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‘UYGHUR MUSLIMS’: Their Situation in the Republic of China

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ABSTRACT

The situation of the Uyghurs its been an International condemnation. The persecution of Uyghurs in China became the most telling example of a despicable endeavor forced on religious and minor ethnic group. The relentless persecution has resulted homelessness of the minority from their native places. Lives of the Uyghurs is been constricted by the Communist Party Officials in various process, every online activity of the Uyghurs is tracked, they live in a police state were they're monitored by one of the most advance and intrusive surveillance systems in the world.

Historically Uyghurs are the indigenous ethnic group in China. Which were strengthen because of the Cultural Revolution & Prosperous Economic Activity in the last 20th Century. But due to the demographic changes a opposition born between Chinese Han & Uyghurs. It turned into a censorious situation in 2009, where almost 200 Han were died confirmed by the Party Officials. The violation is more strengthen after that incident in between 2009-2014.

When the Chinese Government took charge of the autonomous province of Xinjiang, they implement various principle to eliminate Uyghur culture and their identity. China has become vicious towards its own people, the minors were prosecuted in the rehabilitation camp, jailed, forced to renounce their religion, separate from their families and punished horribly. Though the Chinese government always denied this and called those rehabilitation camp as 're-education center'. The Communist Party Officials states East Turkistan Islamic Movement responsible for the persecution of the minors.

The ground reports done by various media group such as the Guardian, Washington Post, BBC News etc. confirms the existence of detention camps in the region. The reporters were repeatedly announced about the Human Rights violation of the minor ethnic group in the province of Xinjiang for last 4-5 years.

The ethnic minor group is seeking international supervision towards such genocide.

Keywords - Genocide, Uyghur Muslims, Xinjiang province, Human Rights, Communist Party Officials.

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I. INTRODUCTION

It is indeed an extensive context of voluminous Human Rights violation by a super power like China. The province turned into a mass jail, their colonial practice is restricted, Freedom of the minor is restricted, their religion is restricted, many Muslims names are banned for new born. This is an incentive and forced assimilation practice by the Chinese government and the world is just a silent witness.

II. HISTORY & ORIGINALITY OF THE UYGHURS

Xinjiang province is situated in the North-West China, sheltered almost 10 million Uyghurs. Uyghurs referred as Uyghur Muslims is an ethnic group, they are currently in the Media Spotlight due to the repression they faced by their own Government. Uyghurs have mentioned North-West China as their home for more than a thousand years now, their history extends even further back than that.

After Chinese Revolution in 1912, the Xinjiang province was captured by the Native Truki Group, after the assassination of the commander in 1928 the province has been ruled by many different rulers. In 1949 after the victory of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) many liberal policies were implemented in the region and finally in 1955 the Xinjiang region declared 'Autonomous'². Though it is an autonomous region which is the home of almost 40 ethnic groups. The region has been strongly controlled by the Communist Party of China. Uyghurs and Han are the two major ethnic population in the Xinjiang province of China.

III. VARIOUS ISLAMIC STATES AND THEIR VIEW TOWARDS THE GENOCIDE

Many Islamic countries who propound as the guardian for the Muslims around the World remain silent. Those States which used religion to legitimize their own regime and constitute control over their citizens by the name of religion keep numb.

Especially Pakistan, being always worried about the situation of Kashmiri Muslims and the minority population in the Republic of India. Recently P.M. Imran Khan refuses to take stand against China, he mentioned that "version of what is happening in Xinjiang is completely different to the version of what we have from the Western Media", "because we have a very strong relationship with China and because we have a relationship based on trust, so we actually accept the Chinese version"³. It is being crystal clear that Mr. Khan is more concerns about the Indian Muslims rather than those who actually needs this attention. The Government

² <https://www.britannica.com/place/Xinjiang> last visited on 30.08.2021

³ <https://youtu.be/tv8qR7NJ6HI> sated in an interview, last visited on 31.08.2021

Party Officials have nothing to say on this heinous act done by the Communist Party of China. Political leaders worldwide have admitted less interest about the Uyghurs. Well behind such intention there may be some political diplomatic circumstances. Rather to offend China they chose to put a shut in their mouth. The fact remains Uyghurs has been abandoned by the World.

IV. UN & HRC

The purpose of the commission is to preserve the moral rights of an individual and safeguard the dignity of livelihood.

Chinese Government have violated the basic moral rights of an individual vested by Universal Declaration of Human Rights Commission⁴, such as-

- Article 3 – “Everyone has the right to life, liberty and the security of person”.
- Article 5 – “No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment”.
- Article 6 – “Everyone has the right recognition everywhere as a person before law”.
- Article 7 – “All are equal before law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law. All are entitled to equal protection against any discrimination on violation of this declaration and against any incitement to such discrimination”.
- Article 8 – “Everyone has the right to an effective remedy by the competent national tribunal for acts violating the fundamental rights granted him by the constitution or by law”.
- Article 15 – (1) “Everyone has the right to a nationality”,
(2) “No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his nationality nor denied the right to change his nationality”.
- Article 18 – “Everyone has the freedom of thought, conscience and religion,
This includes freedom of change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance”.

V. CONCLUSION

Uyghurs were systematically oppressed by their own government for years now. This ethnic minor group seeks International attention to maintain their last existence. The horrific event taking place in the province of Xinjiang is nothing but a Crime against Humanity done by the

⁴ Universal Declaration of Human Rights - Google Books full statute by the UDHRC

Communist Party Officials. After the sacrifice of plenty of lives finally the International Community is taking this grievous event seriously.

In 2020, the U.S. has enacted Uyghurs Human Rights Policy Act⁵, which mandates several U.S. Government bodies to report on this emission on Human Rights violation of Uyghur Muslims in Xinjiang.

Very recently, coordinated effort by the European Union, U.S., U.K. and Canada passed a resolution imposing on China for Human Rights Violation in Xinjiang region⁶.

Lastly, UN and the International Community should take a strong an action against this genocide otherwise the repercussion of this heinous event may made all of us suffer one day.

⁵ S.3744 - 116th Congress (2019-2020): Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act of 2020 | Congress.gov | Library of Congress last visited on 31.08.2021

⁶ Uighurs: Western countries sanction China over rights abuses - BBC News last visited on 31.08.2021