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Joint Statement of Muslim Scholars and Organizations Against Chinese Misleading Propaganda for The Islamic Region

By UDTSB, 2023.1.15

In The Name of Allah Most Gracious Most Merciful

Thank Allah, and may Allah's blessings and peace be upon the Messenger of Allah,

We, the Commissions of Muslim Scholars and the Participating Organizations, condemn and denounce in the strongest terms the visit of the World Muslim Communities Council (WMCC) to East Turkistan, a visit that justifies the Chinese crime at the expense of the genocide of Muslims in East Turkistan, which is supported by the statements of the Council officials that praise the Chinese achievements in fighting "terrorism" and "extremism" and the "necessity" of melting different ethnicities into one crucible. In strange disregard for facts and are supported by evidence and reports issued by various international forums

and organizations about the deplorable humanitarian situation in East Turkistan, and Chinese practices which are at the level of Genocide, systematically and continuously practiced against Muslims in East Turkistan.

We jointly support the following statements:

The tragedy of East Turkistan continues, millions remain in Chinese concentration camps. mosques are demolished and some of them are turned into clubs and cafes, Qurans are burned, and all manifestations of Islam have become prohibited. No women with an Islamic veil, No Islamic funeral, No Islamic marriage, and more than that, the relentless war is intensifying to erase the Islamic heritage and Muslim identity of the East Turkistan people, the goal is to sinicize them and strip them of their faith and culture.



We condemn the visit of WMCC's delegation to East Turkistan, which has been occupied by China since 1949 and calls it "Xinjiang", which came in response to an invitation from the Chinese regime to justify its ugly face.

We affirm that this council does not represent Muslim scholars, nor does it speak in their name, while Muslim scholars' opinion is clear regarding the Muslim issue in East Turkistan.

We call for independent visits by delegations of scholars, politicians, writers, and journalists to the region, in order to inspect the situation of Muslims, visit camps and prisons called rehabilitation centers, conduct an unrestricted investigation, and communicate directly with the East Turkistan people, as well as interview the Uyghur community in the diaspora, to determine the real situation of Muslims in East Turkistan.

We call on any delegation visiting the region not to engage in political calculations that would turn a blind eye to East Turkistan people's plight and the injustices they live in and not to participate in the genocide by justifying Chinese crimes against the Uyghur people, and this is not appropriate for a free person, as well as being a Muslim scholar.

We, the signatories of this statement, remind all Muslims that China practices deception, lies, and concealment of facts to convince the Islamic world to arrange such visits. And the Muslim world should not be deceived by the Communist Party's lies and should make real efforts to establish the facts and help Muslims who are subjected to genocide, according to reports documented by international organizations such as the United Nations, Amnesty International, and other human rights organizations.

We call on Muslim scholars, communities, organizations, and countries to be aware of the fact that the East Turkistan issue is the most urgent matter for the whole Muslim community and humanity and to recognize China's sinicization of Islam and the eradication of Muslim identity as a war against Islam and Muslims, and to recognize the Genocide which is caused by the occupation of East Turkistan, and to place the occupied East Turkistan under international supervision for the protection of Uyghurs and other Turkic Muslims there and the termination of the Chinese colonization.

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Uyghurs Condemn Visit to Xinjiang by Muslim Delegation

By The Siasat Daily, 2023.1.14

Rights groups and Uyghurs living abroad have strongly condemned a visit to Xinjiang this week by a delegation of Muslim scholars and clerics from developing nations who voiced support for China's policies in the far-western region, saying they turned a blind eye to the suffering of the persecuted community.

The group of more than 30 Islamic representatives from 14 countries — including the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Serbia, South Sudan and Indonesia — arrived in Xinjiang on January 8 to visit the cities of Urumqi, Turpan, Altay and Kashgar and to meet with government officials Uyghurs, RFA reported.





Statements by the head of the delegation, Ali Rashid Al Nuaimi, sparked widespread anger from Uyghurs abroad and a strong reaction from US-based Muslim organisations, including the Council on American Islamic Relations and Justice for All.

Al Nuaimi, chairman of the UAE-based World Muslim Communities Council, and others met with Ma Xingrui, Communist Party secretary of the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, and Erkin Tunuyaz, the region's chairman, who both thanked them for their support of China's Xinjiang policy.

Al Nuaimi was quoted by state media as praising efforts by Chinese authorities to eliminate terrorism and extremism in Xinjiang as the correct way to protect China's national interests and people.

"Here we look at all Muslims as Chinese. They should be proud of Chinese nationals," Al Nuaimi was quoted as saying in a report by China's CGTN on Wednesday.

China's Xinjiang policy has included intrusive surveillance, religious restrictions, the destruction of mosques, arbitrary arrests, and the detention of an estimated 1.8 million

mostly Muslim Uyghurs and other Turkic peoples in a vast network of internment camps and prisons. Some have been subjected to sexual assaults, forced labour and forced sterilizations, RFA reported.

Though the US and other Western nations have denounced China's actions, major Muslim countries have defended the Xinjiang policy, as a result of Beijing's economic and diplomatic power and their increasing indebtedness to China, critics said.

"Unfortunately, due to the benefit they get from China, the Muslim world is ignoring China's atrocity toward Uyghurs and not seeing its ethnic genocidal crime, said Mustafa Akyol, a Turkish writer and journalist who is a senior fellow at the Cato Institute's Center for Global Liberty and Prosperity, RFA reported.

"They are willing to accept China's interpretation and trying to improve their relations with China," he said.

Maya Wang, associate director in the Asia division at Human Rights Watch, said the Chinese government has used Muslim governments and Islamic scholars to whitewash its abuses.

Cyber Experts Say China is Running 'Increasingly Sophisticated' Propaganda

By Nine News, 2023.1.14

The seemingly perfect lives of social media influencers are often used to pitch products online but there are warnings of the rise of a much darker trend.

Australian cyber experts say China is running an increasingly sophisticated propaganda

campaign using online personalities to cover up allegations of human rights abuse.

The United Nations has found the Chinese government has committed serious human rights abuses in Xinjiang against Uyghurs and other ethnic minorities.



Cyber experts claim influencer videos are evidence of a propaganda campaign.

«The Chinese Communist Party are using Uyghur and other ethnic minority influencers to create a white-washed vision of what is happening,» Australian Strategic Policy Institute senior analyst Fergus Ryan said.

Researchers have examined more than 1700 videos on 18 popular YouTube accounts of ethnic minority influencers.

They found disinformation is getting harder to identify.

«They're using personas that look authentic (and) feel authentic,» the expert said.

The videos mostly feature young women who appear to enjoy carefree lifestyles in Xinjiang, while other influencers have directly hit back at criticisms of China.

One influencer interviewed two men identified as farmers about allegations of slavery in cotton picking.

«That's nonsense. We do not have to force

them to do it,» one replied.

The study also found many of the accounts are linked to agencies with ties to the Chinese government.

YouTube said it has recently terminated 10,000 channels in three months in a bid to crack down on propaganda.

This is a part of an ongoing investigation into China-linked disinformation and influence campaigns.

Two Uyghurs visiting parliament house recently claimed they witnessed the abuse firsthand.

«I was in a cell, in a four square feet cell, where I was chained and locked in a camp,» one man said.

They called on the world to call out China's behaviour and disinformation campaigns.

«They are denying that these atrocities are happening but this genocide is real,» one woman said.

Pakistan's China Consulate Raises Uyghurs Issue, Islamabad Says Account Hacked

By Anurakti Sharma, Times Now, 2023.1.15

After tweeting that Pakistan and China will «work closely on topics of mutual interest, including the rights and freedom of the Uyghur community,» Pakistan retracted their statement, claiming that the Twitter account of the Pakistan Consulate General in Chengdu had been hacked.

The tweet stated that Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs was grateful to China for its assistance to flood victims and then expressed concern over the Uyghur community.



Pakistan Consulate Gen...

@PakinChengdu

MoFA Pakistan is thankful for Chinese aid and support for flood reconstruction. We will work closely on matters of mutual interests including Rights & Freedom of Uyghurs community.

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On Friday, the Pakistan Consulate General Chengdu issued a tweet from its official account saying, «MoFA Pakistan is thankful for Chinese aid and support for flood reconstruction. We will work closely on matters of mutual interest including the Rights and Freedom of the Uyghurs community.»

The tweet was interpreted as Pakistan's first public expression of solidarity for the Uyghur population,

a largely Turkic-speaking ethnic group primarily in China's northwestern region of Xinjiang that has endured major human rights violations from Beijing.

According to a UN human rights assessment from last year, China is guilty for «severe human rights breaches» in Xinjiang province.

OHCHR (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights) stated in a strongly worded report that the level of arbitrary detentions against Uyghur and others in the context of «restrictions and deprivation more generally of fundamental rights, enjoyed individually and collectively, may constitute international crimes, in particular crimes against humanity.»

However, hours after the message, Pakistan Foreign Office spokeswoman confirmed that the Twitter account of the Pakistan Consulate General Chengdu, China «had been hacked».

For years, Beijing has been accused of imprisoning over one million Uyghurs and other Muslims in the Xinjiang province. China has categorically denied these allegations, claiming that it operates vocational training centres to combat extremism.

In September of last year, the UN issued a report on alleged breaches of the human rights of ethnic Uyghurs and other Muslim minorities in China.

From 2017 to 2019, mass detentions in China's Xinjiang province were defined by reliable documentation of «torture, sexual violence, and forced labour, as well as forced abortions and sterilisation,» according to the report.



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