INTERNATIONAL (26 countries) WEBINAR CONFERENCE OF INTERNATIONAL COALITION TO END ORGAN TRANSPLANT ABUSE IN CHINA (ETAC)

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Multi-faith Hannukah candle lighting in mid-December, 2020 at Embassy of China in Ottawa regarding Uyghur genocide.

Bonjour amis/amies d'ottawa,

Permit me to congratulate Dr. Tran and the organizers of this international webinar, with 246 persons signed up from 26 countries, 64 NGOs, 19 government bodies and political parties, six parliaments, nine media outlets and 13 universities, including two medical schools.

There was an important 266 to 0 vote this week in Canada's House of Commons. The motion declared the Beijing party-state's ongoing persecution of its Turkic Muslim minorities in Xinjiang to be genocide within the 1948 Genocide Convention. It also called on Canada's government to push for the relocation of the 2022 Winter Olympics out of Beijing. Before the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, you'll recall that its government promised to improve human rights, but did nothing and human rights are now worse across China under Xi Jinping.

Please persuade your own national legislators to do the same as quickly as feasible. There is, for example, evidently a similar vote this week in the UK Parliament; the new Biden administration has accepted the most heinous of crimes designation of the outgoing administration. Mass slaughter of a community is the most common feature of genocide, such as Rwanda, but murdering members of specified groups for their vital organs would surely qualify too. China is unique among about 200 independent countries today in that its organ transplant commerce system is state-run rather than a criminal offence done by unscrupulous surgeons. In 2014, Ethan Gutmann, from whom we heard earlier, in his book *The Slaughter* placed the persecution of the Falun Gong, Uyghur, Tibetan and Christian communities in context. He explained his "best estimate" that organs of 65,000 Falun Gong and "two to four thousand" Uyghurs, Tibetans and Christians were pillaged in the 2000- 2008 period.

Dr. Enver Tohti, a Uyghur, has detailed how in 1995, as a general surgeon in a Ürümqi hospital in Xinjiang, he was sent to an execution ground to remove the kidneys and liver from a still living prisoner. In 2019, Tohti publicized a photograph of the "Human Organ Transportation Green-Path (HOTGP)" at Ürümqi Airport, which expedites the transport of organs to global recipients.

News items recently on the BBC World Service and CNN appear to have had a major effect on public opinion about the Beijing regime in the U.K., U.S. and beyond. Uyghur women described the rape and torture they and other Uyghur victims experienced in concentration camps in Xinjiang in graphic detail. <u>https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-china-55794071.</u>

Radio Free Asia (Nov. 18) reported that a hospital for infectious diseases at Aksu city (pop. 600,000) in Xinjiang was transformed into a second internment camp. There is a large crematorium nearby and a "green corridor" for expedited transport of organs at nearby Aksu airport.

Ethan Gutmann adds: "... a large cremation center and a hospital ... connected to the camp directly... You extract the organs from the living human being(s), you let them die. The organs are strapped to (a) machine (that oxygenates them for approximately 20-24 hours). ... That's enough time to get [an organ] to the airport to fly it over to the east coast of China." I'd add parenthetically that most organ tourists from the West wait in Shanghai's No 1 People's Hospital for their organs to arrive on PLA aircraft from places like Aksu.

Former camp detainees, Gutmann met, detailed receiving DNA and blood tests upon their internment under the guise of a mandatory "universal health check," but he thinks the tests are "for tissue matching." The infrastructure at the Aksu sites "speeds everything up ... for higher margins of profit," (because) foreign organ tourists are willing to pay significantly higher prices than Chinese citizens, meaning each detainee could be "worth" about U.S. \$750,000 for their lungs, heart, kidneys, and liver.

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

Dr. Maya Mitalipova at MIT's Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research 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 (on). These procedures were performed only (on the) Muslim population..."

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 Turkic minorities are forced to work for little or no pay.

Call to Actions:

- All our governments should join the half dozen or so countries that ban travel to China for transplant surgery. Any deal with China on any matter must include an insistence that this barbaric practice stop immediately, coupled with a mechanism whereby such stoppage is verifiable.
- Responsible governments and businesses worldwide, including Canada, 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 numerous well-known companies from democratic nations.
- The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed the 'Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act' by a vote of 406-3; it is now under consideration by the Senate. The bill declares that unless U.S. Customs can verify that goods are not produced using forced labour they cannot enter the United States. If it becomes law, it will mark the most significant attempt to pressure Beijing over its mass detention of Uyghurs and other Muslim minorities.
- All of us with Magnitsky laws should apply targeted sanctions against any Chinese government official known to be involved in organ harvesting; if we and other democracies show more commitment to our values, the despicable commerce might soon end.
- Canada should, like Australia, adopt a 'Foreign Interference Law' to stop Chinese officials from interfering with Canadians anywhere in our nation; all United Front organizations posing as community groups should be registered as Foreign Agents in Canada. Hopefully, you all know that this city got rid of its Confucius Institute some years ago.

Thank you.

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