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Chinese President Xi Jinping made a rare visit to East Turkistan on Saturday, urging officials to “deepen the Sinicization of Islam and effectively control illegal religious activities in East Turkistan, where Beijing is accused of serious rights violations.

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State television channel CCTV reported that Xi, during his first visit to East Turkistan since July 2022, stressed that priority “should always be given to maintaining social stability (...) and we have to use stability to ensure development”. The Chinese president was quoted as saying that “it is important to combine the development of the struggle against terrorism and separatism with the push for the normalization of work in the field of social stability and the rule of law”. “During the process of modernization in accordance with Sinicization, we will build

Xinjiang (East Turkistan) to be beautiful, unified, harmonious, rich, and prosperous. Xi was quoted as saying:

The Chinese government has continued a years-long campaign against what it describes as terrorism and extremism in East Turkistan, arresting large numbers of Uyghurs and other Muslims, AFP reports.

Last year, a UN report spoke of possible “crimes against humanity” in East Turkistan, while the United States and other countries saw what was happening

as “genocide”.

China has strongly denied accusations of forced labor being imposed on Uyghurs in East Turkistan, saying that training programs, work plans, and education have helped eliminate extremism in the region.

In his speech yesterday, Xi stressed the need to enhance officials “positive

propaganda and display an atmosphere of openness and self-confidence in Xinjiang (East Turkistan) (...) while refuting all forms of false public opinion and negative or harmful discussions”. He also pointed out the importance of opening the region to local and foreign tourism.



THE SO CALLED XINJIANG POLICE DETAIN ETHNIC KAZAKH WHO RECITED QURAN AT MUSLIM WEDDING

KUSMAN REHIM IS HELD OVER RECENT RECITATIONS AT EID, AT A WEDDING AND FOR HAVING A QURAN AT HOME

Chinese authorities in East Turkistan have detained an ethnic Kazakh man for performing Quranic recitations – including at a Muslim wedding, Radio Free Asia has learned.

Kusman Rehim, 56, was detained on July 14 after performing readings from the Quran in a melodious art form revered

across the Islamic world, the head of the Kazakhstan-based rights group Atajurt, said in an interview on Thursday.

“Kusman Rehim was arrested on July 14,” Atajurt chief Bekzat Maksutkhan said. “The main reason was that the police found a Quran in his home.”

“Also, he had performed Quranic recitations in people’s homes during Eid al-Adha [June 27-July 1] and taken part in a Muslim wedding,” Bekzat said.

The arrest comes against a backdrop of renewed attacks on religious worship under Chinese President Xi Jinping, with Christians, Muslims, Buddhists and other religious adherents forced to submit to party control and the censorship of their religious lives under the government’s “sinicization” program.

However, recitations of the Quran have been banned since 2017, when China began the mass incarceration of Uyghurs and other ethnic groups in “re-education” camps across East Turkistan.

Authorities claimed that normal Islamic customs like the wearing of beards and veils and Quran study groups were evidence of “religious extremism.”

“Ethnic unity”

China has also targeted Muslim communities with “ethnic unity” campaigns under which Han Chinese “relatives” put pressure on them to give up fasting for Ramadan, drink alcohol and eat pork.

Bekzat said Kusman Rehim, who hails from East Turkistan’s Jimsar county, had been locked up before due to his religious beliefs, and was released after Atajurt publicized his case.

Kusman’s younger brother Bilal, who lives in Kazakhstan, said his brother was detained on April 21, released a month later, then detained again on July 14.

“One reason was that he was doing a Quranic recitation at a Muslim wedding ceremony,” Bilal said. “The second reason was that the police found a Quran in his home.”



He said the family has yet to receive any official notification of his brother's detention, nor any information on the charges against him.

"They just took him away," he said.

A switchboard operator who answered the phone at the Jimsar county police department on Thursday declined to transfer RFA's call.

"We don't really know about that," the operator said, before hanging up the phone.

Repeated calls to local police stations were returned to the same switchboard.

Religious crimes

China recently announced a 100-day "strike hard" campaign in East Turkistan, which typically include police raids on Uyghur households, and tighter restrictions on Islamic practices and curbs on the culture and language of the ethnic minority group.

An elderly Uyghur serving a nearly 14-year prison sentence in East Turkistan following his arrest in 2017 for studying religion as a child and for committing other religious "offenses" died of hypertension while in jail, a local police officer said earlier this month.

Abdurusul Memet, 71, was serving a 13-year-and-11-month sentence for learning the Quran between November 1964 and March 1965 at the time, according to the Xinjiang Victims' Database.

In 2017, another ethnic Kazakh man, Manat Hamit, was jailed for "disseminating terrorism-related audiovisual material," and "incitement to racial hatred and to racial discrimination" after the authorities found audio files of Quranic recitations on his computer.

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CAIR CALLS FOR RELEASE OF MAN DETAINED IN CHINA FOR RECITING QURAN IN PUBLIC

(WASHINGTON, D.C., 8/28/2023) – The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, today called for the release of a Kazakh man detained in China allegedly for reciting Quran in public and keeping that Islamic religious text in his home.

Chinese authorities in East Turkistan reportedly detained the man, Kusman Rehim, 56, for offering public Quranic recitations – including at a Muslim wedding. He was allegedly detained after "police found a Quran in his home." In 2017, China authorities reportedly banned the recitation of the Quran in

public in East Turkistan.

News of the man's detention comes as Chinese President Xi Jinping made a surprise visit to East Turkistan and urged officials to "more deeply promote the Sinicization of Islam and effectively control illegal religious activities."

"It is a clear violation of international norms of religious freedom to detain someone merely for reciting or possessing the revealed text of their faith," said CAIR Government Affairs Director Robert McCaw. "We demand the immediate release of Kusman Rehim and we urge the international community, including governments in Muslim-majority nations, to address China's egregious human rights abuses."

The Chinese government is targeting Uyghur Muslims and other Turkic ethnic minorities with a campaign of genocide.

Millions of Uyghurs have been detained in concentration camps in which beatings, torture and rape are the norm. Millions more are being used as slave labor on plantations and in Chinese factories.

Earlier this month, CAIR welcomed the Department of Homeland Security's ban on imports from Camel Group Co., Ltd. and Chenguang Biotech Group Co., Ltd. and its subsidiary Chenguang Biotechnology Group Yanqi Co. Ltd. because of the companies' forced labor practices that target groups, such as Uyghur Muslims in China.

In April, CAIR commended the efforts of congressional lawmakers for urging greater enforcement of the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA)

CAIR's mission is to protect civil rights, enhance understanding of Islam, promote justice, and empower American Muslims.





THE CHINESE REGIME, WHICH CONSISTENTLY DECEIVES THE ISLAMIC WORLD AND USES IT AS A TOOL FOR ITS FALSE PROPAGANDA, INVITED A GROUP OF ISLAMIC ORGANIZATIONS FROM HONG KONG TO VISIT EAST TURKISTAN (XINJIANG) FROM AUGUST 14TH TO 20TH.

According to a relevant report from the Chinese propaganda agency “Xinjiang Daily,” the Chinese regime organized a tour of East Turkistan (Xinjiang) for a delegation of 20 Islamic organizations from Hong Kong. They were taken to pre-arranged fabricated locations in Urumqi, Kashgar, Aksu, and other regions, where they showcased the so-called “vocational training centers,” industrial cities, some mosques that remain open for tourism purposes, and clothing displays in Urumqi, Kashgar, Aksu, and other regions.

The delegation also visited the so-called “Xinjiang Islamic Institute and Library,”

which has no qualifications other than propaganda, classroom buildings, and students being trained in the ideology of communism.

Looking from China’s perspective, speaking from China’s voice

Speaking entirely in Chinese after the trip, the president of the delegation, Yang Xingben, gave an interview to the journalists, saying that the current situation in East Turkistan does not match the news of some Western media, that the people live happily in harmony with the authoritarian regime, that the

economy is developing rapidly under the central government's protection, that different ethnic groups' cultural heritage is preserved by law, and that diverse communities peacefully coexist in prosperity and tranquility. In doing so, he became an instrument of China's propaganda efforts.

Observers note that China has always prevented the international community from independently investigating East Turkistan. To manage pressure and accusations, they strategically guide specially selected foreign individuals through pre-arranged locations, using such visits for propaganda purposes. They advance the false narrative of "support from the Islamic world" domestically while presenting a facade of "no oppression in East Turkistan, everything is peaceful, and Uyghurs are happy" internationally. However, the reality remains that the repression in East Turkistan has never ceased.

China is involved in religious persecution in East Turkistan (Xinjiang)

China has been implementing anti-Islamic policies of terror in East Turkistan (Xinjiang), leading to the destruction or erasure of nearly 16,000 mosques since its inception.

Some of the remaining mosques have been repurposed for other uses such as bars, tourism spots, businesses, workshops, and even toilets, making them available to the Chinese. Additionally, all religious activities have been completely prohibited, and people are being forced to abandon Islam.

Thousands of religious scholars, including well-known figures like Muhammad Salih Damplla, have been martyred in torture camps, and millions of Muslims who simply practice their religious duties continue to suffer from torture.

According to official United Nations data, the occupying Chinese government is forcibly detaining over 1 million Uyghur Turks in concentration camps in East Turkistan (Xinjiang) against their will. However, witness accounts and documents from Chinese sources suggest that up to 8 million people have been subjected to forced internment in a rotating manner.

China, which has consistently rejected a request by UN officials and international organizations to freely inspect the area for information, claims it has allowed a few of its own camps to be partially visible to a small number of foreign diplomats and journalists.



MA XINGRUI, SECRETARY OF THE SO-CALLED XINJIANG PARTY COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHINA IN EAST TURKISTAN, AND ERKIN TUNYAZ, THE SO-CALLED PUPPET PRESIDENT OF THE "XINJIANG GOVERNMENT", WELCOMED THE OIC DELEGATION TO THE CENTRAL CITY OF URUMQI ON AUGUST 21, 2023.

MA XINGRUI WELCOMED THE DELEGATION'S VISIT TO THE REGION ON BEHALF OF THE SO-CALLED XINJIANG PARTY COMMITTEE AND ITS ADMINISTRATION AND EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FOR ITS EFFORTS IN DEEPENING CHINA-ISLAMIC FRIENDSHIP AND PROMOTING THE CORRECT PERCEPTION (CHINESE LOGIC) OF XINJIANG (EAST TURKISTAN) BY THE ISLAMIC WORLD.

He recalled that relations between China and the Muslim world are based on a long history of a new type of international relations.

BLAMING THE WEST

Ma noted that in recent years, anti-China forces in Western countries, including the United States, have consistently tried to restrict China from using Xinjiang (East Turkistan) by spreading lies about human rights in Xinjiang (East Turkistan).

Ma expressed gratitude to the honorable people of the OIC and the Muslim world for presenting the truth (Chinese propaganda) about Xinjiang (East Turkistan) with a rational attitude. Noting that the problem of Xinjiang (East Turkistan) is actually the problem of fighting terrorism, extremism, and separatism, he blamed the West, stressing that Xinjiang's (East Turkistan's) society is harmonious and stable, constantly developing, and people living happily will not change with malign foreign forces that distort the truth.

Genocide perpetrator Ma renewed the fallacy that the rule of law in Xinjiang (East Turkistan) will be strengthened and efforts to combat terrorism and protect societal stability will be normalized.

A Web of Lies

Ma abandoned the famous Chinese principle that "difference is a threat." Either through a comprehensive defense of religious freedom or by asserting that the high-quality development of the economy and society will be accelerated

based on the concept of "people's priority" and that the distinct cultures of various ethnic groups in the region will be protected, he lied.

Ma pointed out that ensuring that citizens enjoy comprehensive, adequate, real, tangible, and effective human rights means giving them a happier life. Recalling that the OIC delegation, which offered him pre-prepared fictional and fake places, got to know the reality of the region better through its visit to Xinjiang (East Turkistan), he requested the delegation members to become tools for his propaganda, expressing his anticipation that Xinjiang (East Turkistan), which is supposed to be more realistic, would be presented to the international community and the Islamic world.

UNFORTUNATELY, THEY HAVE BECOME CHINESE PROMOTIONAL TOOLS.

Diyaa Eldeen, president of the OIC delegation and Permanent Representative of Djibouti to the OIC, noted that China and the Islamic world have ancient civilizations, and their communication and cooperation are beneficial to the people of both sides. Speaking entirely through the Chinese narrative, the president noted that they witnessed the prosperous development of Xinjiang (East Turkistan) under good management by visiting various parts of the region, including Kashgar and Kyzylso.

OIC delegation members from Saudi Arabia, Gambia, Mauritania, and Pakistan mentioned that counter-terrorism

activities in Xinjiang (East Turkistan) are supposed to save the local population from violence and fear and bring them a happy and peaceful life.

A few days ago, various international organizations, especially the Turkish-based International Union of East Turkistan NGO Organizations, issued

a press release in which they urged representatives from the Organization of Islamic Cooperation who were visiting East Turkistan upon China's invitation to refrain from becoming tools of Chinese propaganda and to not participate in China's game while fulfilling their Islamic duties. They expressed their discomfort with this visit.



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Organisation de la Coopération Islamique

**PRESS
STATEMENT
ON OIC
HIGH-LEVEL
DELEGATION'S
VISIT TO
EAST TURKISTAN**

On August 17, 2023, a delegation from the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) visited occupied East Turkistan in response to an invitation. The delegation, led by Ambassador Dya-Eddine Bamakhrama, the Permanent Representative of Djibouti to the OIC. The delegation included representatives from 25 OIC Member States, including Saudi Arabia and Mauritania, as well as officials from the OIC General

Secretariat.

During the meeting, the OIC and its Member States discussed their relations with Communist Party of China, including the situation of the Muslim in the occupied East Turkistan. The delegation intends to visit East Turkistan to observe the living conditions of the local Muslim community in the region.

In reality, it's a known fact that China

has been implementing genocidal policies which are concentration camps, indoctrination, total ban of practicing Islam, abortion, forced family separation, and state oppression at a genocidal level where millions are arrested and other millions are dead since the occupation in 1949.

China has been implementing its “Sinicization of Islam” policy since 2012 to restrict Islamic practices, demolish mosques, arrest Muslim Scholars, Ulemas, and thinkers, legitimize its policies against Islam, and cover up ongoing genocide in East Turkistan. Furthermore, China consistently invites delegates from Islamic countries with which it maintains good diplomatic relations and deceives them by showcasing religious activities that are normally forbidden but specifically staged for these delegations. China rationalizing its human rights violations against East Turkistan people as ‘war against terrorism’ and has actively avoided any third-party interventions into this matter under the guise of ‘non-interventionism’.

OIC’s Charter underscores its role to safeguard the interest of the ummah in

the socio-economic and political spheres, which transcends the responsibility of the OIC member states. However, despite its mandate to champion the cause of the Muslim community, the OIC’s silence and mixed signals on the East Turkistan issue are concerning.

International Union of the East Turkistan Organizations (IUETO) would like to remind OIC delegation to fulfill their duty to safeguard the rights of people in East Turkistan. IUETO recommends OIC delegation to report and make a press statement about their visit in Urumqi in a truthful way, upholding the truth and justice as taught in Islam. IUETO also recommends the OIC delegation put pressure on China to stop forceful Sinicization of Islam and elimination of Muslim identity of East Turkistan.

IUETO urges Muslim scholars, Islamic organizations, movements, Muslim countries, and politicians to stand with people of East Turkistan and take action to end the ongoing genocide and Chinese colonization.

International Union of East Turkistan Organizations (IUETO)

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A group of Muslims in Pakistan recorded with camera and discovered offensive drawings on Chinese-made shorts insulting the sanctity of Muslims and shared it on social media.

According to the video shared by the witness of the camp, Mrs. Zumret Dawut, on her social media account, the shorts displayed by Pakistani individuals bear drawings of “Allah, Muhammad,” a pig’s skull, and the words “Made in China” written on the label. This once again reveals China’s excessive hostility towards religion.

The shorts in the video recording had the Arabic words “Allah, Muhammad” in at least seven places on the front and back, with a pig’s skull placed next to them at the same frequency.

In the video recordings, as soon as Pakistani Muslims noticed this shame,

they first went to the store where the shorts were sold and reported the matter, then they reached the Chinese store owners who sold the shorts wholesale and retail and said that it was forbidden to use sacred symbols on them in this way, and the Chinese who owned the store shook their heads in front of the customers as if nothing had happened, which indicates that this shame was carried out on purpose.

China’s hostility toward Islam is not limited to this incident.

The insults and attacks by China on Islam and the sacred values of Muslims go beyond that. So much so that detailed images and visual contents showing Islamophobia in China have been reflected in the international press many times before.

While China’s ongoing repression against

the East Turkistan Islamic Movement continues, in December 2021, a restaurant in Taishan City, Guangdong Province, China, caused reactions to tiles placed on the floor on which the word monotheism was written and trampled by the Chinese. Following that incident, the Istiqlal TV team interacted in a special chat show with Dr. Ihsan Shinujak Hoka, the

founding president of the International Union of Islamic Investor Associations, and even many NGOs, academics, well-known preachers, scholars, and activists in Turkey made statements and calls in various languages through social media and demanded a response about China's immoral attacks on the Muslim world.



Abdulkhikim Idris, executive director of the Center of Uyghur Studies based in Falls Church, Virginia, and former inspector general of the World Uyghur Congress, found out on Wednesday that his father, Abdulkherim Zikrullah Idris, 81, died in January in the city of Hotan.

Abdulkhikim was informed of the news from a source who insisted on anonymity for safety reasons.

The last contact he had with his father

was during an April 2017 phone call.

Chinese authorities in East Turkistan have detained most of his other family members since then amid the mass detentions or imprisonment of Uyghurs in “re-education camps.”

The situation reflects the Chinese government's ongoing repression of Uyghurs in East Turkistain, as well as of political activists like Abdulkhikim, who live abroad but remain under the

scrutiny of Chinese authorities and bear a substantial burden when it comes to their relatives back in East Turkistan.

Abdulkhikim told Radio Free Asia that the news of his father's death saddened him because he had limited opportunities to spend time with the man.

"He was a man of sincerity, an advocate for education, and a hard-working, diligent individual," Abdulkhikim said. "He is the reason why all of us pursued education and grew up with a strong dedication to this path."

Uyghur political activists are consistently on China's radar, subjected to surveillance, monitoring and various

forms of persecution. Still, they strive to secure human rights for Uyghurs in Xinjiang and hold China to account for its actions. Ultimately, they hope to establish a Uyghur homeland called East Turkistan.

In recent years, Uyghurs in East Turkistan (Xinjiang) have endured what the United States and several Western parliaments have declared a genocide or crimes against humanity at the hands of China.

Uyghur political activists and nongovernmental organizations abroad have dedicated considerable effort to exposing Beijing's oppressive actions to the global community and to trying to put an end to them.



WHEN ONE UYGHUR IS DETAINED, THE SPOUSE IS REGARDED AS SUSPECT AND DETAINED TOO, AND CHILDREN ARE GIVEN FOR ADOPTION. TO SAVE THE CHILDREN, THE SPOUSE NOT YET DETAINED QUICKLY FILES FOR DIVORCE.

08/22/2023 Bitter Winter

by Marco Respinti

The ways of cultural genocides are subtle. Piles of corpses are not amassed along the roads. Cultural genocides pursue the slow annihilation of a nation by canceling its future. The Uyghurs are a case in point. Since the 2017 offensive that issued the ultimate challenge to them, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has devised several methods to achieve its genocidal goal against the Uyghurs. This has resulted in a massive deportation of innocent people to “re-education” camps, and has also targeted their children who remain at home. One of the most heinous tactics against Uyghur children is in fact to make them “artificial orphans.” Their parents are not dead. They are inmates in detention and labor camps. Children, unwillingly left alone by their parents, are then “forcibly separated from them and placed in childcare institutions, or orphanages, and boarding schools.” Dilxat Raxit, member of Executive Committee

of the World Uyghur Congress serving as its spokesperson, brings this sad and serious situation to the attention of “Bitter Winter.”

It is, as he points out, “a serious humanitarian crisis.” In fact, he underlines, “a large amount of evidence shows that Uyghur children have been deeply affected by that campaign. Many of these artificial orphans have been transferred to adoption institutions outside East Turkistan,” which is the preferred name its non-Han inhabitants give to the region that the Chinese government calls Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (XUAR.) In those facilities, “pressured by a precise cultural and educational strategy devised by the CCP, they are prevented from speaking and learning their mother tongue. It is an ideological re-education.”

There is worse. “Chinese authorities,” Raxit adds, “also perform a ‘family planning’ policy that aims at preventing the birth of future Uyghurs.” Officially, the demographic tyranny through



which the Chinese regime has ruled the country for decades has been ended. The infamous and bloody “one-child policy” is now over. It has been substituted by a “two-children,” then a “three-children,” then a vague “more children” strategy to counter-act the heavy losses caused by the original “one-child policy” itself, and the subsequent demographic (and economic) crisis that hit the People’s Republic of China. But for targeted minorities, including Uyghurs and Tibetans, the strict control that the regime exerts on births is still dully performing its evil duty. As the CCP has showed in other cases, changes in names are not the same as changes in policies.

Yet, this tragedy affecting Uyghur children is now entering a third step. “According to the local sources, the divorce rate among Uyghurs is now incredibly high.” Raxit

based his conclusions on testimonials on the ground whose security will be protected by anonymity. For sure, the growing rate of divorce among Uyghurs predates the latest wave of mass persecution. In modern times, this is of course caused by a number of reasons, but the progress of direct persecution largely accelerated it. While divorces follow a precise procedure resulting in official certificates, the CCP persecution of children in East Turkistan is a hidden cause of their high rate. “The main reason behind divorce is that, in the face of the ‘artificial orphans’ campaign, many Uyghur couples decide to protect their children from the start: no family, no orphans...”

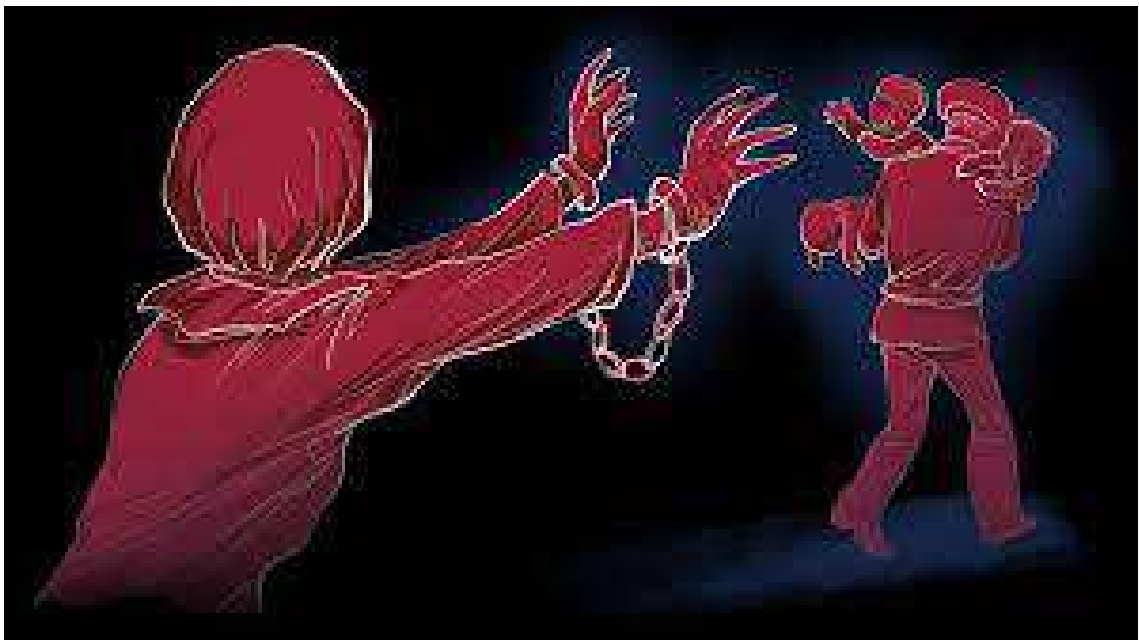
In fact, the CCP performs “family persecution.” If a wife is investigated and/or detained, so is her husband, and vice versa, for suspected “complicity” or



“covering up”—a variation of the “guilt by association” principle. “As a result,” Raxit comments, “many Uyghur families have been destroyed and their members relocated in three different places. The parents have been detained separately or left home to undergo ‘educational review,’ and their underaged children have been ‘adopted’ by official institutions to be resettled who knows where. But by divorcing, Uyghur couples may give their children a different fate. In fact, in case a mother or a father is detained, the other parent [who, once divorced, would not be arrested following the arrest of the spouse] may remain at home taking real care of them. It is a desperate last resort... Unfortunately, though, I am sure that Uyghur children will not at the end really escape persecution. The CCP will devise

new methods...”

To save their own children, Uyghurs increasingly destroy their own families before the CCP does it. It is a sad paradox that once more shows the cruelty of the CCP policies. And of course, the divorce stratagem goes against the religious persuasion and the traditional customs of Uyghurs, who believe in strong and stable families. “The inheritance and development of Uyghur religious and traditional culture largely depend on family education,” Raxit adds. “Parenthood is a powerful force in shaping the children’s future faith. Therefore, Uyghurs have always held a very cautious attitude toward divorce. But the CCP’s policy of extreme genocide is destroying Uyghur families.”





CANADA'S CORPORATE WATCHDOG WILL PROBE WALMART, HUGO BOSS AND CLOTHING BRAND DIESEL FOLLOWING ACCUSATIONS THE COMPANIES EXPLOITED THE FORCED LABOUR OF UYGHURS.

The Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise (CORE) announced its investigation on Thursday after civil society groups last year accused the firms of using Chinese suppliers implicated in forced labour in East Turkistan.

The probe comes after the three companies, which have denied accusations of using forced labour, refused to participate in a preliminary assessment of the claims.

“As mediation between the parties is not currently an option, we will be launching

investigations into the allegations outlined in these reports,” CORE spokesperson Sheri Meyerhoffer said in a statement.

“The investigations will provide all three companies with an ongoing opportunity to provide further relevant information and mediation of the allegations remains open. We are hopeful that the investigation findings will provide the companies with information to support their ability to strengthen their due diligence practices.”

A Hugo Boss spokesperson said the allegations against the company were

“without any basis” and the probe was launched on the basis of a supplier relationship that was terminated last year.

“HUGO BOSS does not source any goods in its direct supply relationship that originate from the Xinjiang (East Turkistan). As a matter of principle, we do not tolerate forced or compulsory labour or any form of modern slavery,” the spokesperson said.

“We believe it is wrong to launch an

investigation based on an alleged supplier relationship which no longer exists,” the spokesperson added.

Walmart and Diesel did not respond to requests for comment.

Human rights groups say more than one million Uyghurs and other Muslim Groups have been interred in camps in East Turkistan, where they face abuses, including forced labour, forced sterilisation, beatings and rape.



MOSQUES HAVE BEEN DEMOLISHED IN BEIJING

The Chinese communist authorities have intensified their religious suppression of Uyghur Muslims, as well as the destruction of mosques in some areas where Hui Muslims live in China. In this context, along with banning the use of “halal” or Islamic writings on restaurant signs and grocery products for Muslims, they also demolish and destroy structures with Islamic architecture.

As part of the latest policy of Sinicization, both the famous Doudian Mosque and Songyu Mosque in Beijing have been destroyed. These mosques have been transformed to resemble non-Muslim Chinese temples.

Destruction of Islamic Architecture

On May 23, Voice of America reported that Chinese authorities began the Sinicization of the Doudian Mosque in Beijing in August 2022, with plans to complete the initiative under the guise of “renovation” by May. It has been learned that the process of Sinicization of the Doudian Mosque was completed in April of this year, and it was reopened for visits in mid-August.

Photos of the mosque site in Beijing taken by the “Sing Tao Daily” correspondent show that all the decorations originally designed in Islamic style in the mosque have been transformed into Chinese style. In the photos, the minarets that used to rise towards the sky in the north and south of the worship areas have been destroyed. Additionally, the Islamic-style dome has also been removed and replaced with Chinese-style pentagonal towers.

There are propaganda slogans for the Chinese Communist Party throughout the mosque. Additionally, there is propaganda for “socialist basic values” all around the Doudian Mosque, along with slogans of the Chinese Communist Party.

Some bloggers on Chinese social media platforms (such as Weibo, Douyin, and

Kuaishou) have also noted that the Songyu Mosque in Beijing’s Bangyayuan area has been subjected to a similar redesign. The photos show that the minaret, dome, crescent, and stars in Islamic style have been removed from the mosque and replaced with Chinese-style structures.

The Sinicization of Islamic Relegion

As part of the “13th Five-Year Plan,” under the framework of the so-called “Sinicization of Islam in China” policy targeting East Turkistan (Xinjiang), Chinese authorities banned all signs and manifestations of Islam in East Turkistan in 2018. As a result, around 16,000 mosques were destroyed or damaged in East Turkistan. Later on, China began implementing similar persecution against Hui Muslims within its own borders. Initially, Chinese authorities destroyed the domes and minarets of Hui Muslim mosques under the pretext of opposing Arabization or transforming mosques into buildings with a Communist Chinese character. Subsequently, they proceeded to demolish the mosques altogether.

Muslim people can do nothing but show opposition to China’s anti-Islam and anti-Muslim policies through social media. As a result, Chinese authorities have temporarily closed some mosques under various pretexts to break the resistance of Muslim people. As the protests voiced by Muslims on social media garnered little response, the Chinese Communist authorities began demolishing all the mosques that had been temporarily closed.



Aphabet Inc.’s Google has removed a slew of negative reviews for the Uyghur Forced Labor Checker, a Google Chrome extension designed to expose brands associated with forced Uyghur labor.

About the app: Developed by the Human Rights Foundation, the tool works by notifying internet users about businesses linked to forced Uyghur labor. In 2022, it garnered recognition through a Webby People’s Voice award for public service and activism.

The Uyghur Forced Labor Checker resonates with many users who are concerned over the forced labor in East Turkistan (Xinjiang). The U.S. government and other entities have accused China of perpetrating acts of genocide against the Uyghur population, involving forced labor as a significant facet.

An orchestrated attack: Earlier this year,

the extension experienced a surge in unusual activity, including a barrage of one-star ratings on Google’s platform, according to Bloomberg. In May, the Human Rights Foundation’s legal team alerted Google to what it deemed to be potential manipulation of its feedback system aimed at undermining the tool’s credibility.

Claudia Bennett, the legal and program officer at the Human Rights Foundation, disclosed the erratic download pattern as a calculated bot attack. The reviews bore distinct hallmarks, including cartoon avatars, nonsensical names and broken English. Phrases like “Malicious slander” and “Leakage of privacy” permeated these reviews, indicating a concerted effort to tarnish the tool’s reputation.

Google’s response: Google has since removed the suspicious reviews, which the

Human Rights Foundation attributed to a disinformation campaign. In a statement to Bloomberg, a Google spokesperson noted its diligent monitoring of the Chrome Web Store and reiterated its

policy of removing reviews violating its guidelines. However, despite the reviews being apparently orchestrated, the company did not identify who they thought was behind them.



CHINA WILL INTERPRET THE QUR'AN WITH THE TEACHINGS OF CONFUCIUS

The occupying Chinese regime held a special meeting on July 30 on the so-called “What should Xinjiang do in adapting the Islamic religion to a socialist society” in order to further deepen its policy of “hostility to religion” and the adoption of the Islamic religion for the Muslim people of East Turkistan.

At the meeting organized by the Executive Board of the so-called “Xinjiang Party Committee” of the Communist Party of China Institute of Socialism and attended by more than 20 religious scholars and so-called experts, the hotbeds of evil discussed issues of how to adapt Islam to socialism and what to do in this context.

At the meeting, the participants emphasized the determination to Sinicize Islam in East Turkistan, adhered to the strategy of integrating socialism and Islam into one and effectively controlling East Turkistan, worked in harmony with the central government, and expressed that the direction of feeding East Turkistan through Chinese culture will pass by reinterpreting the Qur’an with Confucian ideology and waging an open war on the Islamic religion.

Speaking at the meeting, the head of the so-called “China Islamic Association” in East Turkistan and director of the so-called “Islamic Institute of Xinjiang”,

Mullah Abdul Raqib T. M. Arnyaz, said, “In the new era, we should contribute to the full prosperity of the great Chinese nation by playing an active role in improving the infrastructure and building religious figures of all degrees in the so-called Xinjiang, the wide spread of (Chinese) culture, and compliance with laws and regulations.”

Gao Jianping, director of the institute and researcher from the so-called Xinjiang Academy of Social Sciences, stated that he had historical experience in China in integrating classical ideas, especially all sacred texts of the Islamic religion, with the teachings of Confucius, promoting the interpretation of the Qur’an, adapting religion to Chinese socialism, feeding East Turkistan with Chinese culture, etc. Claiming that methods could only be possible through the teachings of Confucius, he explained the plan of the atheist Chinese regime to destroy the Quran.

WAGING AN ALL-OUT WAR ON THE RELIGION OF ISLAM

China’s “13th Amendment” system was enacted into law in 2018. During the period of the “Five-Year Plan”, he carried out the harshest policy of persecution seen since the occupation of East Turkistan. During

this time, in addition to imprisoning millions of East Turkistanis in prisons and concentration camps, he waged an all-out war on the Islamic religion and pursued a multifaceted policy of persecution aimed at Sinicizing the people of East Turkistan under the name of “adapting the Islamic religion to Chinese socialism” and feeding East Turkistan through Chinese culture.” As a result, more than 16,000 mosques were destroyed, 8,000 of which were destroyed or used for tourism outside their intended purpose. Since 2016, countless, scientists, academics, artists, writers, and craftsmen have been imprisoned or martyred in prison, where they are held with severe torture.

Observers pointed out that the regime administration intensified its policy of ethnic and cultural genocide in East Turkistan with fallacies such as the so-called construction of Islam, the consolidation of Chinese consciousness, and at the same time tried to draw the eyes of the international community in different ways, suggesting that the integration of the sacred religion of Islam, especially the Qur’an, with the Confucian ideology, is an all-out war on Islam, and the Islamic world is in dire need of action against it.



UDTSB VISIT TO JAPAN



In order to expand the front line in the East Turkistan issue and to raise awareness among different nations about the historical and real situation of East Turkistan, a delegation from the Turkey-based International East Turkistan NGOs started their visit to Japan on July 31.

President of the International Union of East Turkistan NGOs (UDTSB), Mr. Hidayat Oğuzhan, European Relations Officer, Mr. Nijat Turgun, and UDTSB Secretary General Abdurreshid Aminhaci, was welcomed by former Japanese Economy Minister Seishu Makino and the Japanese Parliament's delegation working on Tibet, Mongolia, Taiwan, and Hong Kong on the first day of the visit.

A SERIES OF MEETINGS WAS HELD

On August 1, Following the visit, Shinji Kawasaki, President of the Asia-Pacific Politics and Economy Lobbying Research Society, and Hirofumi RYU, a member of

the Japan Parliamentary and International Inter-Parliamentary Alliance Against China, discussed their sensitivity to the East Turkistan issue and the common interests of the two friendly peoples and negotiated to develop solidarity.

WHY IS JAPAN IMPORTANT?

Within the scope of the visit, which will last until August 8, the Uyghur delegation met with representatives of East Turkistan NGOs in Japan, state leaders, deputies, academics, journalists, and other important figures, and China's systematic pressure against Muslims in East Turkistan and joint cooperation. are expected to be discussed.

The visit comes at a time when relations between Japan and China are becoming increasingly strained and Japan is facing security threats from China. In addition, the visit is very important to organize the East Turkistan issue in Japan.



THE MALAYSIAN CONTACTS WITH THE EAST TURKISTAN DELEGATION CONTINUE

Continuing their visits to bring attention to China's systematic oppression and genocide against Muslims in East Turkistan, Hidayet Oğuzhan, the President of the International Union of East Turkistan NGOs, and Abdurreşit Eminhaci, the Union's General Secretary, held a meeting with leaders from organizations ABIM and Global Peace Mission on August 11th. Alongside, they conducted a meeting of the board of directors of the Uyghur Malaysia Relations Organization (UMRO).

During the meeting, they discussed the grave situation in East Turkistan, China's oppressive measures, and its attacks on the Islamic religion and the Quran. Following this, they discussed the current global status of the East Turkistan cause and engaged in talks regarding activities in Malaysia and Asia-Pacific countries.

On August 14th, Abdurreşit Eminhaci, the General Secretary of the International Union of East Turkistan NGOs, had a productive meeting with the leaders of the Malaysia Global Peace Mission (GPM) to discuss UMRO's future plans and projects.

WHY IS MALAYSIA IMPORTANT?

The International Union of East Turkistan NGOs has been making efforts in Malaysia since the period of Mahathir Mohamad, who served as Prime Minister for 22 years, to strengthen the East Turkistan cause.

As a result of all the steps taken, Malaysian Muslims and the Malaysian government approach the people of East Turkistan with a sense of Islamic brotherhood, and Malaysia has become one of the Muslim countries that takes responsibility for the East Turkistan Muslims.

As a matter of fact, Malaysia is a safe country for East Turkistanis, and the newly established “Uyghur Malaysia Relations Organization” (UMRO), with the support of the most influential organizations in Malaysia, is expected to elevate the East Turkistan cause to its peak.

THE TARGET IS TO BREAK THE SILENCE OF THE ISLAMIC WORLD

As a matter of fact, the oppressed Muslims of East Turkistan, who are the bleeding wound of the Ummah, at a time when the Chinese atrocities are strengthening the false and misleading propaganda of “Freedom of Religion” in the international arena, explain the East Turkistan issue not only to the ruling part of the Islamic world, but to Muslims all over the world. In order to spread the front line of the East Turkistan cause to the Islamic world and to

raise awareness of various communities on issues related to the historical and current situation of East Turkistan, they want to break the silence of Muslims and win the support of the Islamic world. Muttalib, Director of International Students at the University of American States, conducted important negotiations and agreements with Fawzia Hassan and Malaysian Global Education Services officials on providing convenience for university and higher education opportunities for Uyghur students in various fields in Malaysia.

According to the information, the delegation’s visit to Malaysia will continue with important negotiations. to participate in the “Hurra Cup” football competitions, which began on August 8th with the support of other organizations.





The “East Turkistan Youth Camp,” organized by the East Turkistan New Generation Movement, began its opening program in Manisa. The camp, which continues until Tuesday, August 22, 2023, was attended by more than 120 young talents from East Turkistan, along with important guests from the Ministry of Youth and Sports.

Mr. Inis Amin Ođlu, the Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports, who arrived in the area on the 2nd day of the event, engaged in discussions with the youth participants of the “East Turkistan Youth Camp”.

Throughout the 3-day event, various seminars, training sessions, and social activities have captured the attention of the youth. These offerings are provided by expert instructors in the field, and they cover a range of subjects. Additionally, sports activities such as archery,

shooting, boxing, self-defense techniques, art, and workshops have also garnered the participants’ interest.

6. “HURRA CUP” FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS TOOK PLACE

In addition, the traditional sixth anniversary ceremony was held in Istanbul, which began the previous week and was held by the East Turkistan Sports and Development Association at the Nihad Yusor Sports Complex in the Kucukcekmece district of Istanbul. Football competitions for the “Hurra Cup” were successfully completed on August 18.

As part of the International League of Non-Governmental Organizations in East Turkistan, a total of 12 local teams applied to participate in the “Hurra Cup” football competitions, which began on August 8th with the support of other organizations.

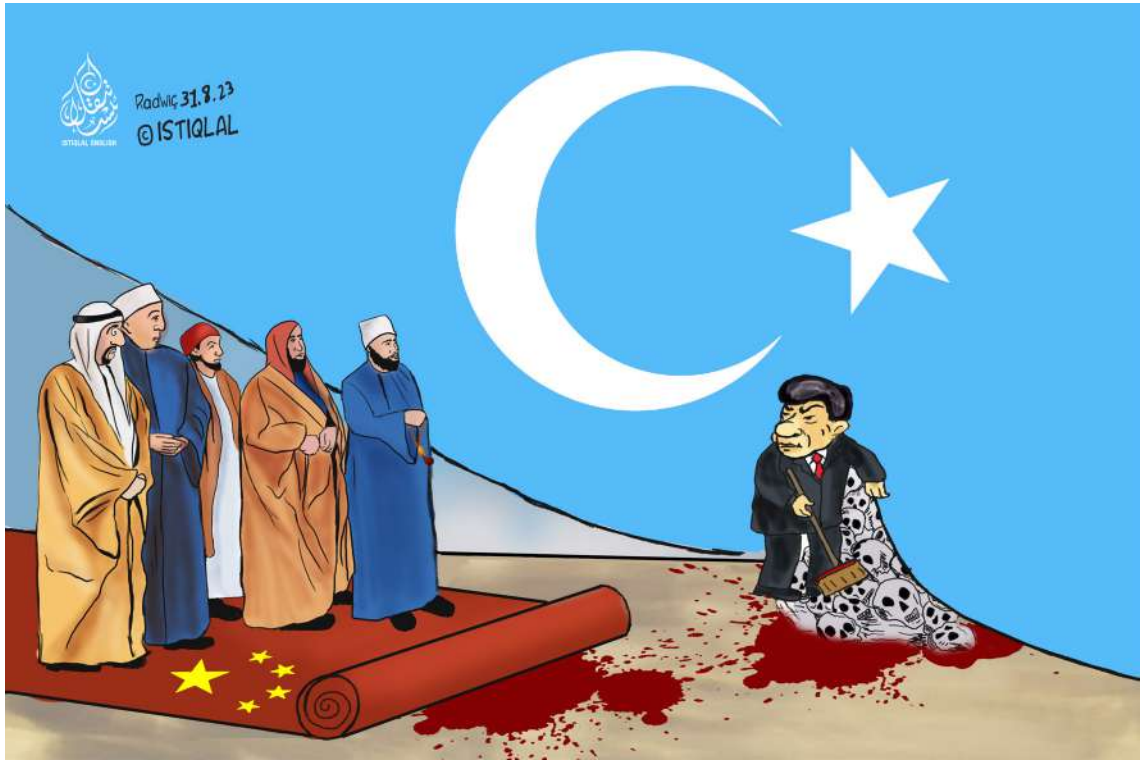
After the playoffs, 3 teams competed in the final, and the Eynek team won first place, beating the Kalpdaşlar team, while the Anayurt team came in third place.

The three winning teams were awarded money and medals to encourage their achievements.





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