

March 2015: CPPCC - NPC Sessions and Religions

National People's Congress

March 5-15: 3rd Session of the 12th NPC with 3.000 delegates, among whom three Catholic Bishops, namely Fang Jianping, Guo Jincai and Huang Bingzhang.

Premier Li Keqiang presented the annual work report. On the issue of Religion, after emphasizing the urgency of safeguarding national unity and harmony among the minority ethnic groups, in full respect of all their proper rights and privileges, he stated: *“We have to thoroughly and completely follow on the basic guidelines for of the religious work, favoring harmonious relationship among Religions, protecting the legal rights of the religious circles, promoting the positive role of the religious operators and of the masses of believers in the process of the social and economic development!”*

Dealing with the issues of improvement of people's life and social construction, he also admonished to prevent and eliminate social evils, among which he listed the 'false religions' (邪教).