

On August 15, 2003, the Chinese Ministry of Public Security issued a list of four Uyghur Organizations and eleven Uyghur individuals accusing them of being "terrorist". The World Uyghur Congress (WUYC) and me were among those accused. As the former president of WUYC, I hereby strongly reject the Chinese government's this politically motivated claims.

My political life was started when I entered "Xinjiang" University in 1984. I participated student demonstration against the Chinese government policy in East Turkistan for the first time in December 1985. Two years later, I and several of my schoolmates set up Student Cultural Association with the government approval. The mission of the Association was to increase literacy and promote Uyghur culture among Uyghurs communities. Our activity somewhat irritated the Communist government and as a result the Association was disbanded. In June of 1988, I organized public gatherings and student demonstrations in Xinjiang University to protest the government's ethnic discrimination policy against Uyghurs. Because of this, I was detained for three months and later on expelled from school.

In 1996, I and some Uyghur activists together established World Uyghur Youth Congress (WUYC) in Germany. We organized public gatherings and demonstrations in Germany to protest China's inhuman treatment of Uyghurs. We hold conferences and contacted relevant international organizations to publisize the suffering of East Turkistani population under tyrannical rule of communist China. We tried to promote the Uyghur cause using relevant resolutions of United Nations, European Parliament and Germay. We closely cooperated with organization such as UNPO and Amnesty International and other human rights organizations. We have actively assisted political Uyghur refugees from East Turkistan to settle in Western democtatic countries by taking their case to the UNHCR.

As mentioned I before, I actively participated in the organizational activities aimed at promoting the Uyghur culture and the well being of East Turkistani population when I was in the East Turkistan. I was then detained and punished by the Chinese government for my "wrongdoing". After I came abroad, I have tried to take the case of Uyghurs to international community in order to put pressure on the Chinese government to stop their autrocities against Uyghur people. For this, I was labelled as "terrorist" by the Chinese government. China is not only terrorising Uyghurs in East Turkistan by arresting, torturing and executing political activists there, but also trying to terrorise Uyghurs abroad by accusing their political activists and political organizations as "terrorist".

It is true that, in recent years, some Uyghurs resorted to violence to express their discontent against the Chinese government. Many people in East Turkistan have become victims of the Chinese governments' terror machine during the long span of Chinese rule there. We believe that those violent acts have been the work of individuals who acted on the impulse of personal revenge and not the work of any Uyghur organizations. Because, up until now, no Uyghur organization have claimed responsibility for those attacks. If the Chinese government continue to oppress Uyghur population and continue to deny the Uyghurs the right of free speech, press and assembly and continue to block the legal means that the Uyghurs can use to express its politcal will, I believe this will lead Uyghurs to express their will with some illigal means. China's move this time showed that China has not given up its tactics of solving East Turkistan problem through intimidating Uyghurs and decieving international community.

The Ministry of Public Security of China has done very poor job in fabricating the evidence of "terrorism". The information concerning number of incidents, the allegedged damages and

organizational connection are very far from reality. In the document released by Chinese government, it was claimed that East Turkistan Youth Union is the western Asian arm of World Uyghur Youth Congress. In reality, such a branch of WUYC doesn't exist. The WUYC affiliated organizations include Belgium Uyghur Youth Union and Kazakhstan Uyghur Youth Union. It was also claimed that WUYC is responsible for anti-Chinese incidents that occurred in 1993 in Kashgar and in 1995 in Hotan. In fact, WUYC did not exist at that time. It was also claimed in the report that I sent a person named Muhemmed Wupur to the border area of Uzbekistan and Afghanistan for training and helped him to reenter Germany. However, no such an Uyghur exists in Germany and as a matter of fact Wupur is not an Uyghur name.

Any opposition movements in East Turkistan, irrespective to its nature and character, have been labeled as Separatism and Fundamentalism by the Chinese government. The dissidents there have been labelled as Separatists and Counter-revolutionaries. Therefore, I was not surprised when even Uyghur political activists, which includes me, were labelled as terrorists. It is a known fact that Chinese Communist Government doesn't tolerate any opposing views and movements to its rule. They are ready to crush such movements by any possible means. About fifteen years ago, they manifested such tendency by slaughtering the peaceful pro-democracy student protesters in Tianmen Square using its military machine. I believe that the terror created by that brutal crackdown has not been faded from the memory of international community.

Today, the Chinese government is trying to manipulate the international war on terrorism to achieve its evil designs, that is to silence and crush peaceful Uyghur political movements abroad. I hereby call on the international community to thwart China's effort of hijacking the legitimate cause of international war on terror and support Uyghur people's legitimate and non-violent struggle for human rights and its right of self determination.

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