

## UYGHURS, GENOCIDE AND BEIJING

Message to Muslim Students' Association, University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus

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Multi-faith Protest at Embassy of China in Ottawa on Uyghur persecution

Canada's House of Commons recently voted (Feb 22) unanimously to declare Beijing's ongoing persecution of its Turkic Muslim minorities in Xinjiang to be genocide within the 1948 Genocide Convention.

The motion also called on Canada's government to push for relocation of the 2022 Winter Olympics out of Beijing if this crime against humanity doesn't cease.

President-for-life Xi Jinping is currently attempting to change the narrative by claiming that his government has eliminated extreme poverty. Premier Li Keqiang, however, stated in May, 2020: "...there are over 600 million people whose monthly income is barely 1000 yuan (USD 140), not enough to rent a room...." Whom to believe seems easy.

The Netherlands parliament was the first European body to declare what is happening to Turkic Muslims a genocide; other democracies should do likewise. The new Biden administration has already accepted the previous one's genocide designation for what's happening in Xinjiang.

Mass slaughter of a minority community is the most common feature of a genocide, such as Rwanda 1994, but murdering large members of specified communities to sell their organs must also qualify today.

China is unique among about 200 independent countries today in that its organ transplant commerce system is government-created and run rather than a criminal offence by greedy unscrupulous surgeons.

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

Radio Free Asia reported that a hospital for infectious diseases at Aksu city was transformed into an internment camp with a large crematorium nearby and a “green corridor” for expedited transport of organs at Aksu airport.

In 2014, Ethan Gutmann 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 2,000-4,000 Uyghurs, Tibetans and Christians were pillaged from 2000-2008.

In 2017, Beijing 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 a hearing, trial or appeal - a totalitarian practice invented in Stalin’s Soviet Union. Encircled by barbed wire, surveillance cameras, and armed guards are labour camps where Turkic minorities work for little or no pay.

Recent news items have had a major effect on international opinion. Uyghur women now living as refugees outside China describe inhuman rapes and torture they and other victims experienced in concentration camps.

Xinjiang refugees describe DNA and blood tests during their internment. Gutmann says the tests are “indisputably for tissue typing,” adding that as organ tourists often pay much higher prices than most citizens of China, each prisoner could be worth about (USD) 750,000 for their vital organs.

Dr. Maya Mitalipova concurs: “... (the) entire population of Uyghurs, Kazakhs and other Muslims ... (has) been forcefully health checked and ... blood samples ... withdrawn .... These procedures were performed only (on the) Muslim population...”

All governments should join the countries that ban ‘organ tourism’ to China for transplant surgery. Any bilateral or multilateral agreement with Beijing must insist that this barbaric practice stop immediately, coupled with a mechanism whereby such stoppage is verifiable.

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 numerous well-known companies from democracies.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the ‘Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act’ which declares that unless U.S. Customs can verify that goods aren’t produced using forced labour, they cannot enter the country. -

The U.K.-based Independent People's Tribunal into Forced Organ Harvesting, under Chair Sir Geoffrey Nice, concluded that Falun Gong members were the primary victims of the harvest, but since 2017 a comprehensive DNA collection of everyone from Xinjiang's Uyghur community has created a large pool of potential donors from which evidence of harvesting might emerge.

All nations with Magnitsky laws should apply targeted sanctions against any Chinese government official known to be involved in organ harvesting; if democracies show more commitment to their values, the despicable commerce might soon end.