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The Australian government must take a stronger stand on China Call on consumers to find alternative to Chinese products

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Last week's heart-breaking video interview with [Qelbinur Sidik](#) shows the international community that we must all rethink our relationship with China.

China's mistreatment of ethnic groups and religious minorities has become the stuff of nightmare, it is a holocaust in the making. China has brought back mass concentration camps for millions of innocent people, it has converted places of worship into [public toilets](#) and [danceclubs](#), it has replaced [religious teachings in churches with cheap and empty communist slogans](#), China's economic growth has brought with it horrific [human rights violations](#).

Reports indicate that as many as [3 million Uyghur Muslims](#) are held in Chinese concentration camps that Chinese authorities refer to as "Re-education" camps. In these horrific Auschwitz style camps, Muslim women and men [endure torture, brainwashing, rape including gang rape, medical experiments, sterilisation](#) and are forced to perform acts contrary their religious beliefs and culture.

Amongst the atrocities committed against Uyghurs:

- The [genocide](#) of possibly [millions of Uyghur people](#)
- The forced [sterilisation](#) of Uyghur [women](#)
- The [Organ harvesting](#) from Uyghur Muslims
- The injection of [foreign \(Han\) males into Uyghur homes to cohabit with wives and daughters of men that were disappeared or imprisoned by Chinese authorities](#).
- [Disappearing people](#).
- The use of Uyghurs as [forced labour](#) including in factories heavily impacted by [Covid 19](#).
- The [ban on religious rituals](#) such as fasting
- The [forced change of the Uyghur language](#).
- [Torture or threat of torture](#) of the kin of [Uyghur activists living abroad](#) and forced repatriation under threat to their persons and or their kin.
- [Demographic change](#) by forced population shifting and murder reducing the Uyghur population of East Turkistan by more than 25%.



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Xi Jinping has transformed China into an expansionist pariah state where human beings are mere commodities whose sole purpose is to serve communist expansionism.

China is attacking its neighbours and buying or taking over ports, subjugating nations and challenging Australia over the Pacific Islands.

In order to build its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) or One Belt One Road (OBOR) nightmare, China has manipulated a number of nations through its predatory loan schemes forcing several to give up precious land for China to use for its BRI/OBOR nightmare that will place the world under its mercy.

The international community must take China's threat very seriously, the treatment of Falun Gong, Uyghurs, Christians, Buddhists and even Chinese by the Communist state is a form of dictatorship that will expand to be imposed over other nations if the world community does not take a stand now.

"All people who care about human rights must divest from China and establish alternatives. All decent citizens must look for alternatives to "made in China". It is time to boycott products that are made in China." Said Dr. Rateb Jneid, President, Australian Federation of Islamic Councils.

"I call on the People's Republic of China to cease and desist from its inhuman practices and to commence a program that will purge its leadership of human rights abusers. We will continue our campaign until China restores all rights to the Uyghurs and other minorities." Said Dr. Jneid

"Last week, over 100 cross-party British MPs and peers wrote to the Chinese Ambassador to protest the treatment of Uyghurs. It is about time governments the world over take the step and unite against China's predatory practices and human rights abuses. I call on the Australian government and all Australian political parties to speak strongly in support of human rights in China and to take the necessary measures to hold China accountable for its actions." Said Dr. Jneid

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