

**Statement regarding Al Jazeera segment**

The Rubin Museum vehemently opposes the trafficking of stolen or looted cultural items and does not acquire any material known or suspected to be stolen or looted.

We adhere to high standards of ethical and professional practice. We have never knowingly acquired objects that are known to have been illicitly traded, smuggled, or stolen. Moreover, we are committed to the ongoing research of the provenance or ownership history of our entire collection.

In 2016, we began a multiyear effort to catalogue, review and consolidate research on the Rubin Museum collection. That research continues, and includes identifying origins, ownership history/provenance, verifying information, and filling in gaps of knowledge.

Please see: <http://rubinmuseum.org/collection/collecting-practices>

To our best knowledge, based on research and a review of our collection, we do not have any connection to, nor objects from, the dealers being investigated by the Central Investigation Bureau of Nepal and do not understand the Museum's name being mentioned in this context.

Should we – through our efforts in researching and documenting our collection or through inquiries by relevant authorities – learn that objects in our care have been documented as stolen or looted, the Museum will address all claims responsibly.

As a public institution, the Rubin Museum is committed to responsibly preserving, researching, and making accessible the rich cultural and religious traditions of the Himalayas.