



# Xinjiang and the Genocide Question

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For over a decade, China's western province of Xinjiang has been the site of growing domestic unrest. Typified by demonstrations, ethnic tensions and sporadic incidents, this disorder has been classified as "terrorism, separatism and religious extremism" by regional officials, who have instituted extensive security measures in response. They have done so with the official support of national authorities, with no less senior a person than Chinese General Secretary Xi Jinping himself instructing party officials to "show no mercy" in pacifying Xinjiang...