

Uyghur Women In China's Genocide

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This paper researched China's gender-based policies, including policies to prevent births, state-sponsored forced marriages, forced labor, and the policy of appointing male Han Chinese cadres to live in Uyghur homes, as well as mass rape camps. Findings of the data collected and analyzed by the author expose China's intent to commit genocide as a direct outcome of its colonialism. Paper discuss that these acts committed by China's government today are not only violated most of the acts listed in the offence of the convention of the prevention of the crime of genocide, but also reveals 'general intent' as these acts are repeatedly implemented despite the fatal outcome. Another main finding of this article revealed how The Chinese leaders 'special intent' exposed in the reflection of Chinese colonialism in its policy implementation, particularly in the implementation processes that use the tools of punishment borrowed from China's ancient Legalism school of state philosophy.

Family planning workers' approach to Uyghur peoples and the differences among workers and/or regions to manage Uyghur birth-rates

China's birth prevention policy is very restrictive and does not have loopholes, especially when applying to the Uyghur population. It is harshly implementing both in the south and north of the East Turkistan. The former heavily populated with Uyghurs and latter not. Each village has family planning workers in charge of residents based on the residential papers of the villagers. These workers have to report to the higher-level officials from counties, who then report to the prefectures. County sends officials every three months to control women's medical check-ups in every village. So, family planning workers in each town are unable to help women even if they are willing to. Inter- rate reliability of the statements of the interview that I have conducted with 8 women in Uyghur diaspora shows that most Uyghur women who got extra children from the Chinese plan manage to do so by moving to other cities to hide their pregnancy and bribing the city family planning workers. Seven of these managed to hide their pregnancy move from one place to another constantly. Only one of them managed to hide her pregnancy locked herself in her secret basement and bribing local family planning worker in her village. Usually, when women came to another town with their family as migrants, family planning workers in that city force them to move back to their village or city because they have no hukou (residential paper) in their new residential areas. If this family has money, they bribe the family planning workers to make these workers not force them to move back. This could happen only if they have money and family planning worker agree to help. So these workers can ignore women's illegal pregnancy. Workers can do that because they report the issue to their boss based on the "hukou" in the area they are responsible for and not notify the pregnancy of migrant women who have no 'hukou.' However, it depends on family planning workers. Most family planning workers are very loyal to the Chinese government, and they

assist the government while being aware of genocidal consequences. Some of them strictly implement the policies while they are aware only of the harmful impact on women and families but the not knowledgeable genocidal impact on the entire Uyghur nation. Some strictly follow the instructions to avoid being fired from their job or charged with prison sentences. So, finding workers who can help women for money is not easy too. Implementation of policy and restriction is not going to change from region to region. But women may find a way to hide their pregnancy if they move to big cities since changing rental places is more manageable and people are not familiar with each other in the big city.

Additional documents:

<https://twitter.com/parlabest/status/1363288420047613953?s=20>

<https://twitter.com/parlabest/status/1400669400294903811?s=20>

Derogatory language relevant to China's intention of Genocide:

1. *Spray chemicals to kill the weeds. (chief of security for the Kashgar's chasa township, yasinahun told RFA that one of the Han chinese official told them over the meeting " 'you can't uproot all the weeds hidden among the crops in the field one by one—you need to spray chemicals to kill them all, he further explained re-educating people is like spraying chemicals on the crops."*

<https://www.rfa.org/english/news/uyghur/wealthiest-01052018144327.html>

"Spray chemicals to kill the weeds" is not only symbolic dehumanizing expression used against kill Uyghurs, but also literally Uyghurs have been seen as a weeds. Camp survivor Zumret Dawut, recall her two month experience in Chinese concentration camps when she saw the video of wearing fully white protective gear workers disinfecting streets Wuhan city when the Covid19 pandemic break out and told author: "I saw these fully geared people in the camp too, it was my next day, two of them came and spray chemical to bunch of women over from their camp uniform. These women are jumping and screaming like a hell when they are spraying the chemicals, must be immense pain. I can see these women's hands and neck is wounded and bleeding. Someone told me they had skin diseases because of poor hygiene in the camp and that is how these geared workers disinfecting them."

2. *The XUAR's Party Youth League recording, entitled 'What Kind of Place is the Educational Transformation Center,' was published Oct. 11, 2017, on the WeChat social media network by Request/Offer Salon. characterizes Uyghurs who have been sent for political "re-*

education” as “infected by an ideological illness and malignant tumor ”—like a disease that must be treated at a hospital. (full translation can be find here:

<https://www.rfa.org/english/news/uyghur/infected-08082018173807.html>

<https://nymag.com/intelligencer/2018/08/china-muslims-camps-uyghur-communist-party-islam-mental-illness.html?gtm=bottom>m=top>

Translation of the recordings:

Members of the public who have been chosen for reeducation have been infected by an ideological illness. They have been infected with religious extremism and violent terrorist ideology, and therefore they must seek treatment from a hospital as an inpatient.

... There is always a risk that the illness will manifest itself at any moment, which would cause serious harm to the public. That is why they must be admitted to a reeducation hospital in time to treat and cleanse the virus from their brain and restore their normal mind ... Being infected by religious extremism and violent terrorist ideology and not seeking treatment is like being infected by a disease that has not been treated in time, or like taking toxic drugs ... There is no guarantee that it will not trigger and affect you in the future.

Relevance of these statement to genocidal intent:

Cancerous tumor here referred to religious extremism and terrorism. However, entire Uyghur and other Turkic population were targeted without any proof of religious extremism or terrorism. That is mean entire Uyghur and other Turkic populations religious believes and ethnic identity considered as cancerous tumor and must be eliminated. Attacking religious believes and ethnic identity is attacking existence of whole nation.

3. *Chinese ambassador to the United States responded to global criticism about the mass detention of Uyghurs and other Muslims in China’s so called “reeducation camps claiming that it is “to change Uyghurs into normal person”*

Relevance of his words to genocidal intention: It is another dehumanizing word to make easier to treat Uyghurs inhuman way.

4. *Break their lineage, break their roots, break their connections, and break their origins.*

Maisumujiang Maimuer, Chinese religious affairs official, August 10, 2017, on a Xinhua Weibo page said, “Break their lineage, break their roots, break their connections, and break their origins.” this sentence also officially stated in the document number 6 distributed by the kashgar government administration office in March 6, 2018.

(<https://web.archive.org/web/20180813115300/http://www.kashi.gov.cn/Government/PublicInfoShow.aspx?ID=2851>)

These words also very closely relevant to genocidal intention. For example, parents of Uyghur children were arrested, and these kids were removed from their home to orphanage camps and not allowed to see their parents or family members, so they break their lineage, they were not allowed to practice their religion and culture and not allowed to speak their language, and this is to break their origin. Those kids are locked up in prison style orphanage camps and it is to break their connection with outside world and their community. In fact, Chinese government is not implementing this kind of policy based on Mesumjan's words, or words appeared in Kashgar government's document. These words are exact description of policy that implemented against the Uyghurs, not represent this individual's specific intention. Because exact similar policy practiced in every other place of East Turkistan, not only Kashgar. This means his words comes after the implementation of genocidal policy against the Uyghurs. But his words represent Chinese government, the principal perpetrator. He is knowledgeable with catastrophic impact of the Chinese policies would have on the survival of Uyghurs.

5. *The General Secretary of Chinese Communist Party Xi Jinping is obsessed with the "rejuvenation of the Great Chinese Nation," and noted in his report of his party's 19th national congress that "We should do more to foster a Chinese spirit, Chinese values, and Chinese strength, to provide moral guidance to our people."*

Source: Xi Jinping, "Secure a Decisive Victory in Building a Moderately Prosperous Society in All Respects and Strive for the Great Success of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era" (Speech, Beijing, delivered at the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, October 18, 2017), accessed September 23, 2020,

www.xinhuanet.com/english/download/Xi_Jinping's_report_at_19th_CPC_National_Congress.pdf

These words directly linked to Chinese colonialism and its special intent. This implies there is no survival space for "other" ideological values. As a consequence, any Uyghurs or others who will not transformed into ethnic Han Chinese, will be considered as a threat, an 'ideological enemy,' and as 'opponents' that must be eliminated. East Turkistan was historically not belonged to China and people of East Turkistan are different than Han Chinese. Despite the colonial history of East Turkistan, Chinese leaders believe that East Turkistan is inseparable part of China and China is only belonged to Han Chinese and there shouldn't be space for other nation. So Chinese leaders colonial mind set is closely linked with specific

Intent to destroy. Following statement of Chinese professor Ai yue jing also very similar to Xi Jin Ping's words and it was nakedly described his genocidal intent:

At Nankai University in 2003, Chinese professor Ai Yue Jing said, "Our great culture can assimilate any other nation or culture, we can change and absorb good one torture and kill bad one".

Source: Wang xi (2018). "2013 年南开大学艾跃进 : 中国国防政策的历史沿革 (二)" (The History of China's National Defence Policy). Author's translation. Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7atDdcvHSJI> [Accessed 21 Aug. 2019].

- 6. In April 2014, Xi travelled to Xinjiang. At a police station in Urumchi, he examined weapons on a wall. "The methods that our comrades have at hand are too primitive," he said during the trip. "None of these weapons is any answer for their big machete blades, axe heads, and cold steel weapons." He added, "We must be as harsh as them, and show absolutely no mercy."*

Source: New York times published 403 pages of leaked documents of Chinese government papers. Most of them are speeches of High-level Chinese officials.

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/11/16/world/asia/china-xinjiang-documents.html>

These derogatory words nakedly reveal the genocidal intent. Because "absolute no mercy" is not just words that can reveal Xi's intent to destroy but that is an order. Because it can be used in any extend against the victims including rape, torture and killing.

- 7. In 2017, Xinjiang Party Secretary Chen Quan guo encouraged officials to "round up everyone who should be rounded up." This vague phrase appears repeatedly in internal documents from 2017.*

Source: Austin Ramzy and Chris Buckley, "'Absolutely No Mercy': Leaked Files Expose How China Organized Mass Detentions of Muslims," New York Times, November 16, 2019, <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/11/16/world/asia/china-xinjiang-documents.html>

Intent to destroy is clear:

Millions of Uyghurs and other Muslims were rounded up for mass detention, torture and killing in many cases, they were not randomly selected for concentration camp or force labor. They were systematically selected because they were Uyghur and other Turkic Muslims.