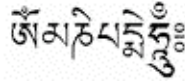


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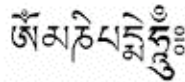
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BODHGAYA 2007-01-03: At the 24th annual Kagyu Monlam prayer ceremony, HH Karmapa Orgyen Trinley Dorje said he is a vegetarian. He wants his followers to become vegetarian, or at least eat less meat. He gave two reasons: kindness to animals, and to reduce obstacles to Karmapa's life. He asked people not to be in business selling meat.

Karmapa asked people attending the Monlam to take vows to eat less meat, or to stop eating meat altogether. He asked students to dedicate the merit to the long life of Karmapa, Dalai Lama, or their root guru. Many people took vows not to eat meat.

Karmapa told his centers and monasteries to stop buying, cooking or serving meat. Karma Kagyu centers now serve vegetarian food. No animals may be killed on Kagyu premises. He ordered the slaughterhouse at Tsurphu to be closed. Karmapa said monks should not buy meat.

At the next Kagyu Monlam, Karmapa again urged students to eat less meat. He praised senior Kagyu lamas who had become vegetarians.



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