

# STOP UYGHUR GENOCIDE

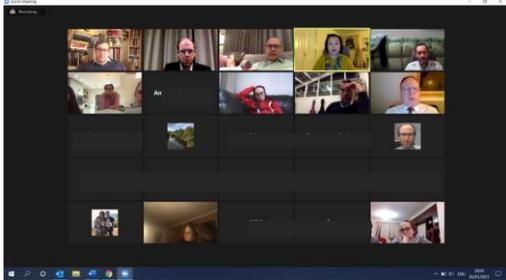


Following the powerful presentation on the terrible plight of the Uyghurs, we would like to set up a focus group to determine what tangible and meaningful next steps we as a community and as individuals can take to make a difference. Please contact [info@magenavot.com](mailto:info@magenavot.com) if you would like to help strategise how to take this forward.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

**STOPUYGHURGENOCIDE** is a UK based cross community, cross party coalition of all faiths and none, lead by the World Uyghur Congress, London Office (Director, Rahima Mahmut). We work with a wide variety of campaign groups, the general public and extensive Parliamentary contacts.

**The Uyghur Genocide:** The Uyghurs are a Turkic Muslim minority, less than 1% of China's population. After their homeland was invaded in 1949 they suffered systematic discrimination by China's Communist Party (CCP) which, since 2014, has developed into what Canada's Parliament declared "constitutes genocide" under the Genocide Convention." Up to 3M are interned in concentration camps. There is widespread Slave labour, forced organ donation, forced sterilisation of women, with removal of nearly 1M children from their families into boarding schools forbidding the Uyghur language and Islam. Advanced digital surveillance & biometrics underpins the genocide. Simple acts like phoning relatives abroad, using Whatsapp, growing a beard, owning a Koran, or praying results in arrest and internment. The CCP's aim is to "break their (the Uyghurs') legacy, break their roots, break their connections and their origins", destroying them as a religious and cultural entity.



**Our strategy:** Is to attack the CCP's chief aims- achieving widespread individual material prosperity and restoration of China's world leadership role- by seeking sanctions on responsible officials of state and non-state entities, restrictions on trade or collaboration with companies or institutions with critical roles in the Genocide (including use of forced labour), and removal of China from international sporting, technological and scientific collaborations or prestige projects.

**Our aims:** Close all camps; Release all prisoners; Restoration constitutionally guaranteed religious & cultural freedoms; Stop forced labour, sterilisation, organ harvesting and family separation; Allow contact with families abroad,



## THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP:

**ASK YOUR MP TO SUPPORT THE GENOCIDE AMENDMENT**  
<https://genocideresponse.org/> allowing Uyghurs to ask the High Court for legal ruling on Genocide and to revoke/prevent a preferential trade deal

## DONATE:

<https://uk.gofundme.com/f/stop-uyghur-genocide> - we are entirely voluntary and urgently need money for a part time PR specialist and a part time fund raiser.

## WRITE TO YOUR MP:

[www.stopuyghurgenocide.org.uk/mppledge](http://www.stopuyghurgenocide.org.uk/mppledge) - 200 Parliamentarians have signed our pledge demanding Government action to implement our strategy – but we need more.

## DON'T BUY:

Products of Slave Labour (CHINESE cotton, PPE or Wigs; NIKE, ZARA, UNIQLO, VW) or from Companies involved in Surveillance (HUAWEI, Hikvision, Dahua, Bytedance, SenseTime, ZTE).

## PETITIONS:

Sign whatever you can. [www.stopuyghurgenocide.org.uk](http://www.stopuyghurgenocide.org.uk) has petitions to NIKE, VW and supporting Human Rights sanctions on individual officials.

## PROTESTS:

The 5<sup>th</sup> of each month at 6.00pm outside the Chinese Embassy <https://uyghursolidarityuk.org/>.  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 6.00pm at the Chinese Cultural Section, 11 West Heath Road, Hampstead NW3.  
Volkswagen showrooms (every day) - [www.stopuyghurgenocide.org.uk](http://www.stopuyghurgenocide.org.uk)

## RECEIVE UPDATES:

Join our SUG activists Whatsapp Group by applying by email to [sheldon.stone@uyghurcongress.org](mailto:sheldon.stone@uyghurcongress.org).

## SPREAD THE WORD ON SOCIAL MEDIA:

We have lots of content that will raise awareness of the plight of Uyghurs – but only if you share it on social media (Twitter: @uyghurstop, Facebook: stopuyghurgenocide and Instagram: stopuyghurgenocide).



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## SUMMARY BRIEFING ON GENOCIDE AMENDMENT TO THE TRADE BILL <https://genocideresponse.org/>

### What does this cross-party amendment do?

It seeks to deter genocide by preventing the UK striking preferential trade deals with countries committing genocide. It allows the UK's High Court to make a preliminary legal determination of genocide, on application by a representative of a people facing Genocide from any state, and on that basis, revoke or prevent any preferential trade deal with that state.

### Why is it needed?

The Uyghur diaspora need a judicial decision regarding what is happening in their homeland as governments repeatedly tell them they cannot fulfil their obligations under the Genocide Convention to punish and prevent genocide, without one. Currently the only route for such a decision is the United Nations, where China has a veto, or the International Criminal Court, to which China is not party. The amendment provides a mechanism to circumvent these difficulties via the High Court.

### Would the courts be besieged by frivolous vexatious claims e.g. against Israel?

Expert legal opinion from the former Deputy President of the Supreme Court (Lord Hope of Craighead) and Sir Geoffrey Nice QC (lead prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia) considers that the amendment, being limited to genocide, and having a high burden of evidentiary proof, prevents and disincentivises vexatious politically motivated claims (e.g. against Israel, which is not suspected of genocide by credible bodies).

### Will it restrict current and post Brexit Trade?

No. There is no current or planned preferential trade deal with China. The Department of Trade considers it will have no effect on striking post Brexit deals.

### Isn't genocide determination a matter for the Foreign Secretary?

No. Foreign office policy is that a determination of genocide is a matter of judicial decision for the international courts or national criminal courts meeting accepted due process standards.

### Does it undermine the UN?

No. This mechanism complements the UN system and allows states to meet its obligations to the UN's Genocide Convention to prevent and punish Genocide. A full determination of genocide through the international system can and should still be sought.

### Why is your help needed?

Despite its large Lords' majority, the January vote in the Commons will be very tight, with the Government whipping and briefing against it. Constituency pressure on MPs to support the Amendment will be critical. It takes 45 seconds to send a letter to your MP: <https://genocideresponse.org/>