

## Drones will help Xinjiang fight terror



Border guards in the Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region direct a drone to patrol border areas in the region recently.

The Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region plans to deploy drones to patrol its borders as it further tightens security this year, a senior official said.

“Xinjiang will deploy drones, set up barbed wire and install surveillance cameras along the border to prevent people crossing the border illegally,” Jerla Isamudin, deputy chairman of the region, said in an interview. Xinjiang needs to further enhance cooperation in exchanging terrorism-related intelligence with neighboring countries, he said.

The region has been working on connecting People’s Liberation Army border control units to the power grids since 2014 to provide an efficient electrical supply to high-tech equipment. In 2017, 29 more frontier defense companies in Xinjiang will have electricity and will not have to rely on unstable solar energy and diesel generators, PLA Daily reported in March.

Northwest China’s Xinjiang neighbors eight countries, including Pakistan and Afghanistan, and it has a border of more than 5,600 kilometers. It has been China’s main battleground in the fight against terrorism.

Many terrorists who carried out attacks in the region in recent years received training abroad and then entered illegally, and some also fled across the border, according to the regional police authority. Chinese authorities believe the penetration of religious extremism from abroad has prompted people to carry out violent attacks in Xinjiang and other parts of the country in recent years.

Shohrat Zakir, the region's chairman, said in January that Xinjiang would impose tighter entry-exit measures in 2017.

In 2016, the regional legislature passed a regulation on border control, which took effect in December. The regulation requires people living along border areas to report strangers to public security authorities within 24 hours. Also, those who damage surveillance equipment along the borders will be punished in accordance with the regulation.

Nayim Yassen, director of the Xinjiang People's Congress Standing Committee, the regional legislature, said the committee will examine the works on border control and give suggestions for improvements later this year. Xinjiang sees keeping the region stable as a priority.

Chen Quanguo, the region's Party chief, has said the local security situation is an important index in evaluating officials.

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## Labour will put 10,000 more police on the streets to cut crime

Labour is today committing to provide funding to the 43 forces across England and Wales to hire an extra 10,000 officers operating in community policing roles. We will provide the framework to enable community engagement and funding to ensure at least the equivalent of one more bobby per electoral ward.

It will mean an extra police officer dedicated to community policing in each electoral ward in England and Wales to tackle crime for the many not the few.

- Labour will add 10,000 new police officers for England and Wales
- Paid for by reversing cuts to Capital Gains Tax
- Reported crime is rising under the Tories, up for almost every police force
- Under Theresa May, the Tories have cut over 20,000 police officers since 2010
- They have also broken their pledge to protect the police budget
- Labour will protect current police levels and not cut the police budget

Almost every police force in the country recorded an increase in crime over the last year, with worrying rises in some of the most violent offences, including gun and knife crime and homicide. Since 2010, under Theresa May, police numbers have been cut by 20,000. Labour will reverse cuts to Capital Gains Tax which will more than fund these new officers in addition to guaranteeing current police levels.

**Jeremy Corbyn MP, Leader of the Labour Party, will make the pledge on a visit to Southampton on Tuesday 2 May. He will say:**

“Cutting police numbers especially when there is more crime to deal with is unacceptable. That’s why Labour will put 10,000 new police officers on our streets. The safety of our communities is vital to us all.

“Community policing means uniformed officers being visible, local and accessible. They engage with the public, have a detailed local knowledge and build a network of relationships.

“That’s why Labour will reduce crime by putting more police in the community to make sure policing works for the many not the few.”

**Diane Abbott MP, Labour’s Shadow Home Secretary, she will say:**

“Theresa May failed to protect communities as Home Secretary and has continued to fail them as Prime Minister.

“Labour will reverse the Tories’ tax breaks for the rich, providing new money that can be used to put a bobby on the beat in every electoral ward in the country. We will reinforce confidence in our police forces, with a renewed focus on working with communities, and for communities to fight crime.”

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## **[John McDonnell’s speech to May Day rally at Trafalgar Square](#)**

**John McDonnell MP, Labour’s Shadow chancellor, speaking at the May Day rally in Trafalgar Square today, will say:**

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I want to  
thank you all for letting me speak here today.

There are  
those in the Tory press who will wish to paint this gathering in a negative  
light, but this rally on a day like today is really about the positive  
contribution many hardworking people in our country make.

And how  
we can protect them, for the future of our country depends upon it.

Our  
country is divided following the Brexit vote last year. And the Tories seek  
to  
divide it further.

Today's  
deeply worrying revelations on the reckless handling of the EU  
negotiations only act as further proof for why we need a Labour Government  
leading the negotiations with our European allies to ensure jobs and  
living standards are protected.

Not a  
Tory Party prepared to take our country over a cliff-edge.

This  
Government is not just in another galaxy when it comes to Brexit but also  
when  
it comes to solving the problems the silent majority of working families face  
in our country.

Therefore,  
it falls once again to our movement to come together and unite our country,  
and  
stand up for the many suffering under a Tory Government that only  
rewards a rich few.

That is  
why it is vital this remains a peaceful protest, so as not to give our  
enemies  
in the Tory press the ammunition they need to misrepresent our peaceful  
intentions and goals to the public.

Today's  
May Day rally must be remembered for its purpose – to focus all our minds on  
removing a Tory Government.

And it  
falls on each and every one of us to be upbeat and take that peaceful  
positive

vision of a Britain reborn on the 9th of June to each and every doorstep over the next few weeks.

But it is not protest alone that changes these things. Changing government policy is the ultimate aim.

And changing this Government in its entirety is our ultimate goal right now.

Yesterday, I announced Labour's 20 point plan to transform our workplaces from the shop-floor right up to the boardroom.

Today, Jeremy Corbyn announced Labour's plans to reform the housing market, to give renters the protections they desperately need.

But we can only achieve those goals if all of us here today take this passion out into the communities in our country, win the arguments on the doorsteps, and in our family and friendship groups, to get a Labour Government elected next month.

Today may be the 1st May, but let's make June 8th the last day of Theresa May and her Tory Government.

And it is vital we do this.

As this is a Tory Government that has presided over a country in which our nurses have to rely on foodbanks, yes that's right. Nurses, the heroes of our NHS. Abandoned by this Government.

And all this Tory Prime Minister can say about it is there are "complex" reasons.

It just shows how out of touch and how little she and her party really care about the problems facing hardworking people in our country.

The reasons why people use foodbanks are not complex – they use them because they are hungry and cannot afford to feed themselves.

And many of them are in that position because of seven wasted years of Tory economic failure.

That's  
why we need a Labour Government that will stand up for the many, and not the few.

We are  
all here today to speak up for the silent majority of working people that have  
never met an opinion pollster, but have experienced seven years of Tory  
austerity, and are now more than ever feeling the pinch of those policies.

The  
nurses using foodbanks.

The  
teachers holding raffles to afford books for their pupils.

The  
people sleeping rough on our streets, homeless without somewhere to sleep  
tonight.

The  
parents who are worried about paying the bills as their wages can't keep up  
with the prices in the shops, and worry about keeping a roof over their  
children's heads.

Or those  
people who just want to get on the property ladder and get on in life,  
but cannot afford a mortgage. Their aspirations are risked by a reckless Tory  
Brexit and what it means for our economy.

This is  
what we mean by the Tories' rigged economy. And why we must end it.

Because  
those families struggling to get by – something this Prime Minister will  
never  
understand – need a Labour Government to put fairness at the heart of our  
economy  
again.

That is  
why we are here, united to stand up for the silent majority of working people  
in our country.

But it  
cannot remain silent and will not remain silent for very long.

That is  
why all of us here today need to make sure that our voices are heard, and  
that  
when we leave, we persuade as many people as we can to get out and vote next  
month.

As  
nothing is a certainty.

We can  
change this country.

Right  
now, there are six million people earning less than the living wage in our  
country, and four million children set to grow up in poverty.

But they  
do not have to be in this position.

We can  
change this, and we will.

And all  
we have to do is change the Government by getting as many people as possible  
to  
vote Labour on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June.

This will  
be the biggest political battle we have ever known.

But  
remember we are fighting for the future of our country.

The  
choice is a Tory future in which nurses use foodbanks, and millions live in  
poverty and low pay.

Or a  
Labour future for the many, with a high wage, high skill, fair economy of the  
future.

Put  
simply, it is a choice between a Labour Government that stands up for the  
interests of the many in our country, not a Tory Government that only stands  
up  
for a rich few.

So let's  
go out there, and let's win this fight.

Solidarity.

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## Theresa May's rigid and complacent approach to Brexit negotiations risks leading Britain over a cliff edge – Starmer

**Keir Starmer MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Exiting the EU**, commenting on today's reports about Theresa May's meeting with Jean-Claude Juncker last Wednesday, said:

"Whatever the purpose of these leaks, this is a deeply worrying account and further evidence that Theresa May's rigid and complacent approach to Brexit negotiations risks leading Britain over a cliff edge. It is clearer by the day that an extreme Tory Brexit poses a severe risk to the British economy and to people's jobs and living standards.

"Theresa May talks about strengthening her hand, but in reality she has misjudged her hand at every turn, weakening Britain's position. By refusing to acknowledge the complexity and magnitude of the task ahead the Prime Minister increases the risk that there will be no deal, which is the worst of all possible outcomes.

"In pursuing a rigid and complacent approach, the Prime Minister now finds herself marginalised and isolated across the continent. Since day one, she has been driven not by the national interest, but by the interests of the Tory party.

"We urgently need a new approach. Labour will seek a new collaborative partnership with our European allies. We will guarantee the rights of EU nationals, immediately setting a different and more positive tone.

And we will rebuild relations with the EU and make sure that jobs, the economy and rights come first."

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## China's first autonomous region marks 70th birthday





Worshippers pray for good fortune during a grand memorial ritual for the 13th-century great conqueror Genghis Khan at the mausoleum of Genghis Khan in Ordos, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, April 17, 2017. The annual spring ceremony for Genghis Khan has been practiced for nearly 800 years. Worshippers stepped into the shrine, offering hada, a ceremonial silk scarf, and tea bricks, among other offerings. Genghis Khan's relics are enshrined at the site. [Xinhua]

Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, the first province-level autonomous region established in China, celebrated its 70th birthday with a gala Monday.

More than 1,000 people dressed in traditional Mongolian costumes performed dances and Mongolian music on a square in Ulanhot city in the east of the region, where the regional autonomous government was founded on May 1, 1947.

Inner Mongolia covers an area of 1.18 million sq km, about 12 percent of the country's land area. The Mongolian population is 4.6 million, nearly one-fifth of the region's total.

Over the past 70 years, the region's economy has expanded from 537 million yuan (78 million U.S. dollars) to 1.86 trillion yuan (270 billion dollars), ranking first among the country's five autonomous regions. Its foreign trade volume increased from 11 million dollars to 11.7 billion dollars over the same period.