



The U.N. Human Rights Council is shown in session in Geneva in a June 30, 2020 photo.

US Condemns China's Policies in Xinjiang as **Genocide** at UN Human Rights Council in Geneva

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"We condemn China's abuse of members of ethnic and religious minority groups including crimes against humanity and genocide in Xinjiang and severe restrictions in Tibet," U.S. charge d'affaires Mark Cassayre told the Geneva-based U.N. rights body.

Cassayre's comments followed a call on Wednesday by U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken for China to allow international monitors to probe reports of abuses in the XUAR, where authorities are believed to have held up to 1.8 million Uyghurs and other Muslim minorities in a vast network of internment camps since early 2017.

Reports suggest the camps in Xinjiang are used as punishment for signs of "extremism" that authorities say include practicing basic forms of Islam, adhering to cultural traditions, and violating strict family-planning policies.

Speaking to RFA's Uyghur Service, Dolkun Isa—president of the Germany-based World Uyghur Congress—welcomed reports that Blinken and U.S. National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan will meet on March 18 with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi in Anchorage, where the issue of China's policies in Xinjiang

is likely to be on the agenda.

"The Biden Administration's strong position on holding China accountable for committing both genocide and crimes against humanity against Uyghurs and other indigenous people of East Turkistan give us great hope and assurance," Isa said, referring to Xinjiang by the name preferred by many Uyghurs for their historic homeland.

"We hope that Secretary Blinken and Advisor Sullivan will make the following demands from Chinese officials," Isa said.

"First, China must immediately and unconditionally halt the ongoing genocide and crimes against humanity in East Turkistan," Isa said, adding that China must close the internment camps and free all detainees, including what he called "slave laborers" sent from East Turkistan to work in Mainland China.

Blinken should also insist the U.N., U.S., and European Union be allowed "unfettered" access to East Turkistan to investigate the abuses that have already taken place, Isa said.

"Finally, China must pay reparations for all the pain and suffering it has inflicted on the Uyghurs and other indigenous peoples for committing genocide against them," Isa said.

'Vocational training'

Chinese officials have called the internment camps in East Turkistan centers for "vocational training," but reporting by RFA's Uyghur Service and other media outlets shows that detainees are mostly held against their will



in cramped and unsanitary conditions, where they are forced to endure inhumane treatment and political indoctrination.

Under increasing international scrutiny, authorities in the region have begun to send detainees to work at factories as part of an effort to label the camps “vocational centers,” although those held in the facilities regularly toil under forced or coerced labor conditions. Speaking in Geneva, British ambassador Julian Braithwaite said the U.K. remains “deeply concerned by the extensive and systematic human rights violations in Xinjiang, including credible reports of forced labour and forced birth control.”

Cuba, speaking in Geneva in support of China, meanwhile called on states to “stop interfering in China’s internal affairs by manipulating Xinjiang-related issues, [and] refrain from making unfounded allegations against

China out of political motivations.”

U.S. Secretary of State Blinken has asserted the intention of the newly minted Biden administration to rejoin the UNHRC after his predecessor, Donald Trump, withdrew from the body in 2018, in part for what it has said are membership rules that “allow the election of the world’s worst human rights abusers to seats on the Council.”

The European Union will target China with sanctions, including a travel ban and asset freezes targeting four people and one entity in East Turkistan, for its treatment of the Uyghurs and others in East Turkistan, the Wall Street Journal reported Thursday from Brussels.

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On International Women's Day, 6 brave women exposed the torture of Uyghurs, Their testimony reveals absolutely unimaginable violations that amount to genocide against ethnic minorities, such as rape, torture, forced sterilization, and forced labor, However, what is happening inside the camps reveals the great hatred of China against religions and minorities, it is not concerned with any international laws that preserve human rights.



“International Women’s Day and Press Conference” was held in front of the Chinese Consulate in Istanbul on the occasion of “March 8, International Women’s Day”.



On March 8, Uyghur women marched to Ankara from Istanbul on International Women's day to raise their voice for their missing family members in China's concentration camps;



The marching is by the Japanese people in Japan, they are on the streets for humanity without expecting any religious or racial benefits. They are supporting Uyghurs people who are marching in Turkey from Istanbul to Ankara holding their families members photos who are missing in Detentions in East Turkistan



Zumrat Dawut a survivor from China's concentration camps, had testified in the US Parliament as a victim of the Chinese camps and exposed the inhumane murders of China against the Uyghurs in East Turkistan, her braveness stripped away the lies of China about the Uyghur genocide, she escaped from China but still suffering as she had uterine pus removed surgery in the USA due to her forced sterilized surgery done by China in the concentration camps.

STOPPING BEIJING 2022 OLYMPIC GAMES: IT IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE

Bitter Winter. 11 March 2021



The 2022 Winter Olympic Games should be moved away from China, if the Chinese regime does not prove that it has taken serious steps to improve its abysmal human rights record. This is the call insistently heard from important groups and individuals worried by the state of religious freedom and human right in the land of Red Dragon.

The World Uyghur Congress (WUC), one of the major organizations of the Uyghur diaspora, based in Munich, Germany, has taken the lead in this field. Last month, WUC formally addressed to Mr. Ban Ki Moon, formerly Secretary General of the United Nations and from mid-September 2017 Chairman of the International Olympic Committee (IOC)'s Ethics Commission, a letter "raising its grievance in relation to the failure of the Ethics Office to follow the Rules of Procedure Governing Cases of Possible Breach of Ethical Principles" in the case of China.

In fact, WUC states, "IOC, its Executive Board, and IOC President Thomas Bach have acted in breach of the Olympic Charter by failing to reconsider holding the 2022 Olympics in Beijing following verifiable evidence of genocide and crimes against humanity taking place".

The case in point is of course the Chi-

nese genocide against Uyghurs and other Turkic minorities, most of whom are Muslim, in East Turkistan, the region its Turkic inhabitants call East Turkistan.

It is of course possible to raise questions also on the nature of the CCP's polices



elsewhere in China, and against other ethnic and religious groups, such as Tibetans and Mongols in Southern Mongolia, or Falun Gong and The Church of Almighty God (CAG), to name only a few, but “genocide” is a very serious word. It configures a specific crime, either of physical or cultural nature, and it has precise legal implications. It is not a word to be used lightheartedly, and its substance should be proved convincingly. So, while evidence is being gathered in the cases of Tibetans, Mongols, Falun Gong, and the CAG, as well as others ethnic or religious groups—as Bitter Winter documents daily—that there is a Uyghur genocide is now widely recognized, and this is breaking the ice for all those persecuted in China.

First came the open denunciation of genocide in Xinjiang by the US State department, both during the Trump Administration and the present Biden Administration. Then, the formal recognition of that same crime by the Canadian House of Commons and the Dutch Parliament—while other such actions are being considered by the Parliaments of other countries—which has direct implications for the Olympics. In fact, in both Canada and the Netherlands the Parliaments passed amendments raising the question of the Beijing Olympics.

WUC’s campaign against holding the Olympics in Beijing started last year, when the Uyghur organization instructed Mr. Michael Polak, an international human rights barrister and head of Lawyers for Uyghur Rights in London, UK, to draft a formal written complaint to the IOC’s Ethics Commission through its Ethics and Compliance Office, which was submitted on 13 August 2020.

In September 2020, the Olympic bureaucracy responded twice. First, the Olympic Committee Executive Director, Mr. Christophe Dubi, answered to a separate letter sent to IOC

by WUC President, Mr. Dolkun Isa, making no reference to the August Ethics Committee complaint. Second, the Ethics Committee responded to Mr. Polak’s August complaint, by simply referring to Mr. Dubi’s previous letter to Mr. Isa.

Mr. Polak responded in turn on September 19, “asking why the reply had come from the Executive Director of the Olympic Committee, given that the IOC Executive was one of the subjects of the complaint, and this complaint was directed to the Ethics and Compliance Office for transmission to the Ethics Commission”. The February 2021 letter from WUC to Mr. Ban Ki Moon directly points at Ms. Pâquerette Girard-Zappelli, IOC Ethics and Compliance Officer, who, according to WUC, in the case of China did not follow the “Rules of Procedure Governing Cases of Possible Breach of Ethical Principles” as she should have done. Uyghurs are of course not alone in this urgent request. International human rights organizations such as Citizen Power Initiatives for China, chaired in Washington, D.C. by Chinese dissident Dr. Yang Jianli, and Vienna-based Forum for Religious Freedom Europe, chaired by Dr. Aaron Rhodes and directed by journalist Peter Zoehrer, are urging states and athletes to condition their participation in the Beijing Olympics on specific improvements in China’s human rights practices.



Up to a million Uyghurs and ethnic minorities are believed to have been detained in East Turkistan. The US has described reports of rape and sexual abuse as shocking. Photograph: Greg Baker/AFP/Getty Images

These include “an independent and transparent United Nations investigation of massive detention centers in Xinjiang where Chinese authorities have confined as many as three million Uyghurs and other Chinese Muslims, and in Tibet, where Tibetan linguistic and cultural identity is harshly repressed. The immediate release of detained, peaceful pro-democracy political figures and protesters in Hong Kong. The immediate release of Canadian citizens Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor, who have been arbitrarily detained in secret prisons since December 2018. The release of Dr. Wang Bingzhang, founder of the overseas Chinese Democracy Movement, who has been serving a life sentence since 2002, allowing the ailing 73-year-old to join his family, who are United States and

Canadian citizens.”

Simply put, China is clearly unworthy to host an international event of peace and harmony such as the Olympic Games as it continues to use brutal systematic and premeditated violence against individual and groups, and IOC should not give the impression to be its partner in crime.

It is not probable that the IOC bureaucracy will act, and the economic interests at stake are enormous. However, single Parliaments and governments in democratic countries may vote for a boycott, creating a critical mass that the IOC in the end will not be able to ignore. What originally looked like a Quixotic enterprise is becoming a serious international political project.

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WUC’s EU Policy Coordinator delivered a statement on behalf of the EUJS - European Union of Jewish Students during the Item 3 General Debate, calling for an independent fact-finding mission to the Uyghur region, a special HRC session, and for #China to end the #UyghurGenocide



At this day, at this moment, millions of Uyghur women are being subjected to forced labor, forced sterilization, torture, and systematic rape in East Turkistan.



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