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The Central Media Office of Hizb ut Tahrir Campaign China's War Against Islam in East Turkestan will be Ended only by the Khilafah Rashidah

The Central Media Office of Hizb ut Tahrir launched a widespread campaign to shed light on the reality of the conflict between China and the Muslims in East Turkestan who have been subjected to campaigns of Chinese massacres since 1863. More than one million Uyghur Muslims died in the clashes that took place in the year 1949 when the Chinese Communist regime led by Mao Zedong took over and abolished the independence of the territory, and annexed it to the Republic of China. The region was emptied of its population of Muslims who were distributed to the inner provinces in China. But Uyghur Muslims (of strong resolve) did not surrender to the Chinese; they erupted in revolution in 1933 and 1944, and the uprisings continue in the region against the Chinese occupation as was the case in 2009.

Islam is the main reason for the intense hatred of the Chinese towards the Uyghur Muslims. Mosques are one of the main targets on which where China spouts its venom against Islam. It demolished an estimated 25 thousand mosques in 1949, and only about 500 mosques were left in this vast territory. Today, China has abandoned half of the communism in its "economy," but it still hunts down any manifestations of religiousness, especially among young people. This has been the actual policy practiced by China in the region.

In spite of all that, the vitality of Muslims continued in East Turkistan which enabled the return of the manifestations of Islam to life, especially in the countryside. The unrest which plagued the region continued every now and then, and made it a territory distinguished by instability because of the bombings and acts of violence against the state and the fixed position of seeking secession from China. Consequently, it became the weakest spot of the state from the inside. In response, China watches the details of the lives of Uyghur Muslims, and prevents the media from monitoring the executions and arrests it carries out in the darkness forcibly on the region. It also tracks down the Uyghur Muslims who fled and have a voice outside, and under the pretext of "terrorism" it has been able to arrest many of them through international security channels, particularly from Central Asia countries and Pakistan.

The painful fact is that these Chinese atrocities against the Uyghur Muslims are taking place under the eyes and ears of millions of Muslims in the world without them putting pressure in removing these atrocities. This is because these millions of Muslims are scattered and are not unified together by the state, the state of the Ummah, the state of Islam, the absent righteous Khilafah (Caliphate) that every Muslim who is able must work to bring back, and to find a Khalifah, the imam, who takes care of affairs rightfully and who protects and is a shield from whom behind the Muslims fight, as stated in Sahih Al-Bukhari from Abu Huraira may Allah be pleased with him who said: the Messenger of Allah (saw) said: «وَأِنَّمَا الْإِمَامُ جُنَّةٌ يُقَاتَلُ مِنْ وَرَائِهِ وَيَتَّقَى بِهِ» **"Verily the Imam is a shield from behind whom you fight and by whom you are protected"**. And then China and others will not dare to hurt a Muslim because they will realize that their aggression will be met with double in retaliation. Indeed Allah is strong and powerful.

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Is it not High Time that the Uyghurs Muslims' Sufferings End?

Is it not High Time to Teach China an Unforgettable Lesson?

Press Release

In recent months we heard news reports of China's brutal escalation of its aggressive policies towards the Uyghur Muslims living in East Turkistan, the good country on the East of the Muslim land. It did not settle since it was seized by Mao Zedong the Chinese Communist regime in 1949 who annexed it to the Chinese territory after the killing of more than one million Uyghur Muslims and the demolition of 25 thousand mosques. The latest but not last news of the investigation reported by the Atlantic Magazine and other media such as the BBC and Al-Jazeera, that China is holding in the province of East Turkistan nearly a million Muslims in detention camps! The investigation quoted experts from the United Nations, that the goal of the camps is to brainwash the Uyghur Muslims in the region, in order to abandon Islam, and it is well known that China is one of the most open anti-Islam country, the Intelligence magazine has published China's announcement that Islam is infectious disease and must be treated in every way, even through torture and murder.

The crimes in East Turkistan are indescribable. Our brothers there are bound and hanged on gallows, cement and concrete is poured into their mouths suffocating them, our sisters are prevented from conceiving and giving birth, Men are castrated. The kafir Chinese regime place a kafir Chinese man in every Muslim house to spy on them under the pretext of their education of the Chinese culture, disregarding their privacy and sanctities. Muslims are prevented from fasting on the Blessed Ramadhan. Muslims are forced to renounce Islam under threat of psychological and physical torture, according to Human Rights Watch. The Chinese authorities claim that they are forced to confront the triad of evil: terrorism and extremist ideology and call for secession, as the BBC reported. Under these false slogans the authorities carries out various repressive practices.

This happens to the Uyghurs Muslims in East Turkistan, and no one lifts a finger, not even the condemnation and denunciation that the oppressors and wrongdoers rulers of the Muslims are only good at, as if the Muslims of the Uyghurs are not from the Ummah of Islam, as if their victory is not obligatory on them and on the Islamic Ummah! Did they not hear the words of Allah, the Blessed and Exalted:

وَمَا لَكُمْ لَا تُقَاتِلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَالْمُسْتَضْعَفِينَ مِنَ الرِّجَالِ وَالنِّسَاءِ وَالْوِلْدَانِ الَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا أَخْرِجْنَا مِنْ هَذِهِ الْقَرْيَةِ الظَّالِمِ أَهْلُهَا وَاجْعَل لَّنَا مِن لَّدُنكَ وَلِيًّا وَاجْعَل لَّنَا مِن لَّدُنكَ نَصِيرًا

“And what is [the matter] with you that you fight not in the cause of Allah and [for] the oppressed among men, women, and children who say, “Our Lord, take us out of this city of oppressive people and appoint for us from Yourself a protector and appoint for us from Yourself a helper?” [An-Nisa: 75]

East Turkistan was an integral part of the Islamic state. China did not dare to annex it until after the Ottoman Khilafah (Caliphate) was destroyed and the Muslim lands were divided into an odd number of 50 statelets.

O Muslims:

What makes China dare to occupy East Turkestan?

What makes China dare to oppress and harass Uyghur Muslims?

Is not that because they lost the shepherd who cares for their affairs, they lost the just Imam whom they fight behind and are protected by him, they lost the Khalifah Rashid (guided Caliph) who responds to their cries, screams and whining?

O Muslims:

Rise and support your brothers and sisters, the Uyghur Muslims and all oppressed Muslims in the East and West of the earth; by the hard work with Hizb ut Tahrir to establish the second Khilafah Rashida (guided Caliphate) state on the method of Prophethood, which will liberate the usurped Muslims lands, and will free the necks of the Muslims from the tyranny of colonialism in all its forms, and will punish those who oppressed them and will strike with the iron hand of anyone who even think of attacking the sanctities of Islam and Muslims.

O Muslims:

We in the Central Media Office of Hizb ut Tahrir announce the launch of a large campaign entitled “**China’s War Against Islam in East Turkestan Will be Ended Only by the Khilafah Rashidah (the Righteous Caliphate)**” to support your Muslim brothers and sisters in East Turkestan, so participate and share its materials as widely as possible. Maybe our call will reach the ears of our sons from the people of power and protection, and they may respond to the callers of Allah and support His Deen to establish the state of Haq (Truth), the State of the Messenger of Allah (saw), the state of the second Khilafah Rashida (guided Caliphate) on the method of Prophethood.

وَيَوْمَئِذٍ يَفْرَحُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ * بَنَصْرِ اللَّهِ يَتَّصِرُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الرَّحِيمُ * وَعَدَ اللَّهُ لَا يُخْلِفُ اللَّهُ وَعْدَهُ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

“And that day the believers will rejoice *In the victory of Allah. He gives victory to whom He wills, and He is the Exalted in Might, the Merciful” [Ar-Rum: 4-5]

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Why Xinjiang Matters to China

The sheer scale of China's oppression of Muslims is unprecedented across the world. The last year has seen a flurry of reports and videos showing Uighur Muslim being interned at camps across west China. With pressure mounting in the Western media, who have their own agenda, now the Chinese regime has admitted to the dark reality: an island of concentration camps has been built. China's state-run Xinhua news agency on Saturday 13 October 2018 quoted an official that the "sinicisation" of religion must be upheld. Despite China's miraculous economic rise, it has struggled with this restive region, but its importance to China is not just strategic but existential.

The Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (XUAR) lies in China's northwest and stretches over 1.6 million square kilometers. The region accounts for one sixth of the Chinese territory and borders eight countries. Today Xinjiang is home to around 21 million people coming from thirteen different ethnic groups with the largest being the Uyghur Muslims. It was historically a main conduit and hub for economic and cultural exchange between East and West, Xinjiang became an important section of the Silk Road. The rise of European imperialism in the 1800s saw the Russian and British empires expand into Central Asia. Imperial Russia increased its influence along China's northern frontiers during the 19th century and as a result the Qing Dynasty brought the region under its control and established Xinjiang as an official Chinese province in 1884. But the administration faced constant resistance from the Muslim population and in the second half of the 19th century, when Qing China faced the Opium Wars, endless internal insurgencies and foreign meddling, it could not maintain a strong military presence in Xinjiang. The Qing Dynasty's collapse in 1911 led to Chinese control over Xinjiang to virtually diminish. It would take Mao Zedong in 1949 to abolish the independence of the territory and annexe it to the Republic of China. On this occasion though Mao attempted to empty the region of its Muslim population by forcibly re-settling the region's Muslims and relocating Han Chinese to the restive region. This policy, still in force today has largely failed and is what culminated in the Ürümqi riots in 2009.

Xinjiang represents one of four buffer regions for China. These buffer regions protect the heartland of Han China. The Chinese heartland is divided into two parts, northern and southern, which in turn is represented by two main dialects, Mandarin in the north and Cantonese in the south. The Chinese heartland is defined by two major rivers — the Yellow River in the north and the Yangtze in the South. This heartland is China's agricultural region. The Han population is not spread evenly throughout

China's heartland. The population is concentrated in the east because western China has limited rainfall and cannot sustain very large populations. China is therefore a relatively narrow country, with an extremely dense population. A ring of non-Han regions surrounds this heartland — Tibet, Xinjiang Province, Inner Mongolia and Manchuria. These are the buffer regions that historically have been under Chinese rule when China was strong and have broken away when China was weak or they have been used by foreign powers to interfere deep into China. These are also the regions where the historical threat to China originated. But even aside from providing buffers, these possessions provide defensible borders for China. Xinjiang is therefore one of four regions which are vital for China's territorial integrity.

China's economic miracle has been predicated upon access to energy and commodities. Xinjiang is a critical region that needs to fuel China's economic machine and it is also strategically located as a supply route. Xinjiang contains over 20% of China's coal, natural gas and oil resources, Xinjiang has the highest concentration of fossil fuel reserves of any region in the country. The oil fields at Karamay is one of the largest in China and the region has extensive deposits of coal, silver, copper, lead, nitrates, gold and zinc. Xinjiang is China's largest natural-gas producing area and serves as an important trade and pipeline route into the Central Asian region and beyond. Xinjiang is also part of China's quest to diversify its oil resources as the region is also a key transit route. Xinjiang is the only region in China that neighbours the Central Asian republics, Central Asian oil (and a large proportion of Russian oil) has to enter the Chinese pipeline network from Xinjiang. The first transnational oil pipeline built for this purpose was that of the Sino-Kazakh Oil Pipeline Co. Ltd. which began pumping oil in July 2006. This pipeline starts in Atasu in northwestern Kazakhstan, enters Xinjiang territory at Alashankou on the Kazakh-Chinese border, and terminates at PetroChina Dushanzi. Whilst Xinjiang missed out on China's miracle it has literally fuelled China and for this reason it's a strategically critical region.

China's economic rise saw the creation of Special Economic Zones (SEZ) on China's coastal areas where goods were manufactured for transit to the world via the oceans. The problem China has is this makes its economy dependent on the sea routes, but China does not have a military that can secure these sea supply lines. This is because the US navy controls the world's oceans and any blockade of the many small islands that surround China in the region would lead to the crippling of its economy. This is where Xinjiang comes into the picture as it was historically China's key land route to the

world. Western China provides extended access to the Arabian Sea through Pakistan, and to the Indian Ocean and Persian Gulf. China could access Pakistan, Central Asia, the Middle East and the whole of Eurasia and beyond via Xinjiang and transport resources overland and avoid excessive dependence on vulnerable sea routes. It is for this reason China's colossal Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) will have multiple sections run through Xinjiang to connect the entire country to Eurasia and beyond. In this way, Xinjiang has become something of a geographic lynchpin for economic connectivity across Eurasia. The whole BRI initiative promises to have huge implications for China's trade relationships and global influence and at the centre of this is Xinjiang.

For strategic, economic, commercial, demographic and political reasons Xinjiang represents an existential issue for China. But despite throwing lots of money at the region and in the past using the iron fist it has failed to win over the Muslims in the region. Whilst the Western media have only now caught onto what China is doing, Beijing's tactics follow in the footsteps of the West who have similar strategies to deal with their Muslim populations, who they have long struggled to integrate. These tactics have failed in the West and will in all likelihood fail in China. The daunting issue for China's leaders is its economic and political future runs through a region populated by Muslims, who Beijing has been fighting for over a century.

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News & Comment

Deafening Silence from Muslim Regimes as China Continues its Brutal Atheism Drive Against its Muslim Population

News:

On Saturday 5th January, China's main English newspaper, Global Times, reported that the Chinese government passed a law to make Islam in line with socialism. The paper stated that government officials, "agreed to guide Islam to be compatible with socialism and implement measures to Sinicize the religion" (adapt it to a more 'Chinese' way of practice) within the next 5 years. Earlier this month, authorities in China's Yunnan province closed down 3 mosques established by the marginalized Hui Muslim ethnic minority.

Comment:

These latest moves by the Chinese regime are a continuation of its brutal campaign to erase Islam from its Muslim population and force them to adopt its atheist beliefs through intimidation and fear. The regime has already outlawed in parts of its state - fasting, wearing of the Islamic dress, growing of a beard, and children under 18 from entering mosques to listen to Islamic sermons. The government has also prohibited parents from giving their new born babies certain Islamic names, and from providing their children an Islamic education or from participating in Islamic activities. This is alongside pressuring Uighur Muslims into marrying individuals from the non-Muslim Han Chinese population. In 2016, as part of its crackdown on Islam, the regime launched its "Becoming Family Campaign" – a system where officials or Han Chinese people temporarily move in with Muslim families in Xinjiang to surveil and report on signs that their hosts' attachment to Islam maybe 'extreme' - including refusing alcohol, praying Jumma, fasting in Ramadan, or even having pictures with Islamic texts on their walls. In December 2017, Xinjiang authorities mobilized more than a million cadres to spend a week living in Muslim Uighur homes for this purpose. Other basic Islamic activities have also been labelled as extreme, such as choosing to eat Halal food and even giving the Islamic greeting of Salaams. Communist Party leaders in Urumqi, the capital of the Xinjiang province, launched a campaign against Halal products, leading cadres to swear an oath to "fight a decisive battle" against what they termed, 'pan-halalisation'. Indeed, the hatred of this regime towards Islam is such that it has even forced Muslims to abandon Islamic burials and accept instead the Chinese tradition of cremation which the state is rapidly expanding in the western Xinjiang province.

Alongside all this, more than 1 million Uighur Muslims are being detained indefinitely in internment camps in Xinjiang according to the UN, where they are forced to renounce their faith, drink alcohol and eat pork, as well as pledge allegiance to the atheist ruling Communist Party. Many of those incarcerated are tortured or even killed. Furthermore, at least 2 million Uighur Muslims are in "re-education camps" where they are subjected to forced political and cultural indoctrination to abandon their Deen, as well as criticize their Islamic beliefs and recite communist propaganda. According to the AFP, one government document related to those in the "re-education centres", states that to build better Chinese citizens, the centres must first, "break their lineage, break their roots, break their connections and break their origins." The Chinese state also operates orphanages for Uighur children taken from parents who are incarcerated in the detention camps or who are in exile. In these orphanages, the children are educated in a manner to erase their Islamic identity and sever them from their Islamic Aqeeda. The aim of the regime is to convert future generations of Uighur Muslim children into its loyal subjects who embrace atheism, Han Chinese customs and Beijing's vision of destroying the Uighur Muslim population and purging Islam from its shores.

Yet, despite this overt war against Islam being waged by the Chinese state, and its campaign of ethnic cleansing against its Muslim population, there has been a shameless but unsurprising silence from the regimes and rulers of the Muslim world. Indeed, even the Chinese government's declaration of Islam as an "ideological mental illness" and a "virus in the brain", was not enough to invoke a spark of genuine anger and response in these useless rulers of governments of Muslim lands who clearly care nothing for the sanctity of Islam or the lives of the Believers. These regimes and rulers in the Muslim lands are trigger-happy when it comes to slaughtering Muslims in Syria, Yemen, Afghanistan, Pakistan and elsewhere...yet refuse to use an ounce of political, military or economic leverage for the sake of Islam and the Muslims. Pakistan's government for example has deployed 15,000 troops to secure its China-Pakistan economic corridor and Chinese nationals working on infrastructure projects in the country; yet has not mobilized a single soldier to secure the honour of Islam and the Ummah! No doubt that China's multi-billion dollar Belt and Road Initiative, that aims to facilitate world trade, including with Asia and the Middle East with

Beijing, through the building of trade routes, which mainly pass through Xinjiang....will further buy the silence of these sell-out regimes towards the Chinese government's crusade against Islam. So while the status quo remains, where there is no genuine Islamic leadership to stand for the sanctity of Islam and the Believers, China's atheist drive against the Uighur Muslims will continue unabated; and they will continue to have a free hand to persecute them with impunity with no-one to stand in their way. So we ask those in the Muslim armies.....what is it that still ties you to these cowardly rulers who have sold their soul to the enemies of your Deen? How can you bear to live under their shadow and serve their treachery? Give your support with urgency to the establishment of the Khilafah (Caliphate) based on the method of the Prophethood which will raise your position to one of honour, champion your Deen and defend your Ummah!

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَشْتَرُونَ بِعَهْدِ اللَّهِ وَأَيْمَانِهِمْ ثَمَنًا قَلِيلًا أُولَٰئِكَ لَا خَلَاقَ لَهُمْ فِي الْآخِرَةِ وَلَا يُكَلِّمُهُمُ اللَّهُ وَلَا يَنْظُرُ إِلَيْهِمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ وَلَا يُزَكِّيهِمْ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ

“As for those who sell the faith they owe to God and their own pledges for a trifling gain, surely they shall have no portion in the hereafter, and Allah will not speak to them, nor will He look upon them on the day of resurrection nor will He purify them, and they shall have a painful chastisement.”[3:77]

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Uyghur Muslims' Sufferings: Africa is a Partner in Crime

News:

According to the UN, more than one million Uyghur Muslims are estimated to be held in internment camps where they are forced to denounce the religion and pledge allegiance to the officially atheist ruling Communist Party. Rights groups have accused China of engaging in a campaign of ethnic cleansing. In August, a Washington Post editorial said the world "can't ignore" the campaign against Muslims. Islamic crescents and domes have been stripped from mosques, and according to the Associated Press news agency, religious schools and Arabic classes have been banned and children barred from participating in Muslim activities. (<https://www.aljazeera.com>, 05/01/2019)

Comment:

The whole world is engaged in lip-service criticism of China's torturous policies against our beloved Uyghur Muslim brothers and sisters living in East Turkistan. On the other hand, the African continent is in dead silence! Africa's leadership of agent rulers have joined their Muslim counterparts in the Muslim World who are also in the same situation of total muteness! No leader has dared to raise their voice or finger against China!

Africa's position towards China's policies on Uyghur Muslims, is informed by the so-called economic partnership that the continent has with China. As of 2014, China had outpaced America by becoming the No.1 investor in Africa with official statistics showing that China has a record high of over \$250 billion in bilateral trade with Africa. Furthermore, China is the world's No.1 trading partner for 138 out of the world's 200 nations. BRICS association introduced New Development Bank (NDB) headquartered in Shanghai City, China and recently on 17 August 2017, the New Development Bank officially opened Africa Regional Center (ARC) in Johannesburg, South Africa. The Bank is aiming to establish the ARC as an important contributor to sustainable infrastructure development in South Africa and as a useful participant in the development agenda of the continent. The last forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) summit that took place on 3 – 4 September 2018, the Chinese president Xi Jinping pledged \$60 billion to the African continent in loans, grants, and development financing. Xi also announced eight initiatives aimed at improving Sino-Africa relations, including investments in healthcare, education, security, cultural exchanges, and increasing non-resource imports from Africa.

In addition, the African continent is several colonies

managed by sub-servant agent rulers who have sold their souls to their secular colonial western masters led by the US, UK, France and their allies including Russia and the rest. The West and their allies are currently championing and enacting brutal and murderous laws and policies in their respective countries anchored on fighting extremism and terrorism! Their laws and policies have being copy-pasted by the African agent leadership. For instance, regionally, OAU Convention on the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism in 1999, adoption of AU Plan of Action on the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism in 2002 and adoption of the African Model Law on Counter Terrorism in 2011. The Model Law was developed to assist Member States in implementing the provisions contained in the various continental and international counter-terrorism instruments. Therefore, locally countries enacted legislations including Kenya passed the Prevention of Terrorism Act No.30 of 2012 and introduced the National Strategy to Counter Violent Extremism in 2016.

The above clearly confirms that Africa and its sub-servant agent leadership have no moral and political authority to account the Chinese brutal policies as they are engaged in perpetrating the same evils to their citizens across the continent! Furthermore, it confirms that Africa lacks a clear and sound ideological point of view towards the universe, humanity and life. Since its ruling ideology is that of the invalid secular colonial capitalism emanating from man's limited mind championed by the enemies of Allah (swt) led by America and her allies. This fake ideology and its chaotic policies and laws are the root-cause of catastrophes world over namely political-social-economic crises witnessed from the East to the West! Africa has inherited this corrupt ideology and its systems from its colonial masters myopically; and so its position is reminiscent of its poisoned mindset that prioritizes economic/materialistic value against the moral and humanitarian values!

The most urgent and radical position that Africa needs to take to avoid the partnership in crime tag, is by cutting ties with China, US, UK, France, Russia, Germany etc. who are all partners in looting Africa's vast resources and fighting Muslims and Islam under the pretext of countering extremism and terrorism. In addition, embrace the Call for Khilafah to liberate Africa from political-social-economic slavery and stagnation to genuine tranquility informed by genuine political-socio-economic prosperity by comprehensive execution of the Shari'ah (Qur'an and Sunnah) emanating from the Creator of creation. It is only under the Khilafah that Africa, Muslims and Islam will find genuine protection of their lives and property against spillers of blood across the world! By uniting the

lovers of Jihad to liberate the enslaved of the poisonous secular capitalist ideology. «وَأِنَّمَا الْإِمَامُ جُنَّةٌ يُقَاتَلُ مِنْ وَرَائِهِ وَيُتَّقَى» بِه **“Verily the Imam is a shield from behind whom you fight and by whom you are protected.”**

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News & Comment

China's Stolen Generation of Uyghur Children

News

The Chinese regime continues to place the children of Uyghur [Uighur] Muslims who have been detained in its internment 'concentration' camps or who are in exile due to persecution by the state, into dozens of state-run orphanages across East Turkestan.

There are reportedly 500 children of detained Uyghurs in a "closed" school in the Kashgar prefecture alone, where they are not allowed to have any contact with the outside world. In these orphanages, these Muslim children are being indoctrinated with communist culture in order that they reject their Islamic beliefs, adopt the socialist doctrine and become loyal subjects of the state. A review of procurement notices in East Turkestan by the Associated Press, found that since the start of 2017, the Chinese government has budgeted more than \$30 million to build or expand at least 45 orphanages with enough beds to house around 5000 children. According to The Independent paper, in July and August last year, the regime invited bids for construction of centres in several counties in the province. One notice called for an orphanage in Moyu county with four-story dormitories which would be bigger in size than 3 football pitches.

Comment

This forced separation of Uyghur children from their parents and families is part of Beijing's crusade to systematically sever the attachment of young Muslims to their Deen and to re-shape their identity – root and branch – to create an entire generation of Uyghurs who are obedient pawns of the Communist Party and enemies of Islam.

Alongside imprisoning Uyghur children in these state-run orphanages, the Chinese regime has also built thousands of 'bilingual' kindergartens for this cultural indoctrination of Muslim children. 4,300 of these kindergartens were constructed or renovated in 2017 according to the government. In these institutions, children are taught to 'love the Motherland' and that the religion of their parents is abnormal and radical and therefore needs to be eradicated. It is reported that officials often visit these kindergartens and ask the students if their parents read Qur'anic verses at home or participate in other religious activities – effectively forcing children to spy on their own parents and families. Additionally, the regime has established thousands of bilingual schools; many of which are boarding schools which Uyghur children are forced to attend, limiting the time that they spend with their families, and transferring control over their upbringing from their Muslim families

to the atheist state, which is forcing them to live like non-Muslim Han Chinese. The Independent reported that, "A government notice posted in February 2018 in Kashgar states that children in the fourth grade and above with parents in detention must be sent to boarding school immediately – even if one parent is still at home. Students must be instilled with socialist values, the notice said, and be taught to "be grateful for education and love and repay the motherland", and avoid the "75 types of behaviour that show religious extremism". Such behaviour ranges from calling for "holy war" to growing beards and quitting smoking and drinking for religious reasons, the government says." Many Uyghurs fear that these measures are wiping out their Islamic culture and identity, one child at a time. It resembles the 'Stolen Generations' of Aboriginal children who were forcibly separated from their families by successive Australian governments in the 1900's and placed into state-run institutions to erase the indigenous identity.

There has been outrage and demonstrations by ordinary people across the world against China's ethnic cleansing, mass detention and forced indoctrination of the Uyghur Muslims of East Turkestan....but which government or institution truly hears their cries and moves to action to stop this horrendous crime??!! Can we really expect anything from bodies such as the UN other than its familiar scripted mantra of condemnatory statements that do nothing to end this tragedy? It is a tool that works only for the interests of the major powers in its Security Council, of which China is one. Its legacy has been of utter failure in protecting the lives of innocent Muslims – whether in Syria, the Blessed Land - Palestine, Kashmir, Myanmar, Central Africa or elsewhere. Nor do we expect anything from Western governments or the current regimes of the Muslim world who are terrified of jeopardising their economic interests with China, and who have repeatedly demonstrated their capitalist philosophy – that acquiring financial gain will always override ending human suffering and oppression.

There is a well-known English saying that states, "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." Surely, as Muslims, we need to recognise that placing our hopes in the redundant UN, self-serving Western governments or the indifferent non-Islamic regimes of the Muslim world to protect our brothers and sisters of East Turkestan will only lead to failure and continuation of their suffering. Liberating the Uyghur Muslims from the clutches of the oppressive Chinese regime requires a state which does not shape its actions on economic gains but upon the Laws and Commands of Allah (swt) alone, which includes His (swt)'s Order to protect the Believers, no matter the

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financial cost. It requires a state that truly represents and defends the interests of Islam and the Muslims, rather than bodies and governments that pay mere lip service to ending human suffering. This state is the Khilafah Rashidah (righteous Caliphate) based upon the method of the Prophethood, which the Messenger (saw) described as the shield and guardian of the Ummah and Deen. We saw for example how under this Islamic leadership, the 8th century Umayyad Khalifah, Al-Walid ibn Abd al-Malik, mobilised a strong army, thousands strong, under the leadership of the courageous general Muhammad ibn Qasim, to fight the Hindu king – Raja Dahir in Sindh, India, when he took some Muslim women and children prisoner. The Muslim soldiers faced an army several times their size but defeated them, saving the Muslim women and children from their captors and liberating the whole of Sindh from the despotic Hindu rule. This action was not undertaken for any financial gain, but in response to the Command of Allah (swt) to save the Muslims from oppression. So if we truly want an end to the suffering of our Ummah in East Turkestan and in lands across the world, then we must place our full attention and efforts on the urgent re-establishment of the Khilafah Rashidah.

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Press Release

China as a capitalist nation not only engages in greedy exploitation of developing nations' natural resources especially of the African continent and imposes upon them the unbearable burden of loans, it also is carrying out a violent, aggressive and atrocious campaign against Islam and Muslims of East Turkestan, an area that was forcefully occupied and annexed by China.

China's hostility towards Muslims influenced by its historical background from the Manchu Dynasty, occurred during the Communist era and is currently being boosted by an international war against Islam and Muslims perpetrated by Western nations especially the United States. China entirely failed to eliminate and wipe out Islam from their land during the Communist era despite its harsh and brutal campaign that ultimately strengthens the Uighur Muslims to protect and safeguard Islam even in the midst of hard times.

Yet, China has not quenched its thirst of Muslim blood from previous massacres, demolition of Islamic institutions including Mosques in the thousands, exterminations of Muslim scholars and more. Currently it is utilizing various techniques to do the same, such as forcibly proselytizing them, carrying out physical and mental harassment, killing them, torturing in the pretext of terrorism and furthermore confining them in brutal specialized concentration camps forcing them to abandon their Islamic identity.

The Chinese strategy of setting up camps to confine Muslims is an attempt to remove the link of individual Muslims with their community and isolate them away from their cultural effects, by the will of Allah (swt) they shall never succeed. Despite the United Nations Committee's report in August 2018, in the Xinjiang State, there are almost a million Muslim camps for religious change (bbc). However, according to the statement of the International Union of Islamic Universities, the number of Muslims in these camps is in the millions. (Yenisafak)

This Chinese oppression towards the Uighur Muslims takes place while there is no serious international intervention, even though there are some condemnations, but in reality they are empty statements, simply to deceive international outcry especially Muslims without any practical measures.

Western nations led by the US despite of being portrayed as front liners in defending 'human rights', however, experience indicates that defense is not the case when it is the misery of Muslims. We have witnessed many instances of Muslim sufferings such as in Central Africa, Myanmar, Kashmir, the Blessed Land - Palestine and others; there are no firm measures to avert the situation. As for the rulers of the Muslim lands that were expected to react in a practical manner in preventing and stopping these grave crimes, they are silent or even cooperate with the killer (China) acting in oblivious ways as it does not concern them.

Hizb ut Tahrir / Tanzania condemns China's animosity toward the Uighur Muslims and the weaknesses of the rulers of the Muslim land in dealing with these crimes.

On the other hand, we stand together with the Central Media Office of Hizb ut Tahrir campaign entitled, "China's War Against Islam in East Turkestan will only be Ended by the Khilafah Rashidah" to expose heinous acts of Chinese government and the silence of the Muslim world.

We pray for our Uighur Muslim brothers and sisters in China to be persistent in Subra [patience] during these brutal times. We remind all Muslims that the weaknesses of the rulers in the Muslim lands is an indication of their inability to manage matters or protect the Islamic Ummah, we oblige you as our Muslim brothers and sisters to work with Hizb ut Tahrir / Tanzania to re-establish the Khilafah state (Caliphate) to liberate the Muslims of East Turkestan and everywhere else. We ask all Muslims and all with a sense of humanity in Tanzania and elsewhere to participate in this noble campaign to expose China's brutality against Uighur Muslims in East Turkestan.

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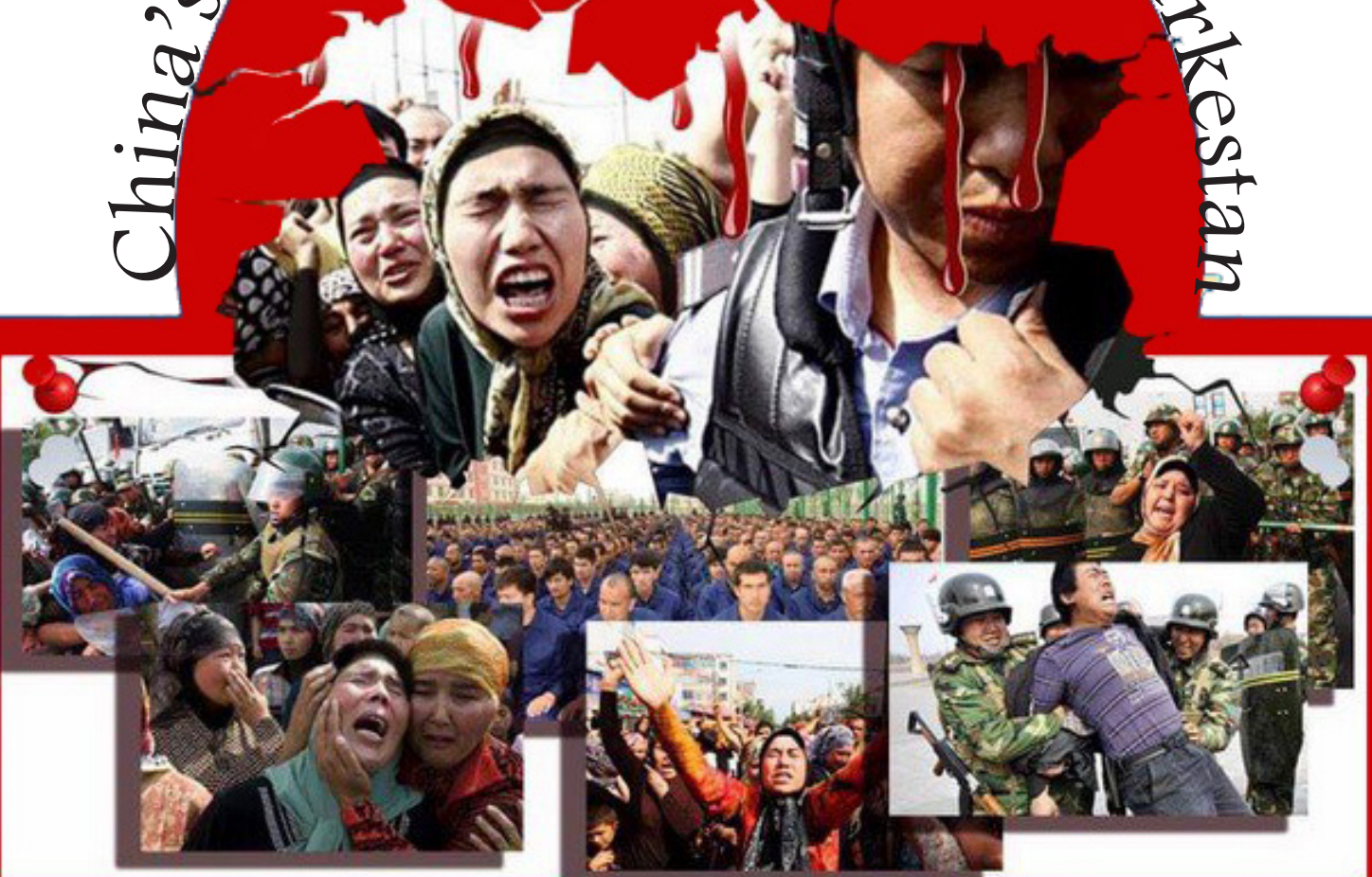


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