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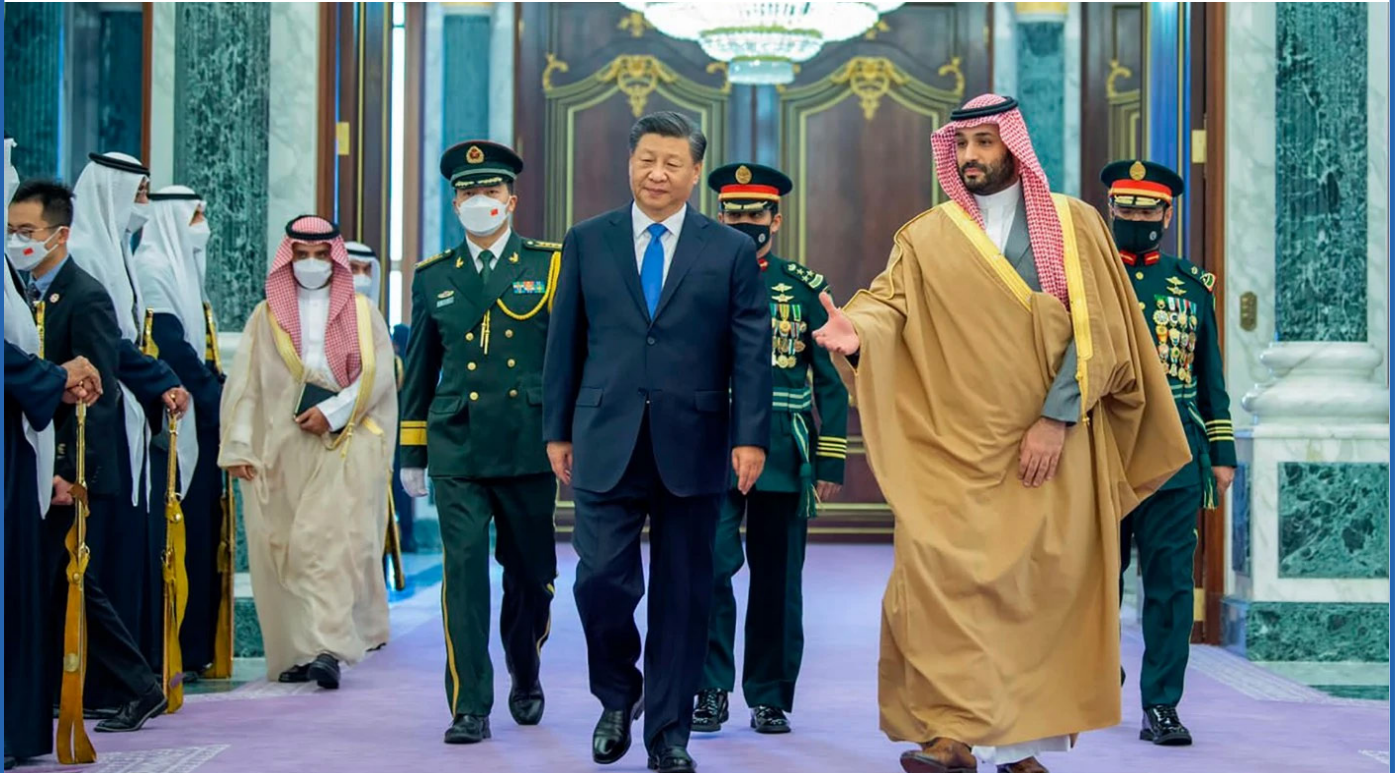
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Arab Nations Should Press China on Uyghur Muslim Abuses

By Knox Thames, The Hill, 2022.12.9

Uyghur Muslims face mass atrocities, if not genocide, at the hands of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). With Chairman Xi Jinping visiting Saudi Arabia this week to meet with Arab leaders, these Muslim-majority countries have an opportunity to advocate for oppressed Muslims. Their fellow believers in China need their help.

China's abuse of Uyghur Muslims is well documented, but unfortunately, most Muslim-majority nations have been silent. Indisputable evidence from the United Nations documented a war against faith. In August 2022, the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) issued an assessment on human rights in Xinjiang. Months in the making, it found:

"Serious human rights violations have

been committed in XUAR in the context of the Government's application of counter-terrorism and counter-'extremism' strategies. The implementation of these strategies, and associated policies in XUAR has led to interlocking patterns of severe and undue restrictions on a wide range of human rights. These patterns of restrictions are characterized by a discriminatory component, as the underlying acts often directly or indirectly affect Uyghur and other predominantly Muslim communities."

While not going as far as to label the situation as "genocide," it was nonetheless a damning assessment of the treatment of Uyghurs because of their religion and ethnicity, documenting mass detentions, bans on prayer, sexual assaults, family separations, and

other forms of persecution. Other documents uncovered by activists show how Xi pushed policies to destroy Islam in the western state of Xinjiang, where 12 million primarily Muslim Uyghurs live. In this campaign of destruction, the government forces hundreds of thousands into “reeducation” camps. Families are broken apart; allegations of torture and rape are common. In addition, Tibetan Buddhists, Christians, Falon Gong and others have suffered mightily.



Yet, despite these facts, exceedingly few Muslim governments have spoken out. Activists argue they have abandoned the Uyghurs. Many were disappointed by the inability of the UN Human Rights Council to agree to a simple discussion on the UN's report on Uyghur persecution in China. The outcome came about when no Muslim-majority nation voted in favor. Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Mauritania, Pakistan, Sudan, United Arab Emirates (UAE), and Uzbekistan all voted “No.” Just two changes would have made a difference.

In contrast, Muslim nations have rightly

denounced Burma's persecution of Rohingya Muslims and discriminatory policies in Europe and North America. But in the face of contemporary genocide in China, they are silent toward Beijing's policies. And the silence is deafening.

The lack of action is a choice, one they have made for some time. When I visited the headquarters of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in Saudi Arabia in my former diplomatic role focusing on religious minorities for the State Department, I invited the OIC to join U.S. condemnations of Beijing's abuses. Unfortunately, my overture was met with polite silence. Instead, OIC members looked the other way or actively expressed support for China's policies.

Notably, silence instead of advocacy is not limited to the Muslim world; many non-Muslim governments also succumb to China's intimidation and dollar diplomacy. Democracies such as Argentina, Brazil and India abstained on the Uyghur report vote at the Human Rights Council. Hungary has blocked European Union criticism of China.

Yet, the United States, Canada and many in Europe are taking steps against China — speaking out and disengaging economically and technologically — because of the genocide and rights crackdown. This cannot be the West's fight alone.

Muslim nations speaking out would make a difference. China fears losing the Arab world. In October, China's Foreign Minister, Wang Yi, described Saudi Arabia as a “priority” in their regional diplomatic strategy. The fact that Saudi Arabia is the largest oil exporter to China is a significant reason.



Consequently, the leaders meeting with Xi in Saudi Arabia have leverage — perhaps more than they realize. Muslim countries joining as a block with Western criticism would shock Beijing. It could possibly cause China to change course and allow Uyghur Muslims to live out their faith peacefully. China responds to strength, and there is strength in numbers. What is missing is the voice of governments representing Muslim-majority nations. We

know criticism by the West alone is not working.

Uyghur Muslims face torture, mistreatment and even death. The dire situation in China presents an opportunity for Muslim-majority countries to demonstrate a commitment to their co-religionists and basic human dignity. With Xi's meetings in Saudi Arabia, now is the time for them to step forward.

Japan's Upper House Adopts Resolution On Uyghur Human Rights

By NHK, 2022.12.5



Japan's Upper House has adopted a resolution expressing concerns about the human rights situation in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region and elsewhere in China.

The resolution was passed by a majority vote in the chamber's plenary session on Monday.

The resolution notes that the international community has recently been expressing grave concerns about infringements on

religious freedom, forced incarcerations and other issues in the Tibet Autonomous Region, Xinjiang and other areas in China.

The resolution also says Japan recognizes that changing the status quo by force represents a threat to the international community. It goes on to urge governments of countries to provide explanations that satisfy the rest of the world. The House members appear to have China in mind.



After the vote, Japanese Foreign Minister Hayashi Yoshimasa said the government will continue to work with other nations to address the matters mentioned in the resolution.

The move by the Upper House follows the Lower House's adoption of a similar resolution ahead of the Beijing Winter Olympics in February.

Tesla, Volkswagen, and GM Might be Using Metal From Factories Linked to Forced Uyghur Labor, Researchers Say

By Aaron Mok, Business Insider, 2022.12.9

Many of the world's largest car manufacturers may be linked to the forced labor of Uyghurs, a Muslim minority group based in Xinjiang, China, according to new research from Sheffield Hallam University.

Tesla, Volkswagen, General Motors, Mercedes-Benz, Toyota, and Stellantis — which includes brands like Fiat, Chrysler, Dodge, and Jeep — were found to be at high risk for exposure to steel and aluminum processing factories that employ forced Uyghur labor, the researchers say.

After reviewing a trove of corporate and news reports, state media, and other publically available documents, the researchers said they found that at least thousands of Uyghurs have been forced to work in metal-processing factories in accordance to China's 'Made in China 2025' and poverty reduction policies.

In its 2021 human rights report, the Biden Administration called China's treatment of the Uyghurs "genocide."

Carmakers use steel and aluminum from China — which subsidizes production in the Xinjiang region — to create car frames, wheels, brakes, and bodies, according to the researchers. They are also tied to Chinese manufacturers that produce copper and nickel, as well as tires, interiors, batteries, and windshields for cars, researchers said.

Working conditions in Xinjiang-based metal factories are "utterly appalling," Kendyl Salcito, one of the researchers involved in the study, told Insider.

Aluminum factory workers must labor in "incredibly hot conditions" as the smelter melts aluminum at high temperatures. Those who are tasked to clean ball mills — tools used to grind and crush minerals — are exposed to dangerous chemicals, the researchers say.

The new report comes as countries like the US and Germany — some of the largest car producers in the world after China, per the researchers — have passed laws to eliminate forced labor in their supply chains.

It's especially relevant now that many countries seek to decarbonize their supply chains and have agreed to do so in an ethical manner, Salcito said.

Other industries, like solar panel manufacturers, have recently been revealed to have similar ties to Uyghur labor.

Many of the car companies say they aren't aware that they are sourcing metals from the Uyghur region given the complexity of the supply chain, the research says.

A Volkswagen spokesperson told Insider that "it takes its corporate responsibility very seriously" and that "respect for human rights



is the ethical basis of our business activities.”

“We reject forced labor and all forms of modern slavery including human trafficking,” said Volkswagen.

A Honda spokesperson told Insider that it “expects our suppliers to follow our Global Sustainability Guidelines with respect to labor.”

A General Motors spokesperson told Insider that “we actively monitor our global supply chain and conduct extensive due diligence,” and said that its code of conduct is informed by the United Nations Global Compact standards.

A Stellantis spokesperson referred Insider to

its policy for responsible purchasing practices. Mercedes-Benz, Toyota, and Tesla did not respond to a request for comment ahead of publication.

If car manufacturers continue to depend on Uyghur suppliers, it means that the “the automotive industry will have chosen to contribute to a slow burn genocide,” Salcito said.

The report recommends governments enact laws that ban imports linked to forced labor and for car companies to end relationships with suppliers based in Xinjiang.

“We need to see industry begging for alternative supply chains,” Salcito said.

IUETO: Urgent Call to Arab Nations on Xi's Visit to KSA

Arab- China summit in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia is taking place this week, and at least 14 Arab countries heads to meet China's Xi Jinping who is embroiled in the massive account of atrocities and crimes against humanity with the unprecedented level of genocide

policies on Uyghur and other Turkic Muslims of East Turkistan since his tyrannical regime in 2014. Xi is meeting with Arab leaders to bolster ties by whitewashing a widespread attack on Islam in its territory and occupied East Turkistan.

International communities, countries, and institutions around the world have been addressing the East Turkistan cause in recent years and made protection approaches to the tragic circumstances of the Uyghur and other ethnic groups since China is accused of genocide and crimes against humanity for the unprecedented level in East Turkistan. The growing international criticism of China's Genocide provided substantial grounds to believe the Uyghur Genocide is in fact a global concern, a historical humanitarian concern, and a baseline to understand the real nature of China's wild ambition to become a global tyranny.

projects which aimed to diminish the integrity of the Arab nations.

East Turkistan has a historical tie with Arab Countries, especially Turkistani migrants who contributed to the construction and development of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia since its establishment. Still, more than ten thousand Turkistani families are playing unignorable roles in different fields of the country. On other hand, Arab Countries including the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia have only a short period of diplomatic relations with China, namely the KSA established formal diplomatic ties with China in 1985. Nevertheless, such unproven ties shall not

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Chinese Foreign Ministry published a report on Arab -China relations without providing any account of the condition of the Muslim population of East Turkistan and its own Muslim population around China. The report negates the historical approaches of the Muslim nations to protect the honor of Islam yet misleadingly calls the Arab nations for steady cooperation to achieve Chinese dreams through its hidden agenda of BRI

undermine the core values of Arab Countries that have been negatively impacted by China's political, and economic infiltration policies in the Middle East and respective Arab nations.

As a leading representative Organization for the interest of the Muslim population of East Turkistan, a place of 30 million Sunni Muslims with Islamic history in the East for at least a millennium, IUETO strongly



condemns China's deception of foreign policies with Arab nations. When reshaping the bilateral relationship with China, Arab countries, especially the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia which is the custodian of the Two Holy Cities must not neglect the rights of Muslims of East Turkistan.

As this showcase of the Arab-China summit is taking place this week, we highlight the grave concern of a genocide claim that is happening to our Muslim nation in the Chinese-occupied East Turkistan which Arab nations referred to as the Turkistan Region. There are hundreds of Concentration Camps built by China in East Turkistan designed to carry out de-Islamization programs, torture, horrific assaults, sexual attacks, sterilization of women, harvesting of Muslim organs, forced labor, and other proven crimes against humanity. During the COVID pandemic, China accelerated the pace of barbaric measures to kill Muslims in mass, deprive all religious rights by destroying mosques, burning holy books, and apostatizing Muslim generations by force in East Turkistan.

IUETO calls all Arab nations including the host of this Summit KSA to stand with Justice to address the globally recognized Uyghur Genocide issue with China to make China accountable for the destruction of one largely Muslims populated resourceful country- East Turkistan.

IUETO friendly warns the Arab nations, and Muslims around the world about the dreadful, poisonous Islamophobic approaches made by China against the Muslims of East Turkistan. We remind the entire Muslim population around the world that East

Turkistani Muslims are being burned alive yet there has been dead silence in the Muslim World.

IUETO calls on the leaders of the Arab nations and policymakers to reflect on the following Hadith of our beloved Prophet to wake up our faithful humanity so that all Muslims and countries should never ignore the ongoing plight of Muslims of East Turkistan.

Abdullah ibn Umar reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace, and blessings be upon him, said, "The Muslim is a brother to another Muslim. He does not wrong him, nor surrender him. Whoever fulfills the needs of his brother, Allah will fulfill his needs. Whoever relieves a Muslim from distress, Allah will relieve him from distress on the Day of Resurrection. Whoever covers the faults of a Muslim, Allah will cover his faults on the Day of Resurrection."

Source: Sahīh al-Bukhārī 2422, Sahīh Muslim 2580

IUETO hopes to establish cadet relationships with Muslim nations, the Arab world, and other counties to convey the truth of East Turkistan, to create a platform to protect the Uyghur Muslims, to build bridges to promote the true and undisputed historical connections between East Turkistan and Arab counties. We demand to have our voice to be heard.

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In order to be the voice of East Turkistan under the persecution of China, prayers and press statements (organized by IHH and the International Union of The East Turkistan Organizations) are held simultaneously in 77 provinces across Turkey after the Friday prayer.

