

WORSENING PERSECUTION AGAINST UYGHURS IN CHINA

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

News items on the BBC World Service in recent days appear to have had a major effect on government thinking about the Beijing party-state in the U.K. and U.S. Two Uyghur women described the rape and torture they and other Uyghur victims experienced in Xi Jinping's concentration camps in Xinjiang in graphic horrible detail. <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-china-55794071>

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, author of *The Slaughter*, who has long studied forced organ harvesting from political prisoners in China, estimates that organs of 65,000 Falun Gong and 2000-4000 Uyghurs, Tibetans and Christians were "harvested" from 2000 - 2008. He concludes about the Aksu camps, hospital infrastructure and green corridor facilitate a steady source of organs to harvest from Uyghurs. He 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.”

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.

Organ harvesting from Uyghurs preceded that from Falun Gong (which began in 2001). Dr. Enver Tohti, a Uyghur, has detailed often how in 1995, as a general surgeon in a Ürümqi hospital, he was sent to an execution ground to remove the kidneys and liver from a living prisoner. Tohti has publicized a photograph of the Human Organ Transportation Green-Path (HOTGP) at Ürümqi Airport, which expedites the transport of organs to global recipients. The photo of a priority lane sign marked “Special Passengers, Human Organ Exportation Lane.” went viral.

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

- 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. Thank you.
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- Canada should join the 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.
- Canada should apply its Magnitsky laws and other 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; and

Thank you.