

# ACT NOW

## CLOSE THE CAMPS

The worst human rights catastrophe in the 21st Century is unfolding in East Turkistan (aka Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of China), where the culture of Uyghur Muslims is being criminalized by the Chinese Government. There are more than 1 MILLION Uyghurs who have been subject to arbitrary detention in "transformation through education" camps.



# Who are the Uyghurs & What is happening in East Turkistan?

The Uyghurs are a Muslim Turkic people who are the natives of East Turkistan. Located in the Heart of Asia, East Turkistan covers a vast territory that neighbours Mongolia, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Afghanistan, India and Tibet. East Turkistan was annexed and occupied by the Communist Chinese government in 1949 and renamed as 'Xinjiang' ('New Frontier' in Chinese) in 1955.

East Turkistan is now a totalitarian police state of historic proportions - it is widely cited as one of the most heavily policed places in the world today. Public security budgets have skyrocketed, and futuristic surveillance systems have been pioneered in the region. Similar to the 1945 Animal Farm by George Orwell.

## Undeniable Facts:

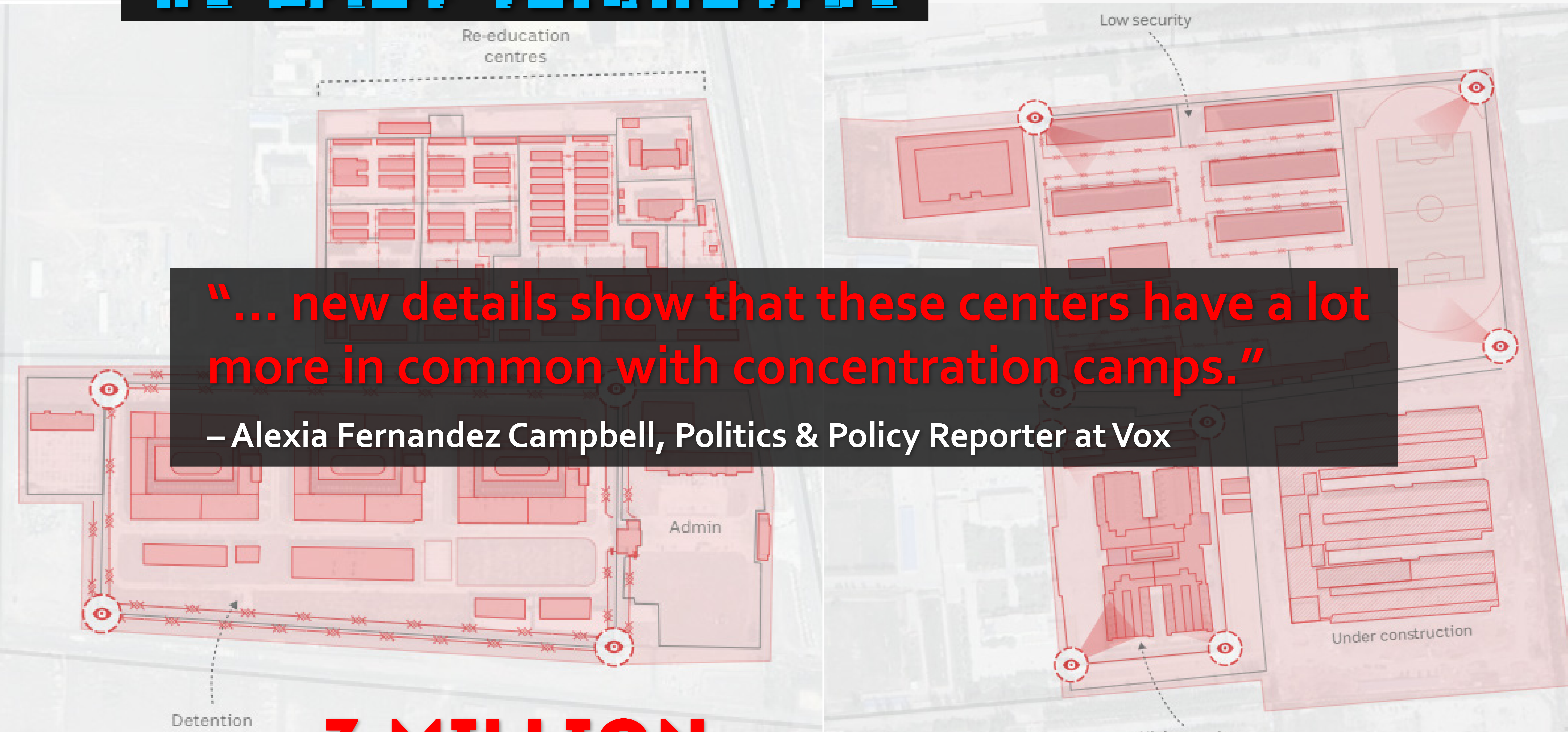
- Mass Detention
- Religious Repression
- Torture
- Arbitrary Arrests
- Extrajudicial Killings
- Forced Intermarriages
- Assimilation Policies
- Restrictive Press Freedom
- Economic Marginalization
- Organ Harvesting
- Racial Discrimination



**THE OFFICIAL JUSTIFICATION FOR SUCH EXTREME MEASURES IS "COUNTERTERRORISM" AND "SOCIAL STABILITY." BUT HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS HAVE LONG ARGUED THAT THE LEVEL OF REPRESSION IS EXCESSIVE, COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, AND A HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION, AS IT EFFECTIVELY CENSURES ALL EXPRESSIONS OF UYGHUR CULTURE, EVEN NORMAL RELIGIOUS AND LINGUISTIC TRADITIONS.**

# CONCENTRATION CAMPS

## IN EAST TURKISTAN



“... new details show that these centers have a lot more in common with concentration camps.”

– Alexia Fernandez Campbell, Politics & Policy Reporter at Vox

As many as **3 MILLION**, Uyghurs, Kazakhs, and other ethnic groups have been rounded up and taken into these camps, according to credible human rights organizations such as Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch and accepted by the United Nations and others.

Satellite images show the scale of the camps, and British diplomats visited East Turkistan in August last year and confirmed that reports are “broadly accurate.” The UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination has described Xinjiang as “a massive internment camp that is shrouded in secrecy, a sort of a no rights zone... where members of the Uyghur minority, along with others who are identified as Muslim, are being treated as enemies of the State based solely on their ethno-religious identity.”

Since December 2018, 182 camps had been identified through satellite imagery which seem to resemble concentration camps with forced political indoctrination.

“One of the world’s worst human rights crises is happening...”

– Matt Schiavenza at Asia Society

Uyghur parents are being removed forcibly from their children.

“Reports of children being placed in orphanages against their families wishes.”

– Human Rights Watch

In the camps, Uyghurs are forced to denounce their beliefs, identity, culture. Whilst pressured to praise the Communist Party of China. Over a MILLION Han Communist Party members have been made to live in Uyghur homes.

Most of the men and women are sent to separate camps. There are also reports of physical torture and testimonies of ex-inmates on how they were sexually abused and raped.

# Key International Reactions:

UN CERD Report August 2018

[https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CERD/Shared%20Documents/CHN/CERD\\_C\\_CHN\\_CO\\_14-17\\_32237\\_E.pdf](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CERD/Shared%20Documents/CHN/CERD_C_CHN_CO_14-17_32237_E.pdf)

Human Rights Watch's Detailed Report in September 2018

<https://www.hrw.org/report/2018/09/09/eradicating-ideological-viruses/chinas-campaign-repression-against-xinjiangs>

Amnesty International Report on 24th September 2018

<https://www.amnesty.org.au/china-families-of-up-to-one-million-detained-in-mass-re-education-drive-demand-answers/>

United States Congress Bill on Uyghur Human Rights 11/2018

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/7123/text>

European Parliament Resolution on Uyghurs 10/2018

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P8-TA-2018-0377+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN&language=EN>

Australian Parliament - Private Member Motion - Uyghurs and Human Rights

[https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Hansard/Hansard\\_Display?bid=chamber/hansardr/b8101fb1-edde-4753-a50e-1709934db485/&sid=0061](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Hansard/Hansard_Display?bid=chamber/hansardr/b8101fb1-edde-4753-a50e-1709934db485/&sid=0061)

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World Uyghur Congress Report 03/2018

<https://www.uyghurcongress.org/en/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/World-Uyghur-Congress-CERD-Submission-China-July-2018.pdf>

<https://docs.uhrp.org/pdf/CulturalResourcesIntangibleHeritage.pdf>



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To close the Concentration Camps in East Turkistan



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