, all the opposite, and no institution has taken any responsibility for this, or validated me as a victim or as someone who has spoken the truth. All that me and other nuns and friends who supported us have received is blame, shame, threats and slander (now some are even trying to make others believe that victims and witnesses are nothing but a conspiracy from the DorjeShugden group! ridiculous!), to the point that many still now are scared and become frozen when it comes to speak up. I cannot even begin to tell how all this has forever affected my life and my relation with the Dharma, and there’s no need ‘cause most people provided with a little empathy can imagine that.

Regarding Tsawa Khangtsen’s letter about the issue, it’s ridiculous to try and discredit all the victims, witnesses and supporters, saying that they are followers of Dorje Shugden possessed by the forces of Mara...
And about Lama Zopa’s advice, it’s embarrassing and outrageous, an explicit karma-based threat filled with fantastic stories of deities and pure lands, which excuses the abuser from any ‘appearance’ of misconduct that he may manifest.

A group of Buddhist practitioners and teacher from around the world has started this petition to request to the FPMT to commission a third party investigation on the matter so that victims who wish to remain anonymous can speak up, please help us by signing this: http://chng.it/L8BGfrf78s

Here’s the letter which explains the petition: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Tld4WA93wYbSNW5Us47e3Ovvw485pF8DXql-j4oaYIUl

This is my witness Karma Yeshe’s statement about the meeting: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1jtajW0Qiuq9U9MvXbqYjPylQeXX0fu

Here the FPMT’s update: https://fpmt.org/fpmt-community-news/statement/update-regarding-dagri-rinpoche/


Seraje’s tsawa khangtsen’s statement: https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B3Y7Mjq91PMweTliM0F5OEJCQk5rYVgySUxURmpfOD8GczE4

Dagri R’s statement: https://fpmt.app.box.com/s/6fpt7b4hm2bed14chgeihnd501h7si6

My video statement with links to the police statement: https://youtu.be/T05xLBZ_1WU

Best regards to everyone and thank you for the overwhelming support we’ve received in the last days

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