

July 7, 2021
Letter to the Prime Minister
The Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
CC Senators
CC MPs
CC Media

International Day in Solidarity with the Uyghur people and Call for an End to the Genocide of the Uyghur people

Dear Prime Minister and colleagues,

On July 17 a virtual International Day in Solidarity will be held by Human Rights Organizations as well as Muslim organizations around the world. This conference will confirm our solidarity with the Uyghur people and demand an end to the genocide ongoing against them.

Since 2016 a large network of concentration camps has been established in East Turkistan (Xinjiang) in Western China and more than 2 million Uyghur people have been imprisoned. Hundreds of thousands of children have been forcefully taken from their parents and also detained in concentration camps where they are subject to abuse and torture. Women and girls have been forcefully sterilized and forced to abort even full-term babies. Torture, gangrape and forced organ harvesting is happening in these concentration camps.

In January 2021 the US State Department declared that the Chinese government is committing genocide and crimes against humanity against the Uyghur people in East Turkistan (Xinjiang) through a range of practices including the use of concentration camps, forced sterilization and child separation. In February 2021 Canada's parliament passed a motion declaring that China's treatment of the Uyghur people constitutes genocide.

We, the International Human Rights and Muslim organizations stand in solidarity with the Uyghur People. We demand immediate access to the concentration camps by international human rights monitors and medical staff. We demand that China close all concentration camps and release all detained Uyghurs and reunite children with their parents. We also call upon the Governments of Canada, the USA and others to prohibit trade in products produced in China's labour camps with Uyghur forced labour.

We can no longer be complicit in the ongoing atrocity crimes by remaining silent. We also demand that this issue be urgently placed on the agenda of the UN Security Council. The world must act to stop the ongoing genocide.

Signed,

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