



The Plight of the Uyghur Muslims

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For many months, true news of the desperate plight of yet another minority Muslim community, this time the Turkic-speaking Uyghurs of Eastern China, has slowly reached the consciousness of the rest of the world. Indubitable evidence has emerged of the mass incarceration and torture of more than one million Uyghurs in internment camps by the Chinese government for no reason other than their willing association with Islam. No other ethnic or religious community in China is treated with anything like the suspicion, heavy handedness and persecution suffered by the Uyghur Muslims of Xinjiang.

It is incredibly difficult to articulate into words the depth of feeling engendered by the scale of injustice and oppression endured by the Uyghur. We do not believe that the sheer number of victims - over a million innocents - is given anything like the outrage it undoubtedly deserves by the Media. Moreover, we are appalled by the silence of those purporting to promote freedom, democracy and human rights while, at best, sidling the same message falteringly at the feet of the powerful.

Allah (God) Almighty states in the Quran: *"O you who believe! Stand out firmly for justice, as witnesses to Allah, even as against yourselves, or your parents, or your kin, and whether it be (against) rich or poor: for Allah can best protect both. Follow not the lusts (of your hearts), lest you swerve, and if you distort justice or decline to do justice, verily Allah is well-acquainted with all that you do"*

(Surah al Nisa Ayah 135).



We call on Governments and in particular Muslim World Leaders to uphold justice and human rights by genuinely and sincerely exhausting all diplomatic efforts to put an end to this unlawful persecution of the Uyghur people. Regardless of the World's inattention and indifference to the struggle of the oppressed, whether in Uyghur, Palestine, Rohingya or any other nation, we are reminded of the lofty position of those persecuted who remain steadfast and undeterred in their sacrifices for Islam. We the Muslims of the United Kingdom have not and will not forget you in our prayers and supplications to Allah Almighty who holds sway over the most powerful of the powerful. We pray that some news of this reaches you that you may be reassured that your plight is not unheeded as The Qur'an instructs us: " Indeed, this Ummah is one" (Surah al Anbiya, verse 92).

Our beloved Messenger Muhammad (saw) stated: " The parable of the believers in their affection, mercy, and compassion for each other is that of a body. When any limb aches, the whole body reacts with sleeplessness and fever" (Reported by Imam al Bukhari and Imam Muslim in their Sahih Collections).

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