

Press Release

What happened to the fact that Turkey is a haven for the Oppressed Citizens?

President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, traveled to Beijing, the capital of China, to participate in the “Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation”, met with the Chinese President Xi for 45-minutes closed to the press. Among the delegations of the two countries made an agreement regarding, “*the mutual extradition of the criminals, the transport in the international roads and the establishment of mutual cultural centers with the People's Republic of China*”. The President of the Republic of Turkey Erdoğan answered the question of the journalists about “the mutual extradition of the criminals” which was, “Will there be a specific extradition?” as following, “Let’s not say specific there are some who we have mentioned. There are those who are within the scope of the high commissariat of the UN refugees, those who are within the EU. And the ones that are apart from that are in the first stage. Apart from all of this, if there are some that are available to extradition, it will be done. If it is within the laws, they can be returned.”

The occupying Chinese state has been massacring Muslims of Turkestan for many years. He forbids all the orders of Islam and orders to do all the forbidden things with pressure and torture! In this case, the Muslims of Turkestan are left with two options: either prison and torture or death! Or to find a safe country - if they can cross the seas – and take shelter in countries like Turkey. Here, President Erdogan closed this door to the Muslims of Turkistan who wanted to live an honorable life by escaping from Chinese tyranny two days ago. However, President Erdogan said about 2.5 months ago: “*Anatolia, these lands are the homelands of the immigrants. For centuries, these lands have become a safe haven for the oppressed people.*”

So what is this agreement with the People's Republic of China? Does President Erdoğan not know that the Chinese state is an occupying state? Does he not know that China sees the Muslims of East Turkestan as “terrorists” or “criminals”? Will Turkey surrender those who came with good hopes by leaving the lands they grew up to live their religion, to a murderous state with this agreement made? Is this to be a safe place for the oppressed? What kind of agreement is this? What kind of a bargain is this?

Other than that; before the visit to China, 21 Muslims of East Turkestan consisting of men, women and children wanted to be extradited to China. When the public reacted to this, the decision was temporarily suspended. In the same way, operations and arrests were made and are continued under the name of “ISIS” for the Muslims coming to Turkey from Turkestan region. We ask you! How do you stamp a woman in her 80’s as a terrorist? For what reasons do you keep babies who are 40-days old in custody? When are you going to give up sacrificing Muslims in real politics in every international agreement made?

O Muslims! Turkey's deal with China is a tremendous betrayal to the Muslims of Turkestan. Rasulallah (saw) said: «المُسْلِمُ أَخُو الْمُسْلِمِ، لَا يَظْلِمُهُ، وَلَا يُسْلِمُهُ» “**The Muslim is the brother of the Muslim, he is not unjust with him nor does he forsake him.**” Then show your brotherhood to them in favor of them. Rasulallah (saw) said: «إِنَّ النَّاسَ إِذَا رَأَوْا الظَّالِمَ فَلَمْ يَأْخُذُوا عَلَىٰ يَدَيْهِ أَوْشَكَ أَنْ يَعْمَهُمُ» “**If people see an oppressor but do not stop him, then Allah will punish them all.**” Then it does not matter from who the persecution comes from, stop this cruelty!

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