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AND LEGENDS OF THE GREAT UIGHUR EMPIRE

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Dedication

This work is dedicated to all peoples maintaining a peaceful struggle to preserve their cultural and linguistic identity in the face of state-sponsored attempts to erase their language, culture, and traditions.

Ilham Tohti's efforts to unite the citizens of the Peoples Republic of China exemplify the deeds of a great man. Knowing his words and actions to create an understanding of the peaceful Uyghur culture would cause his imprisonment, he continued to speak out against the harsh policies inflicted on his people. After receiving a life sentence for 'Separatist' crimes, he wrote these words:

After seeing the judgment against me, contrary to what people may think, I now think I have a more important duty to bear.

Even though I have departed, I still live in anticipation of the sun and the future. I am convinced that China will become better, and that the constitutional rights of the Uighur people will, one day, be honored.

Peace is a heavenly gift to the Uighur and Han people. Only peace and good will can create a common interest.

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