

January 14, 2022

Her Royal Highness Princess Reema bint Bandar bin Sultan bin Abdulaziz Al Saud
Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
601 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20037

Via Electronic Mail: usemb@mofa.gov.sa

Re: Requesting Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Not Extradite Uyghur Muslims to China.

We write to Her Royal Highness in regard to Hemdullah Abduweli and Nurmemet Rozi, two men currently in the custody of the Saudi government. Mr. Abduweli is a Muslim religious scholar who traveled to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with his friend Nurmemet Rozi to perform the hajj. On the evening of November 20th, 2020, the two men were detained in Mecca, and it has been reported that the Saudi government intends to extradite them to the People's Republic of China.

The Chinese government has been waging a campaign of cultural and physical genocide against Uyghur Muslims and other Muslim ethnic groups in China's Xinjiang Province since 2017. Well over two million Uyghurs are in "re-education" concentration camps across Xinjiang. In these camps, the Chinese Communist Party engages in systematic torture, beatings, rape, forced abortions and sterilizations amounting to genocide, and forced labor among countless other horrific crimes against humanity and international law.

Due to their devotion to the Islamic faith and their Uyghur identity, Mr. Abduweli and Mr. Rozi are in grave danger should they be deported to China. They are likely to face to detention and torture at the hands of the Chinese government, and may even be killed. Neither Mr. Abduweli nor Mr. Rozi have been charged with a crime in China or in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Arabia is the blessed land of the two holy mosques. It is the land of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). Muslims should be safe from persecution within its borders. We beseech Her Royal Highness and the Saudi government not to deport Hemdullah Abduweli and Nurmemet Rozi to China. We humbly request the Saudi government send them back to their families in Turkey. Their lives are in your hands.

With urgency,

Alberta Uyghur Association
American Muslim Alliance

Arizona Muslim Alliance
American Muslims for Palestine
Australian Uyghur Tangritagh Women's Association
Baitulmaal
Boston College Muslim Student Association
Bridges for Yemen
Campaign for Uyghurs
Central Valley Islamic Council
Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)
Dar Al-Hijrah
Downtown Islamic Center (Chicago)
DSA-Muslims
Free Uyghur Now
George Mason Muslim Student Association
George Mason Save the Children
Helping Hand for Relief and Development (HHRD)
Human Rights Solidarity
ICNA Council for Social Justice
ICNA Relief USA
International Institute of Islamic Thought
Islamic Association of North America
Islamic Center of Detroit
Islamic Center of Irving
Islamic Center of Naperville
Islamic Center of Passaic County
Islamic Center of San Diego
Islamic Center of Wheaton
Islamic Community Center of Illinois
Islamic Council of Oklahoma
Islamic Cultural Center of Fresno
Islamic Shura Council of Southern California
Islamic Society of Boston University
Japan Uyghur Association
Jewish Movement for Uyghur Freedom
Justice for Uyghurs - Switzerland
Majlis Ash-Shura, Islamic Leadership Council of New York
Mercy Without Limits Inc
Muslim American Society (MAS)
Muslim Education Center, Charlotte, NC
Muslim Forum of the Pacific Northwest
Muslim Legal Fund of American (MLFA)
Muslim Student Association at Michigan State University
Muslim Ummah of North America (MUNA)
Muslims Giving Back
North American Imams Federation (NAIF)
North Central College

NY4HK

Rhodes College Muslim Students Association

Save Uighur, Justice for All

SoCal Students for Uyghur Justice

The Burmese Rohingya Association of North America

The Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago

The International Women's Alliance for Family Institution and Quality Education (WAFIQ)

The Mosque Cares

The Mosque Foundation

The Muslim Students Association at University of Houston

Together We Serve

UConn Hartford MSA

UConn Muslim Student Association

United Hands Relief

United Mission for Relief and Development (UMR)

UNLV Muslim Student Association

US Council of Muslim Organizations (USCMO)

Uyghur Academy Europe

Uyghur American Association

Uyghur Association of Victoria, Australia

Uyghur Human Rights Project

Yale MSA

Yale Uyghur Freedom Group

Young Muslims Inc.