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UIGHUR LIVES MATTER



# STORY OF HAVING DIFFICULTY PERFORMING SAJDAH IN THE 3RD ROW







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# GAMEPLAN

- Raise awareness
- Why it matters
- What can you do



# QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- Why don't people care about the Uighurs?
- What can we do to help the Uighurs?



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"Never again"









“Imam, I don't care about what's going on other parts of the world. We have issues too”

-COMMENT FROM A CONGREGANT





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detention  
center

re-education  
camp

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**BEFORE**



**AFTER**





WHY ARE MANY  
COUNTRIES SILENT?





# One Belt, One Road



# MEHDI HASAN GRILLS CHARLES LIU, INFORMAL ADVISER TO THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT



- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZs4PqKlph0>
- 14:30 - 23:50



# WHAT DO THE UIGHURS WANT?

## No more camps

China must close all concentration camps and release all those unjustly held.

## Religious Freedom

China must allow Uighur Muslims to live their lives according to their Muslim faith.

## Family Respect

No taking away of children or placing men as forced guests in Uighur family homes.

## Uighur Identity

The freedom to be Uighur without interference from the Chinese government.

## Condemnation

Condemnation of what China's arbitrary detentions and human rights abuses in East Turkestan.

## Protection of Life

Protection of the life of all Uighur people currently being held in concentration camps or prisons.

## Communication

Allow Uighurs living abroad to visit their homelands and resume all communication of Uighurs with the outside world.

## Accountability

Allow members of international organizations to visit East Turkestan to document and bring to light abuses and loss of life.

# POINTS TO KEEP IN MIND

- Distinction must be made between terrorists and innocent people
- Not fair to equate separatism with terrorism



# Write and call to the Chinese Embassy

Speak to them about the following issues.

## No more camps

China must close all concentration camps and release all those unjustly held.

## Religious freedom

The government of the People's Republic of China must grant freedom of religion to Uyghurs and the Turkic Muslims according to the Article 36 of the Chinese constitution which says that citizens "enjoy freedom of religious belief."

## Family respect

China must respect families by not taking away children and not inserting Chinese men into Uighur family homes.

## Contact Information

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# WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Inform your local masjid or faith center
- Organize presentations and fundraisers
- Use social media to amplify stories
- Boycott Chinese made products– do not be complicit in slave-labour



# WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO?

- Pressure governments to provide legal protection to Uyghur refugees-exiles by either citizenship or refugee status.
- Build alliances with all people of conscience to demand a cessation of China's oppression of all faith groups, be it Muslim Uyghur, Hui, Christian or Tibetan Buddhist
- Demand academic and financial support for Uyghur scholars and students.
- Inquire about Uyghur diaspora members in your area.