

A photograph of a street in Xinjiang, China. In the foreground, several people are walking. A woman in a brown jacket and white headscarf is walking towards the camera. To her right, another woman in a dark jacket and light blue headscarf is walking. In the background, there are buildings with traditional Chinese architecture, including a white building with a blue arched entrance. Large Chinese flags are visible on the left and right sides of the image. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Realities behind Western  
Propaganda

Factual Analysis of Xinjiang

The great western Propaganda  
game

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# XINJIANG: CUTTING THE CONVERSTAIION ONCE FOR ALL

IICR IN COLLABORATION WITH CNIE

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WORDS

Islamabad Institute of Conflict Resolution aims to draw strategically comprehensive analysis on the contemporary conflicts. Moreover we not only aims to draw analysis but also to present foreseeable way-forward to the peaceful end of the conflicts.

I personally believe that it is that time when our country need think-tanks to play actively the role they are destined to. It is time that nation works collectively to overcome national and international hurdles. Yet there is a marathon to run in this regard

Sincerely,

**Ms. Sabah Aslam**

**Founder/Executive Director IICR**

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# ABOUT IICR



Islamabad Institute of Conflict Resolution (IICR) is an autonomous, independent research based think tank which believes in ethics of research. Regular research is conducted with the aim of a deep and insight based analysis in order to resolve various issues associated with peace and conflict at the domestic, regional and international level. IICR has a vibrant team of experts, researchers and scholars who have immersed themselves to make the purpose a success.

## **Mission**

Apart IICR believes in conducting in-depth research keeping research ethics into consideration. Our mission is to conduct an independent and unbiased research to propose sound solutions and policy recommendations to deal with humanitarian and security challenges of Pakistan and the region. In addition, we are closely monitoring China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), its progress and its implications for not only Pakistan but for the whole region.

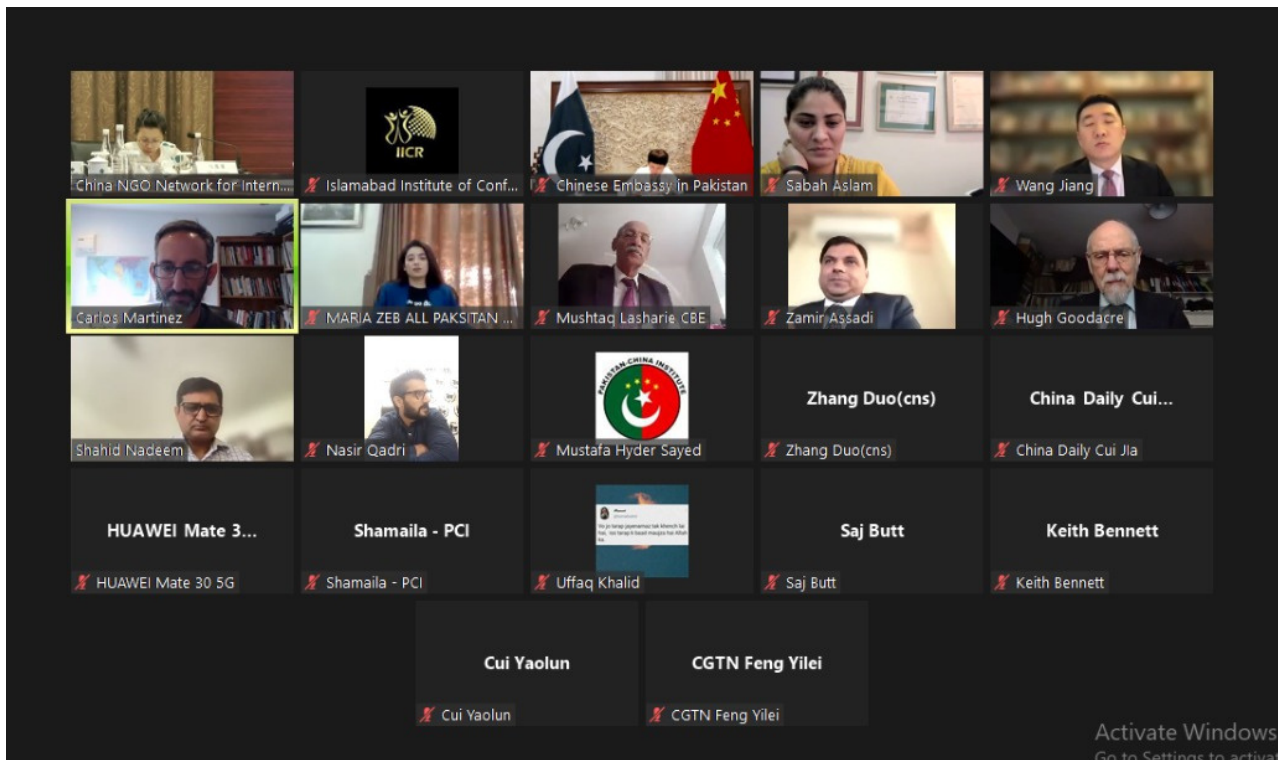
## **Goals**

- a) To conduct in-depth research on issues concerning Pakistan.
- b) To identify key areas of cooperation especially in the field of security.
- c) To document, disseminate and strengthen peace and conflict resolution efforts through analytical discourse.
- d) To identify, articulate and evaluate conflict issues through research and other academic pillars i.e. round-tables, workshops, seminars, and conferences.
- e) To promote post-conflict rehabilitation while initiating and contributing to local, national, and regional peace and conflict transformation initiatives.
- f) To remain committed to promote core social values, as well as public awareness and practice of constructive conflict resolution.
- g) To enhance socio-economic and security environment through informed dialogue, and debate on key issues.
- h) To critically analyse Pakistan's political, socio-economic and foreign policy challenges and to support efforts to integrate the country.
- i) To integrate youth in research work particularly to conflict resolution and making peace efforts.
- j) To secure friendly and cooperative international system, &
- k) To present actual positive image of Pakistan.

## **Publications**

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# Summary



In order to bring western orchestrated propaganda against China and Muslims of Uighur, Xinjiang Province it was imperative to have such discussion which dissects propaganda from realities. Islamabad Institute of Conflict Resolution in this regard organized a webinar in collaboration with China NGO Network for International Exchanges (CNIE). The speaker panel included voices from Pakistan, China and Britain. Panelists

### **Concept Note:**

There has been much fallacies surrounding the China and its autonomous region of Xinjiang. International organizations and countries are arbitrarily drawing conclusions to undermine or humiliate China diplomatically. Moreover, flexing their influence on institutions international organization are also lop siding upon the western speculations. Certainly Abu-Gharib diminishes from international eyes and Xinjiang erupts. It would have been much easy if the organizations and counties showed any will to listen what China has to say in this regard, however blinded by the hate sentiments counties like US wanted to play it diplomatically to overcome its China Syndrome. Through much deliberation West is trying to re-create Xinjiang as genocide by China. Despite China has said that all efforts are done in order to curtail the threat of terrorism and extremism.

In this regard Islamabad Institute of Conflict Resolution (IICR) in collaboration with the China NGO Network for International Exchanges (CNIE) is organizing an online conference during the 48th session of the UN Human Rights Council to bring into limelight the western poor approach of maligning other states with false propaganda and present to the international audience the dynamic picture of its development and the stories of the common people.

**Program:**

**Moderator:** Ms. Ma Jingjing, Program Manager, CNIE

**Welcome Remarks**

**Ms. Sabah Aslam**, ED, Islamabad Institute of Conflict Resolution (IICR)

**Mr. Liu Lujun**, Secretary-General, CNIE

**Speeches:**

1. **Ms. Xu Lvping**, Vice-President of CNIE, former Vice-Minister of the International Department of CPC Central Committee
2. **Dr. Wang Jiang**, Research Fellow, Institute of China's Borderland Studies, Zhejiang Normal University, China
3. **Mr. Carlos Martinez**, an independent researcher and political activist
4. **Ms. Maria Zeb**, Culture Program Manager, All Pakistan Chinese Overseas Youth Federation
5. **Muhammad Zamir Assadi** is a journalist with Independent News Pakistan
6. **Mr. Mustafa Hyder Sayed**, Executive Director, Pakistan-China Institute

**Concluding Remarks**

**Ms Pang Chunxue**, Minister-Counselor of the Embassy of China

## Conference Proceedings

### Online Conference on

### *Xinjiang: Cutting the Conversation Once for All*

On 24 September 2021, the Islamabad Institute of Conflict Resolution (IICR, an Islamabad based think tank) and the China NGO Network for International Exchanges (CNIE) held an online conference of international experts to expose the Western media's propaganda in relation to the treatment of Uyghur Muslims in Xinjiang. The online conference titled *Xinjiang: Cutting the Conversation Once for All*. The webinar was aimed at highlighting the western propaganda against China and Muslims in Xinjiang province.

The esteem panelists included: **Sabah Aslam**, Executive Director, Islamabad Institute of Conflict Resolution, **Mr. Liu Lujun**, Secretary-General, CNIE, **Ms. Xu Lyuping**, Vice-President of CNIE, former Vice-Minister of the International Department of CPC Central Committee, **Mr. Carlos Martinez**, author and co-editor of Friends of Socialist China, **Dr. Wang Jiang**, Research Fellow, Institute of China's Borderland Studies, Zhejiang Normal University, China, **Ms. Maria Zeb**, Culture Program Manager, All Pakistan Chinese Overseas Youth Federation, **Mr. Muhammad Zamir Assadi**, journalist with Independent News Pakistan, **Mr. Mustafa Hyder Sayed**, Executive Director, Pakistan-China Institute, **Ms. Pang Chunxue**, Minister-Counselor of the Embassy of China in Pakistan



**Keynote speech by Mme. Xu Lyping**  
**at the online conference “Xinjiang: Cutting the Conversation Once for All”**

China NGO Network for International Exchanges and Islamabad Institute of Conflicts Resolution of Pakistan jointly organize this online conference to have candid and in-depth discussions on topics of common concern, which is timely and necessary. In order to maximize their own interests, a few western countries have fabricated and spread lies about Xinjiang, maliciously discredited the Communist Party of China and the Chinese government, with extremely sinister intentions, and their actions have been despised by people in various countries. Now, I would like to make a few comments on the situation in Xinjiang:

Firstly, Xinjiang is the beautiful homeland for people of all ethnic groups.

Both history and reality have proved that Xinjiang nowadays enjoys the best period of prosperity and development in history, with people of all ethnic groups living in harmony and working in peace and contentment. The living standards, health and education of ethnic groups have been widely improved. Thanks to the efforts of the people of all ethnic groups, Xinjiang has been free from violent terrorist cases for more than four consecutive years. The society is safe and stable, and the people's sense of security has been greatly improved. It is the people living in Xinjiang who know it best.

A number of Uyghur people in Xinjiang made video statements at the 46th and 47th sessions of the UN Human Rights Council, saying that people of all ethnic groups in Xinjiang enjoy full freedom of employment. They can work anywhere and their labor rights and interests are protected by law. As for their right to reproduction, from 2010 to 2018, the population of Uyghurs in Xinjiang increased by 25 percent, 12.5 times that of the Han population in Xinjiang during the same period.

Many foreign friends who have studied, worked or lived in Xinjiang for a long time say that Xinjiang is home to diverse cultures, and different ethnic groups have their own customs, traditions and dietary habits. People can freely use their own ethnic languages, and all signs in daily life are bilingual in Uyghur and Chinese. There are radio and TV channels broadcasting programs in various

ethnic languages here as well. The rights to religious belief, culture and language are respected and protected by law. It is a beautiful homeland where people of all ethnic groups live a happy life.

Second, Xinjiang is an important model for targeted poverty alleviation and rural revitalization.

The living standard of people of various ethnic groups in Xinjiang has been raised significantly through programs of industrial poverty alleviation, education, medical and health services, as well as infrastructure and housing projects for low-income families. A light industry park was set up in Xinhe County of Aksu. In the past, people of poor families would stay idle at home in winter time, now they can work in the nearby factories. They can not only earn money, but also take care of the old people and children. The gross enrollment rate of senior high school is 98.82% while that of higher education has reached 46.79%. All people have been covered by the National Basic Medicine System. All highways and railways in Xinjiang have been interconnected while 21 airports for civil purpose are in operation. Over 10 million people have moved into new houses. The problem of safe drinking water for 4.62 million farmers and herdsmen has been solved properly. In November, 2020, with the 32 poor counties in Xinjiang removed from the poverty list, the problem of absolute poverty was resolved historically. At present, Xinjiang is striving to consolidate the results of poverty alleviation, steadily increase employment and income and quicken the pace of rural revitalization.

Third, Xinjiang is the right place of opening-up and integration.

Seeing is believing. In recent years, More than 1,200 diplomats, journalists and religious people from more than 100 countries visited Xinjiang. They have walked into bazaars, mosques and visited ancient towns and farmer's houses. By conducting face-to-face exchanges with local people and on-site interactions with students of vocational education and training centers, they have learned better about the achievements of Xinjiang in promoting social stability, people's livelihood and economic development. They have told others openly and freely about their impression on Xinjiang. Noting that there are no such things as violations of human rights, religious discrimination, genocide or forced labor in Xinjiang, they hope to deepen cooperation with Xinjiang in the fields of anti-terrorism, economy and trade, culture and tourism.

As the bridge linking China with the markets of Central Asia, the Middle East and Europe, Xinjiang is at the core position of the Silk Road Economic Belt and the largest logistics center among all the countries along the Belt and Road. By seizing the opportunities and implementing the strategy of "going out" and "bringing in", Xinjiang is becoming a robust region for opening-up, integration and win-win cooperation.

Through the brand programs and platforms such as "the Silk Road Community Building initiative" and SIRONET(Silk Road NGO Cooperation Network), CNIE and its member organizations have contributed to the development and progress of Xinjiang in various fields such as poverty alleviation, education, medical and health care. In the course of their work, CNIE and its member organizations also truly feel that Xinjiang's is secure, stable and constantly developing, and the people there are living and working in peace and contentment.

Facts speak louder than words. The facts and truths about Xinjiang are there, which could by no means be easily covered up by a few anti-China forces. Justice takes roots in the hearts of the people. People from all over the world will surely see the real situation in Xinjiang with their own eyes and the purpose of anti-China forces. We believe that Xinjiang will have an even better future.

### **Chinese Transcription:**

#### **在主题视频边会上的讲话**

(供徐绿平同志参考)

中国民间组织国际交流促进会和巴基斯坦冲突解决研究所共同举办此次主题视频边会，邀请各方就共同关心的话题进行坦诚、深入的沟通、探讨，十分及时、必要。一段时期以来，少数西方国家为谋取自身利益最大化，大肆制造、传播关于新疆的谎言，恶意抹黑中国共产党和中国政府，用心极其险恶，面目极其丑陋，其行径为各国正义人士所不齿。下面，我就新疆的情况谈几点看法：

## 第一，新疆是少数民族群众幸福生活的美好家园。

历史和现实证明，今天的新疆正处于历史上最好的繁荣发展时期，各族人民和睦相处，安居乐业。少数民族的生活、健康和受教育水平普遍提升。经过各族人民的努力，新疆已经连续4年多没有发生暴恐案件，社会安全稳定，人民群众安全感大幅提升。对此，生活在新疆的人民群众最有发言权。

在联合国人权理事会第46、47届会议上，多位新疆维吾尔族群众视频发言表示，新疆各族人民享有充分的就业自由，可以到任何地方工作，劳动权益受法律保护。生育权也得到充分保障，2010年至2018年，新疆维吾尔族人口增幅为25%，是同期新疆汉族人口增幅的12.5倍。

长期在新疆学习、工作、生活的很多外国友人表示，新疆拥有多元的文化，各民族有着不同的风俗传统和饮食习惯。在这里，人们可以自由地使用自己民族的语言，生活中的各种标识都是用汉语和维吾尔语双语，当地还有各种民族语言播放节目的广播、电视频道。在这里，各民族的宗教信仰、文化和语言权利都得到了法律的尊重和保护。置身于这样一个各族人民幸福生活的美好家园，他们流连忘返。

## 第二，新疆是精准脱贫和乡村振兴的重要样板。

通过重点开展产业扶贫、发展教育事业、加强医疗卫生健康服务、完善基础设施建设、加强安居工程建设等，新疆各族人民生活迈上了大台阶。阿克苏地区新和县建设了轻工业园区，当地贫困户以往到了冬天就在家闲着，现在可以到家门口的集装袋生产车间工作，不仅能挣钱，还能照顾家里的老人孩子。全疆高中阶段毛入学率达到98.82%，高等教育毛入学率达到46.79%。国家基本药物制度实现了全覆盖。全疆实现了公路、铁路互联互

通，民用运输机场数量达到21个。全疆1000多万群众喜迁新居，462多万农牧民饮水安全得到妥善解决。2020年11月，新疆32个贫困县全部摘帽，绝对贫困问题得到历史性解决。当前，新疆正着力巩固脱贫攻坚成果，稳定扩大就业增收，加快乡村振兴步伐。

### 第三，新疆是开放融合的好地方。

眼见为实。过去几年，100多个国家的1200余名外交官、记者和宗教人士访问了新疆。他们逛巴扎、进寺院、游古城、访农户，与新疆各族群众面对面交流，和职业技能教育培训中心的学员们现场互动，深入了解新疆社会稳定、民生改善和经济发展取得的新成就。他们根据在新疆的真实所见所闻，发自内心地认为新疆根本不存在所谓侵犯人权、宗教歧视、宗教灭绝和强迫劳动的情况，期待与新疆在反恐、经贸、文化、旅游等领域深化合作。

作为中国通往中亚、中东和欧洲市场的桥梁，新疆位于丝绸之路经济带的核心位置，是“一带一路”沿线国家中最大的物流中心。新疆抢抓机遇，努力实现“走出去、引进来”相结合，正在变成一片开放融合、合作共赢的经济热土。

中促会动员会员组织依托“丝路一家亲”、丝绸之路沿线民间组织合作网络等品牌和平台，在扶贫、教育、医疗卫生等多领域为促进新疆发展进步作出贡献。中促会和会员组织在工作过程中，同样切实感受到新疆的社会安全稳定、发展持续向好、人民安居乐业。

事实胜于雄辩，关于新疆的事实和真相就摆在那里，绝不是少数反华势力重复几个谎言、导演几出闹剧就能轻易掩盖的。公道自在人心，各国人士一定会用雪亮的眼睛看清新疆的真实情况和反华势力造谣抹黑的真实目的。全世界秉持公平正义的人民必将共同戳破谎言，新疆的明天也会更美好！



### **1. Prof. Dr. Wang Jiang**

While speaking to the forum Dr. Wang Jian highlighted that genocide is the most serious crime for mankind. China has always supported the fight against and prevention of genocide.

Unfortunately, even there is no valid evidence to prove that the genocide occurred objectively, or to prove any subjective intention, some countries and third parties still made groundless accusations and attacks on China in the so-called name of "Xinjiang genocide." In fact, it is very irresponsible to draw a conclusion based solely on hearsay evidence.

As far as the international community concerned, fight against genocide is our common goal. However, we need be especially alert to the tendency of this term to be abused. Some related political statements and actions have been far away from the definition and application of the legal term, which have had destructive effects on both the political and legal levels. Many cases show that the legal term of genocide has been continuously "weaponized" and "politicized" and has become a low-cost tool for interfering in the internal affairs of other countries. Due to the weak position of developing countries in the field of international media, they are more likely to become victims of this phenomenon. This will undermine the international consensus and will not help human rights protection.

### **2. Mr. Carlos Martinez**

Living in the West - in London, England - I'm exposed to very intense media propaganda in relation to Xinjiang.

When I read the newspapers, or I watch the debates in the Houses of Parliament, I see accusations of Chinese genocide against Uyghur Muslims, of cultural genocide, of forced labour, of forced sterilisation of women, of prison camps.

Even though the evidence presented is extremely weak, these stories have become a media sensation in the West, and have already led to the introduction of some sanctions against China by the US, Britain, Canada and the EU. Some politicians are even calling for a boycott of the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics.

The story has penetrated popular consciousness to some extent. It is becoming harder to say anything positive about China. For example to talk about China's successes in lifting hundreds of millions out of poverty, or defeating the Covid-19 pandemic, or assisting developing countries, or investing in renewable energy, or constantly improving the living standards of its people. Increasingly it seems that to praise China is to be labelled as a "genocide denier".

Of course, genocide is a very serious charge. Genocide is defined under the United Nations Genocide Convention as the purposeful destruction in whole or in part of a national, ethnic, racial or religious group.

It is rightly considered to be one of the gravest crimes against humanity. Therefore it is not the sort of accusation that should be used carelessly and without evidence. But that's exactly what's happening. Jeffrey Sachs, the very well-known economist at Columbia University, writes that:

"Joe Biden's administration has doubled down on the claim that China is mounting a genocide against the Uyghur people in the Xinjiang region. But it has offered no proof, and unless it can, the State Department should withdraw the charge. The charge of genocide should never be made lightly."

There are a number of reports claiming the the Chinese government is attempting to "destroy the Uyghurs as a group," mainly by using coercive birth control measures.

But the sources of the reports are entirely discredited. The so-called research comes almost exclusively from two sources: Adrian Zenz, and the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI).

Adrian Zenz is presented as a politically neutral data scientist with a passion for human rights. In fact, he's a professional anti-communist and China slanderer; a senior fellow at the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation, established by the United States Congress in 1993 specifically to denigrate socialist countries.

ASPI meanwhile is an Australian government think tank. It is funded by the Australian Department of Defence, the US Department of Defence, NATO, the US State Department, Britain's Foreign Office, the Japanese embassy in Australia, Taiwan's cultural office in Australia, and several weapons companies including Lockheed Martin, BAE Systems and Raytheon. It is deeply involved in the business of New Cold War and the militarisation of the Pacific.

These sources are absolutely not credible. They are organs of information warfare being deployed by the US and its allies.

The facts about Xinjiang speak for themselves.

The Uyghur population from 2010 to 2018 increased from 10.2 million to 12.7 million, an increase of 25 percent. In the same period, the Han Chinese population in Xinjiang increased by just 2 percent.

Meanwhile, if there were a genocide taking place in Xinjiang, wouldn't we expect to see a refugee crisis? Wouldn't we expect to see refugee camps set up on the borders with Pakistan and Kazakhstan?

For example, the US waged genocidal wars in Iraq and Libya, leading to the displacement of millions of people - to a refugee crisis that is still continuing today. How is it possible that China is carrying out a genocide but not creating any refugees?

A slightly more sophisticated accusation is that the Chinese government is engaged in cultural genocide; that it seeks to destroy the Uyghur identity, Uyghur traditions, Uyghur beliefs.

And yet, one goes to Xinjiang and there's no evidence of any such activity.

There are 25,000 mosques in Xinjiang. Three times more than there were in 1980. This is a very strange type of cultural genocide where the number of mosques increases by a factor of three.

All schools in Xinjiang teach the Uyghur language. All students in Xinjiang learn the Uyghur language, regardless of their ethnicity.

I personally went to Ürümqi in January 2020, with a group of friends. We walked around freely and certainly didn't see any evidence of religious or ethnic oppression. In fact we saw hundreds of Uyghur Muslims, wearing distinctive Uyghur clothing, going about their normal lives.

We ate in Uyghur restaurants, where we had halal food and where alcohol wasn't available. We heard the Uyghur language being spoken freely everywhere. All road signs have both Uyghur and Chinese writing. Newspapers can be seen everywhere in the Uyghur language.

The Pakistani Ambassador to China, Moin ul Haque, recently participated in a diplomatic observer mission to Xinjiang. He rejected the accusations of human rights abuses, describing Xinjiang as

“a mosaic of 50-plus ethnic minorities, and these ethnic minorities exist in a very peaceful and harmonious manner.”

Anyone who visits Xinjiang would have to conclude that the accusations of cultural genocide are unfair and inaccurate.

What we see with these accusations is a very familiar pattern: the imperialist media uses slander and fake news in order to win broad public support for their governments' foreign policy. One famous example of this is the so-called Tonkin Incident, which the United States took advantage of to massively escalate its war in Vietnam - a war in which at least three million civilians lost their lives.

When the US and Britain wanted to win public support to attack Iraq, they invented a story that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction and was ready to use them against the West. NATO's armies proceeded to destroy a country and kill hundreds of thousands.

When they wanted to win public support to attack Libya, they invented stories that Gaddafi was using rape as a weapon of war, or Gaddafi's armies were getting ready to perpetrate a massacre. NATO's war planes then proceeded to destroy a country and kill tens of thousands.

All this propaganda regarding Xinjiang is intimately connected with the US-led New Cold War on China, which is a project of hybrid warfare designed to slow down China's rise, to maintain US hegemony and prevent the emergence of a multipolar world.

China's rise, China's success, its emergence as the world's largest economy, its leading role in the struggle against the pandemic, its crucial role in the struggle against climate breakdown, its orientation towards the Global South and the developing world - these all constitute a threat in the eyes of the Western powers.

This is the core reason for the slander, for the propaganda, for the information warfare. It is simply a part of the US-led New Cold War, of which China is the most direct target, but which is in fact directed against the entire developing world, against the Global South, and against the idea of democratic, multipolar system of international relations based on cooperation, peace, sovereignty and non-interference.

Those of us in the West must work harder to expose the lies that are being spread about China, as these are part of a Cold War campaign which runs counter to the interests of humanity.

### **3. Mr. Muhammad Zamir Assadi**

*Xinjiang prosperity: Evidence from the facts*

Excellency, Mr Ambassador, Ladies and gentleman.

I am very delighted to be a part of this noteworthy panel on this very important issue that has gained the attention of international community following the peaceful social and economic development regarding Xinjiang

The remarkable and valuable developments of northwestern Xinjiang autonomous region cultivated with the collective efforts of Chinese central and provincial governments has dismissed the propaganda peddled by Western elements.

Under the visionary leadership of communist party of China, the pluralistic and diverse region has gained notable achievements on both economic and social levels by providing quality living standards from last many years.

Xinjiang, the home of colorful ethnic communities known as a resource rich region has been emerging as a magnet for investors for its unique position on the Silk Road.

The exact facts and figures about the economic and social development of this regions clearly dispel the so called propaganda of western think tanks, media and the institutions.

As per a recent report, foreign trade in Xinjiang is witnessing booming growth and the figures indicate that the region recorded around 97.4 billion Yuan in foreign trade in the first eight months of this year, up 9.5 percent year on year.

From January to August of 2021, Xinjiang's exports reached 76.51 billion Yuan while its imports exceeded 20.88 billion Yuan.

The region's foreign trade with countries along the Belt and Road notched up about 85.5 billion Yuan, marking a robust 14.6-percent growth year on year and accounting for 87.8 percent of its total foreign trade during the same period.



This data shows that all ethnic groups in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region enjoy equal rights of economic development and are moving steadily towards the goal of prosperity.

The sustainable economic development of the region has helped in achieving common prosperity and improving the several of indicators of stable living.

The factual reports from China about Xinjiang region are the clear manifestation of the attention given to this harmonious land for durable development and prosperity in every aspect.

Since the People's Republic of China was founded in 1949, the Chinese government has attached great importance to documenting and protecting the excellent traditional ethnic cultures in Xinjiang, and ensuring that they are passed on to succeeding generations.

Various ethnic cultures of Xinjiang have their roots in the fertile soil of Chinese civilization, advancing their own cultural development while enriching the overall culture of China.

But the western mindset does not want to see and accept this development in a peaceful way as it is not in their vested interests.

Western ideology of interference being witnessed in previous years does not need any logical evidence to interrupt and tease other independent countries.

Western governments only focus on achieving their strategic goals by disturbing others in an undignified manner.

I have spent a very good time in China as a journalist and experienced a high level of religious freedom for Muslims residing in various regions. I have also offered five time daily prayers in mosques and enjoyed the fasting in China in the holy month of Ramadan with my other Muslim colleagues belonging to different countries.

We also celebrated our Eid-ul-fitr and Eid-ulAdha in China with full religious zeal and zest and that have become the memorable parts of our stay in the country that is the 2nd largest economy of the world.

I met with Muslims in various provinces of China who shared with us that the Chinese government is attaching equal importance to protecting the culture of all ethnic groups in Xinjiang, and citizens' right to freedom of religious belief is also guaranteed.

Muslims in China noted that all ethnic groups in Xinjiang have equal rights to protect their distinct traditional culture, languages and words. This confirms that China will not deal with this region in any distinction from other regions.

It has been noted that Xinjiang now has over 20,000 mosques, about 29,000 clerical personnel, and 103 Islamic associations at all levels.

To date, China Islamic Institute, and Xinjiang Islamic Institute and its branches have trained more than 4,000 students.

Mosques are generally equipped with running water, electricity, natural gas, and easy road access. The mosques also have facilities such as communication tools, water dispensers, medical services, and fire-fighting appliances.

More than 40 Islamic publications in different ethnic minority languages are distributed in China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region.

The Quran and "Selections from Sahih al-Bukhari" have been published in standard Chinese, Uygur, Kazak and Kirgiz languages.

The government has arranged charter flights and provided assistance for Muslims to go to Saudi Arabia for pilgrimage and more than 50,000 Muslims in Xinjiang have made the trip.

So all these facts and figures show that the United States aims to practice its manipulation of Xinjiang-related issues for political purposes.

In my opinion, US has bundle of issues to be solved on urgent basis for the satisfaction of local public and improving the governance amid the ravaging impacts of COVID-19 that is still effecting American society at large.

With the efforts and consistent policies of Chinese government, Xinjiang has prospered and will move forward on a right path of development and will always respond with contentment to all the biased political allegations of so called elements.

#### 4. Ms. Maria Zeb

First of all our federation extends congratulations to Mr. Xi Jinping and People's republic of China on its 72<sup>nd</sup> National Day. China has gotten allegations from all over the world, I want to give my explanation and answers to all of the allegations. China is not against any Religion especially not against Muslims religion or believes. There are emerging allegations day by day from Europe, World Uyghur Congress against China. World media group is with World Uyghur Congress, and they highlight all the false allegations emerge from World Uyghur congress. Because at 2019 I myself specially visit Xinjiang, Urumqi, Gulja, aksu, kashgar, khutan, turpan, yarkan, kargalic, kuchar, I have seen by myself that all the allegations from western media that No.1 was destroying mosques in Xinjiang. It was nothing close to the truth. When I visited, I have seen renovation on all the mosques because when I visited China at 2010 for the first time, I saw mosque in their real conditions and honestly speak most of them were very old, and seeing mosques having renovated and made a safe place for worship I really liked it and thank to Chinese Government for doing that. And there was a big problem of literacy rate and Xinjiang was leaving behind at the race of Economic power, not only that but Xinjiang was getting its people leading towards terrorism in such literacy times. At 2009 there was a huge terrorist attack occur, where old and young people were murdered in Xinjiang Urumqi, whole world knows this incident. Which already came to media but this was never highlighted by western media but it was a serious matter. And kunmen terrorist attack, Beijing terrorist attack, 2014 railway station terrorism attack in Xinjiang was never highlighted by western media. and as soon as Mr. Xi Jinping came to China he started working against terrorism and not him but all world is against terrorism. China government has taken some steps against terrorism and those steps were necessary which helped China to fight terrorism successfully and now after this people of Xinjiang are secure and living a safe and wonderful life. China government fight against terrorism and extremism and human right and Uyghur culture protection in Xinjiang. As soon as China President Mr. Xi Jinping became president for the first time. And at 2014 he Visit Xinjiang, China starts working for development among Uyghur people, and first community to get the benefits by this development was Uyghur Community such like building new free homes for them who were safe as compared to their old weak houses. And just by the passage of time Muslims started living a happy life and thanks to the President Mr. Xi Jinping. Chinese President took the first step against terrorism so the Muslims communities will never be going to affect by them, and a lot of Muslim people who were lack of knowledge and

education got free education from the Chinese Government by free China language centers where whoever can join it and there will be no fee or age restrictions and by today's date these education camps by western media. Reason why these language centers were made is Xinjiang businessmen and people hold higher degree could go all across China and can communicate in their national language because for a country its national language is as important as its development. As we all know English language is an international language which is national language of UK or USA and people even pay money to learn this language, but China offers to Uyghur Muslims in China to learn Chinese Language so they can be a part of the Country's development. This is a benefit to a country and its people, why is there a problem to western media of China supporting its national language? No. 3 western media allegation that China is destroying Uyghur Muslim Language and Culture. Now if I talk about Culture then I myself have seen Uyghur culture on every step I took when I was in Xinjiang, I can see people dancing in Uyghur style and even on sign boards I can see Uyghur language be written on top and then Chinese language at the bottom and even in TV I see Uyghur language be using more often than Chinese including in Songs and NEWS channels, at end I want ask western media which Uyghur Muslim culture was destroyed by China. No. 4 Allegation is China is damaging Muslim graves and destroying them. When I visited myself, I saw hundred years old mosque were newly renovated and got fixed by the government of China and this even can be seen on online video evidence. No. 5 The allegation against China of making Uyghur families getting separated from each other. When China Government made new free houses of Uyghur Muslims because to give them better residence in City area and develop the economy of country. No 6 Xinjiang development and construction is such highly developed that you can see some viral videos on internet about it, even I was amazed seeing sky scrapers, fly overs and museums. China government had developed Xinjiang in such way that Xinjiang tourism is so well that not only people from outside the country but even people living in inner China comes to Xinjiang as they believe it to be more far better than going to any other country for tourism and tourism is beneficial for a country and for the city which is popular for its beautiful development. No 7. Just like university education finished every country's youth needs jobs opportunities. In other country people have to find job itself but China government helps its own people to get jobs right after they graduate. So, world Uyghur congress are putting allegations of China making its people work for free and not paying them a penny. No. 8 Chinese Language free education center was named education camps by western media and World Uyghur congress, they

should be ashamed of their words, I need answer from world Uyghur congress and western media on all of these false allegations. No. and these fake allegations were taken to UK court by world Uyghur congress, and some of the artists Uyghur look alike were made to tell false stories about their lives. I want to give the world a small example, and even a small pet cries Infront of animal, human can get emotional seeing them. These people with fake evidence and crying Infront of western media and taking advantage from western side of the world. China government is calling western media and people to come and visit China and see by themselves and see if there are any allegations to become true, China is call all of them to see the reality by them selves but they are not ready to visit China, Xinjiang. Maybe reason will be that today China on its being economic powerful and being a super power country, so that's what will be the reason they don't want to see China being the great. ALL PAKSITAN CHINESE OVERSEAS YOUTH FEDERATION and its youth members who are more than a million, which are strongly against of all western media false allegations.

### **5. Mr. Mustafa Haider Syed.**

The last time I visited Xinjiang there was a young Muslim Uighur boy who was selling really delicious and warm hot bread, which I had the pleasure of enjoying in his shop. And then it was a very interesting, small story that I bumped into a Pakistani man who was at a jewelry shop in the Grand Bazaar. And he was married to a Uighur lady. They were married for many, many years, and they were very happy. So what I saw from my own eyes, in 2019, was a lot of harmony, a lot of happiness, a lot of stability, which couple of years ago was not there.

Recently, the Xinjiang government and the Central Committee of the CPC has been successful in eliminating violence in Xinjiang, and in restoring stability, which is a very important milestone. It is a big success because terrorism and extremism is a shared challenge of all countries, including Pakistan, China, regional countries and other countries in the West as well. Terrorism is a common threat. I think rather than discrediting countries for undertaking counterterrorism, we must support the countries for undertaking counter terrorist initiatives, because terrorists have no religion, ethnicity, or nationality, they are borderless, and they face and pose a common challenge to humanity.



Secondly, when we talk about Xinxiang, I think we need to talk about a broader phenomenon, what is happening, and some of the speakers earlier have mentioned that. It's not only Xinxiang, it's Taiwan. It's Hong Kong is the Belt and Road initiative. It's the Communist Party of China. There is a choreographed campaign, which reeks of the Cold War mentality, which is maligning China.

This policy, ladies and gentlemen is nothing new. It's not only about China, it is a policy of regime change. That has been in the works by the United States. Since a long time, before, there was the red threat of the Soviet Union. We remember that Vietnam was invaded, Afghanistan was invaded. There was the Soviet threat, the red threat, and many countries were invaded, Geneva Convention violated that we have to save the world from communism. After the red threat, there was this great Islamic threat we have to Islamic terrorism, as they called it. They said Iraq has weapons of mass destruction. Iraq was invaded the whole social fabric of the country destroyed. Same happened in Afghanistan and now you know what the situation in Afghanistan. Similar happened in Iran in a neighboring country.

The new target of the United States is the CPC. There is a choreographed demonization of the Communist Party of China, which is the biggest political party of the world of over 90 million members, the biggest political party of the world. But let us compare I think we have to compare what the CPC has undertaken in the past 30-40 years and what the US has done in the past 30 to 40 years. I think that is the best factual way of understanding the situation.

A New York Times report stated that the Donald Trump, a former president, Donald Trump, called his predecessor, Jimmy Carter, former President Jimmy Carter, and said, how do how do I deal with China? They're getting ahead of us. Jimmy Carter replied, The difference is that for the past 20 years, China has been focusing on economic development and has not been at war with anyone, and for the past 20 years, we have been at war.

This is Jimmy Carter, the former president of the United States, telling Donald Trump that the past 20-30 years of development since the reform and opening up in 1978. China has risen peacefully through soft power, not through military might.

You see, the problem is that the weaponization of human rights is something that we are seeing. When in Egypt. General Sisi overthrows Morsi. It is given legitimacy there, there's no human

rights problem, because the new military chief and the military government is in the political interest of the United States.

The United States deals with countries like Saudi Arabia, which is a monarchy, there is no talk of human rights. But when it comes to China, all of a sudden there is the sympathy for Muslims who they have destroyed and massacred all over the world. And all of a sudden realized Human rights. So we see the selective application of human rights and the weaponization.

The World Uighur Congress was mentioned earlier. If you go on the national endowment of democracy, which is funded by the State Department, and the US Congress, the world Uyghur Congress is financially supported by the National Endowment of democracy.

So I think it's high time that the policies of regime change and interference in other countries is to be rejected. These policies have to be called out.

And my last point about counterterrorism under the pretext of counterterrorism. The United States has invaded half of the world Iraq, Libya, Afghanistan and it led to nothing but creating more hostility in the world. The United States has Guantanamo Bay, which is a breach of the Geneva Convention, and a complete contravention of all human rights. President Obama had said we are going to close the Guantanamo Bay where people were kept without any charges for years, and they were tortured. The People's Republic of China if it has a reeducation Center, where extremists or people who are inclined to use violence are reeducated and a kept within certain parameters. Why is that a problem when other countries have bombed, other countries have invaded other countries for guard before their interests and for counterterrorism? Why the People's Republic of China cannot within its sovereign territory of xinjiang, can have reeducation camps, and reeducation centers are China has every right to do so we don't we China should not be apologetic about it. China should not be defensive about and we should have a fact and evidence based conversation of what the other countries have done for that.

**Concluding remarks by**

**Ms Pang Chunxue,**

**Minister-Counselor of the Embassy of China**

Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests, Well, good afternoon.

It gives me great pleasure to attend this online conference. First of all, I would like to express my appreciation for Islamabad Institute of conflict resolution, and the China NGO network for international exchanges for organizing this event, which provides us a very good opportunity to bring Xinjiang to what it is.

We have many speakers expressed their views they also shared with us their own experience about visiting or living or working in Xinjiang I think all of these have given us a very clear picture of what Xinjiang is.

I think all of us acknowledges that unprecedented achievements and social economic development of Xinjiang. Our speakers have mentioned that people of all ethnic groups in Xinxiang, including over 11 million Uighurs are now living a very happy life and enjoying the security of peace and happiness there. Also the Xinxiang economic develops very sturdy, and the people's living standards improved very significantly in recent years.

People of all ethnic groups in Xinxiang enjoy the freedom of religious beliefs receive education, use ethnic languages, and inherit their on traditional culture. Xinjiang has upheld the principle of not linking terrorism with any particular region, ethnic group or religion, and changes fight against terrorism and de radicalization is in line with the spirit and the requirements of the rule of law.

Compared to the 1000s of violent terrorist attacks from 1996 to 2016, there has been zero violent or terrorist case reported over the past four years. To keep our people safe, is the basic commitment made by the Chinese government and the Chinese Communist Party. As we all know that the allegation of genocide, or any forced labor is all of fabricated stories.

Those who tell lies on Xinxiang are aimed at pursuing their own anti China political agenda. They care nothing about facts and the truth at all. Nor did they actually do anything good to contribute. Instead, what they did with Muslims is such a hypocrisy.

Let's look at the crimes committed by the US and its allies over the Islamic world for all these years.

I found it particularly ironic that they're pointing fingers at others. Not mentioned some Western countries have been plagued by serious human rights problems such as radical discrimination, or racial discrimination, forced labor and gang violence, and even committed crimes, including genocide of First Nations illegal military intervention, and in this indiscriminate killing of other countries civilians, they do not reflect on their own problems, but pretend to be the defenders of human rights.

Their true intention is to de-stabilize Xinjiang and China in general. In the name of the human rights protection out of their ideological bias and political agendas. They spread the rumors of Xinjiang and imposed unreasonable sanctions against the local industries and companies.

Their purpose is to separate Xinjiang industry and an overall development of this region. And by doing so, they want to tarnish China's image interfering China's internal affairs and curb China's development.

Ladies and gentlemen, as we all know that Xinjiang is the nearest place of China to Pakistan. And it is also the starting point of China Pakistan Economic Corridor under the Belt and Road initiative. Xinxiang development is closely connected with that of Pakistan with the stability and prosperity in Xinjiang.

The Chinese government will continue to promote high quality development featured by ethnic solidarity social progress and improving living standards of residence in Xinjiang. And we have reasons to believe that any attempt to destabilize Xinjiang and contain China's development will doomed to fail, and will be opposed by more and more justice upholding people like Pakistan as well as other countries in the world. Seeing is believing, and the lies can never erase the truth.

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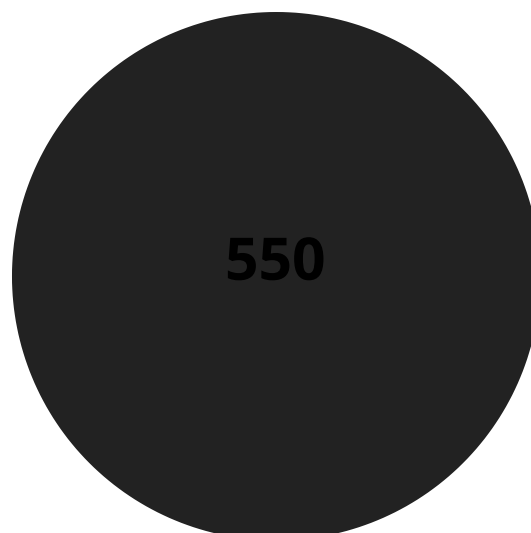
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