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## **FOREWORD**

When we talk about Eastern Turkistan actually we are mentioning the name of the most oppressed, the most colonized and most unjustly exploited part of Turkic World. But it is not widely known.

Eastern Turkistan, is the name of the geography where Turkic peoples' basic rights are violated. That's why even the change of the name of this country to "Sinkiang" means "the newly won land" is good example of how this country became the victim of assimilation policies. E. Turkistan is the heart of Asia. "Strategical heart of Asia! It is the geography where approximately 50 million Turks are still existed. Disregard of settlement of thousands of Chinese into this country in order to change the demographic situation, this is the whole case. Out of 148 mines in China, 118 of them are in E. Turkistan. Gold, silver, copper, uranium, lead are some of these. Massacres are still continued as they had been the case in the past.

E. Turkistan is not the subject of E. Turkistan only. This is not an individual question or personal case. It would be enough to feel and sense this as a Turk. I believe that many people in Turkey must be rescued from this evil of unconsciousness. We went to Crimea for the "day of sacrifice (Kurban Holiday)" some years ago. Before we went, the question asked to us was "Do you have any bondage with Crimea?" "No, I said, being a Turk and a human being will be enough and must." I don't have to be from Western Thrace or belong to some other Turkish ethnic groups or minorities in order to defend the human rights of native people of those regions. For this reason, we must approach the Turkish issue from democracy and the human rights point of view and every scholar in Turkey have to be involed to these subjects. We are going to deal with a Turkic World where forced birth controls, nuclear testings and genocides, untriated executions widely used. For this reason to deal with those people and intolerable facts are our humanitarian task. By the way it is debatable whether human rights are reserved only for European people or not.

For a long time those who dealt with these issues are considered as shovenist. But now situation is different and many events opened to people's eyes. Those who come aganist the subject dealing with the Turkistan abroad Turanism support it now. The subject of Turkish World, which marginalized then, had became major issue of today.

Consequently I would like to point out the previous official visit of Jiang Zemin, the president of China to Turkey in April 2000. Turkey may create more political and economical relations with various countries notably China. In this process Turks of Eastern Turkistan should play a constructive and peaceful role between the two countries and bridge good will. In order to open the way, it is necessary to establish a common human rights watch committee in order to prevent new abuses of human rights and violations in China. Before doing that and realising new efforts these is no need to reward the president of China with "State Prize". Unfortunately that prize was given to the president regardless of the intolerable violations, genocides, handicapped people left behind from the nuclear testings, untriated executions in China. I would like to hope a better future for Eastern Turkistan, peace and stability and hope that the ones who are deeply involved with human rights in Turkey, pay more attention to the most colonized and most unjustly exploited part of the Turkic World.

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