



**Committee: United Nations
Human Rights Council
Agenda: Deliberating Upon The
Humanitarian Condition of the
Uyghur Muslims
Delegation: Canada
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"Canada's parliament strongly condemns China's treatment of Uighur's as Genocide thereby further worsening trade relations between the two countries."

Overview:

There are currently about 12 million Uighurs, mostly Muslims living in Xinjiang. They speak their own language similar to Turkic and are seen as a threat to China's communist ideology.

The Uighur population and other Muslim ethnic groups based in Xinjiang, China are being sent to "re-education camps" which in other words, is life in prison.

There is evidence of China mass sterilizing Uighur women as well as physical, mental and sexual abuse. The Uighurs are being stripped away of their religious freedom by being forced to pledge their loyalty to the Chinese Communist Party and sing praises for communism and renounce Islam.

Proof of existence:

Since the media is state controlled and there is lack of free access to the camps by outsiders, the only evidence we have is the testimony of a former security guard at the camp who spoke to BBC via video link and of women who have not only fled the concentration camps but also the "Hermit Kingdom" of China.

Originally denying the claims of the existence of these concentration camps, China now says that stern measures are being taken to prevent terrorism and eradicate Islamist extremism.



Canada's stance:

Canada's motion to declare China's treatment of its Uighur minority population as genocide was passed 266 to 0. This motion was supported by all members of the opposition while PM Justin Trudeau and most of his cabinet members abstained.

Canada believes in "walk the talk" and has opened its doors to refugees from several different countries over the years. As of 2019, one-fifth of Canada's population are immigrants.

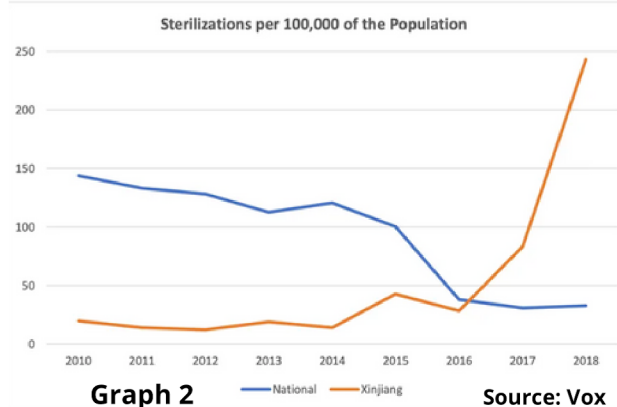
Leaked files:

A series of police files obtained by the BBC in 2022 has revealed details of China's use of these camps and described the routine use of armed officers and the existence of a shoot-to-kill policy for those trying to escape.



Graph 1

Vox



Graph 2

Source: Vox

Births in Xinjiang and Uighur population control:

The above Graph 1, compiled from China's Statistical Yearbook shows the average no. of births in Xinjiang and the rest of the country. As you can see the number of births in Xinjiang has halved in the last couple of years.

The second graph shows the no. of sterilizations per 100,000 of the population. This graph was compiled using data from China's Health and Hygiene Statistical Yearbooks. China's own papers seem to invalidate its officials. The "Karakax List" - a leaked document that details the reason for internment of the Uighurs - Childbearing violations were the most common rationale for internment.

"Severe violence and intimidation":

- The inmates in these camps go through are subjected to a ceaseless indoctrination campaign as well as physical and psychological torture that can be compared to the horrors of Auschwitz. These torture methods include beatings, electric shocks, stress positions, the unlawful use of restraints, sleep deprivation, being hung from a wall, being subjected to extremely cold temperatures, and solitary confinement.

- These camps seem to be operating outside the bounds of the Chinese criminal justice system.
- Apart from forced sterilization and abortions, the govt. has also been accused of targeting religious leaders to break religious and cultural traditions.
- The torture doesn't end here. Inmates have also reported to being raped in supposed "dark rooms".
- These camps also hire "re-education teachers" to brainwash and spread propaganda regarding Chinese communism. They are forced to pledge their loyalty to the CCP and memorize passages about Xi Jinping.

Conclusion:

To sum it up, the concentration camps exist to wipe away any cultural or religious identities of this minority. The Chinese govt. has proven time and time again that they will go through great lengths to eradicate this "threat of terrorism" in their country

Possible solutions:

- Manufacturing and export are some of the main ways in which China makes money. Cutting of certain trade relations and placing economic sanctions on China could be a solution.
- As previously mentioned, intervention and investigations held by the UN can be the foremost way in which this genocide can be stopped.
- Many NGO's and IGO's have also been setup to educate people and allow them to donate towards the Uighur crisis.

Canada and its allies are ready to take a diplomatic approach towards one of the largest genocides since WW2 to build a safe and irrepressible future for everyone.