

Uyghur Tribunal – Fact Witness statement

UTFW2-007 – Nuryem Abla

1. My name is Nuryem Abla. I left my motherland and came to Canada in 2005. I have been living in Canada ever since. I want to testify on behalf of my relatives who are being persecuted in Chinese concentration camps.
2. In this picture is my oldest sister, Melikem Abla (64 years old) born on the 29th of March 1957 in Kucha County. She resides in Kucha County Water Department New City Employees' Residential Building Complex. In 2005, she went to Saudi Arabia for Hajj (Pilgrimage). After she returned to Kucha, her passport was confiscated by the authorities.
3. Since 2017, I have not had any telephone contact with her. When we last talked on the phone, she said: "the government has ordered us not to communicate with our relatives abroad and not to pick up the phones if they call. They have threatened us by saying that if we do not obey this decree, we will be punished severely. Therefore, let's not talk to each other until it is permitted by the government."
4. In early 2018, she was sent to the concentration camps and died there in mid-June that same year. The authorities refused to return her body to our family. I learnt about this bad news two years later. I still don't have any information on why she was sent to the camp nor the cause of her death.
5. In this picture is my second oldest sister, Meryem Abla (59 years old) born on the 22nd of August 1962 in Kucha County. Her ID card # 652923196108220325. She resided at May First South Road Apricot Orchid Residential Complex, Building 11, Apartment 201, Kucha County Borough. She retired from the Business and Industrial Bank. In 2015, she visited Dubai as a tourist using a government issued passport. Her passport was confiscated by the government upon her return. In early 2018, she was also sent to the concentration

camps in and, at the end of April 2018, was sentenced to 20 years in prison for no reason. I learned this bad news two years later. It is impossible for her to have committed any crime that justified a 20-year prison sentence. I demand that the Chinese Government release my sister immediately.

6. In this picture is Salahiden Enver (my niece's husband, 38 years old). He was born on the 15th of November 1983 in Kucha. He resides at Kucha County Radio Station New City Employee's Residential Complex. He is a dentist who opened dentist offices in the New City and Old City sections of the Kucha County Borough. In 2016, he was sent to a concentration camp and sentenced to 14 years in prison. He is still in prison. This is what I have learnt about my direct family members. I have heard that people from my extended family are also in the camps or prisons but I could not get any information about them due to the communication blockage. I do not know their whereabouts nor their situation.
7. My father, Abla Eysa, and grandfather, Kasim Hashim, were beaten to death during the Cultural Revolution. My mother, having lost her husband and father, was left to raise her 5 children alone when she was only 32 years old. She experienced a lot of hardship while raising us. We were deprived of a father's love. They are doing the same thing today to many Uyghur children.

I have read and understood this witness statement and I confirm that I agree with its contents. I understand that this statement will be published on the Uyghur Tribunal website and will be available to the general public online.

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