

MORTAL DANGER FROM CORONAVIRUS FOR IMPRISONED UYGHURS
Notes for Hon. David Kilgour, J.D., for International Coalition
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The Wuhan and Beijing governments' early concealment of the coronavirus outbreak in Wuhan City no doubt facilitated its spread and fatal consequences to now more than 1000 persons across China. More than 40,000 Chinese citizens have been infected and there are victims in 27 other nations as of Feb. 6.

Communist Party cadres opted for several weeks to put secrecy ahead of admitting a growing crisis in a vain attempt to avoid political

embarrassment. The first case in Wuhan appears to have been identified on Dec. 1.

Dr. Li Wenliang, who heroically alerted other doctors in Wuhan about the new virus was reported on Feb. 6 to have died of it himself. He is now a national and international hero, who leaves behind a pregnant wife and two children. I'm delighted that this meeting has honoured him today.

https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-china-51364382?ocid=socialflow_facebook&ns_source=facebook&ns_mchannel=social&ns_campaign=bbcnews&fbclid=IwAR1bf_mma_BnOSmJmhE-B_Bvhefa0XaCysmztjydmU3bQiKsLioJm2Ym-Hw&fbclid=IwAR3Zt-gr_Z8sEwLmD8H_saz4ztL_YbFJSpldpV2-wT0XHDB_6uD2P1KtWCo
<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/01/world/asia/china-coronavirus.html?auth=login-C4aLmE>

There are major fears that the virus will spread to Xinjiang, where an estimated 1-3 million Uyghurs and other Muslims are in hundreds of camps. Adrian Zenz of Germany, one of the leading researchers on Xinjiang's mass internments, notes: "The coronavirus could add an entirely new dimension to the Xinjiang crisis." <https://theworldnews.net/nz-news/massive-disaster-fears-over-china-s-biggest-breeding-ground-for-virus>

The ongoing systematic mistreatment of Uyghurs and other Muslims in Xinjiang in north-western China can perhaps best be understood by focusing on a single victim. 'Maya' (not her real name) had relocated to Egypt from Xinjiang for study and work purposes. In 2015, after having triplets, she flew with them to Xinjiang to visit her parents. She was interrogated by police on arrival, separated from her children and detained in a "vocational training centre". Released three months later, she was told that one of her sons had died in hospital.

Her passport was confiscated; she was forced to remain in China. Two years later, she was taken from her children again and placed in a cell with about 50 other persons. Nine of them later died, presumably from the filthy conditions and other abuses. In 2018, the Egyptian embassy helped her leave prison and reunite with her children. The three of them are

now refugees in the United States, but her experience reflects that of many Xinjiang Muslims.

EAST TURKESTAN AND MAO

Mao Zedong invaded East Turkestan in 1949, renaming it the 'Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region' (XUAR). Xinjiang has since served as Beijing's illicit laboratory, including the testing of an estimated 47 nuclear devices from 1964 until 1996, resulting in major radiation-caused cancer increases.

Understandably, Uyghurs became frustrated by systemic employment and other discrimination from Beijing in the 1990s as central Asian republics gained independence from the former Soviet Union. At first, Beijing termed all Uyghur nationalists 'CIA proxies', but after 9/11 claimed falsely the all Uyghurs seeking respect for Xinjiang were terrorists.

Zenz estimates that there are now at least a million Uyghurs incarcerated across Xinjiang, who are being exposed to endless hours of "re-education". The brainwashing "kill(s) the memory of who they are, (and) wipe(s) out their separate identity, language and history..."

source:www.uyghurcongress.org > [beijings-mass-internment-of-uyghurs-2](#)

In 2017, Xi Jinping began erecting a "re-education" gulag for Muslim communities similar to the forced labour camps established for Falun Gong practitioners after mid-1999. Both networks receive inmates arrested by police without any pretence of a hearing, trial or appeal in a grim practice invented in Stalin's Soviet Union and adopted in Hitler's Third Reich.

American author Robert D. Kaplan concludes that China's massive Belt and Road Initiative "requires the complete subjugation of the Uyghur population".

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In 2018, 646 international scholars from 40 nations condemned the internment of minorities in Xinjiang and called on governments, multi-lateral organizations, businesses, and academic institutions to apply pressure on Beijing to cease its campaign of unprecedented inhumanity.

TOHTI/GUTMANN

Organ harvesting from Uyghur prisoners in fact preceded that from Falun Gong (which began in 2001). Dr. Enver Tohti, a Uyghur, notes how in 1995 as a general surgeon in an Urumqi hospital, he went to an execution ground and there removed the kidneys and liver from a man, who was alive when the operations began.

In his 2014 book *The Slaughter*, Ethan Gutmann estimates that organs of 65,000 Falun Gong and 2000-4000 Uyghurs, Tibetans and Christians were “harvested” from 2000 - 2008.

Dr. Tohti has made public a photograph of the Human Organ Transportation Green-Path (HOTGP) at Urumqi Airport, which expedites the transport of Chinese organs to recipients around the world. The photo - showing a priority lane sign marked “Special Passengers, Human Organ Exportation Lane:-” - went viral on social media.

Dr. Maya Mitalipova at the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research at MIT asserts: “... (the) entire population of Uyghurs, Kazakhs and other Muslims in (Xinjiang) (has) been forcefully health checked and ... blood samples (have been) withdrawn ... (from) 2016 to date. These procedures were performed only (on the) Muslim population...”

source:www.nytimes.com > 2019/12/03 > business > china-dna-uyghurs-xinjiang

The Saudi Centre for Organ Transplants has indicated that Saudi citizens bought organs from the black market, had them illegally transplanted in China and later informed the Centre. Kidneys and livers harvested from detained Uyghurs sell for (US)\$160,00-\$165,000 to Saudis.

source: <https://www.arabianbusiness.com/410-saudis-said-buy-organs-on-black-market-547480.html>

source: <https://www.islam21c.com/news-views/china-harvesting-uyghur-muslim-organs-in-concentration-camps-surgeon-claims/>

The UN committee on the elimination of racial discrimination has termed Xinjiang a “no rights zone.” Encircled by barbed wire, surveillance cameras, and armed guards are labour camps where Uyghur, Kazakh, and other minorities are forced to work for little or no pay.

CALL TO ACTION

Responsible governments and businesses worldwide should join the United States and Australia in boycotting anyone doing business in Xinjiang. Forced labour in its internment camps is poisoning the supply chain of a number of well-known companies from democratic nations operating there.

<https://www.rfa.org/english/news/uyghur/labor-10172019142633.html>

Global Magnitsky legislation makes it easier for those governments with it to impose targeted financial and visa sanctions on officials in authoritarian countries who abuse human rights.

The international community should call on Beijing to allow the International Red Cross and the World Health Organization access to Xinjiang and its camps to monitor and oversee the conditions and what is being done, if anything, to stem the spread of coronavirus.

To its credit, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the ‘Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act 2019’ in December. If this bill becomes law, it will mark the most significant international attempt to pressure Beijing over its mass detention of Uyghurs and other Muslim minorities.

Thank you.

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