

UN Human Rights Chief's report on Xinjiang, China: Foreign Secretary's statement

Press release

Liz Truss gave a statement after the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights report provided new evidence of China's human rights violations in Xinjiang.



UK Foreign Secretary Liz Truss said:

The [report by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights](#) provides new evidence of the appalling extent of China's efforts to silence and repress Uyghurs and other minorities in Xinjiang.

It includes harrowing evidence, including first-hand accounts from victims, that shames China in the eyes of the international community, including actions that may amount to crimes against humanity.

This includes credible evidence of arbitrary and discriminatory detention, torture, sexual and gender-based violence, violations of reproductive rights, and the destruction of religious sites. UN member states must now be given the opportunity to consider the report fully.

The UK has already led international efforts to hold China to account at the UN, imposed sanctions on senior Chinese government officials, and announced measures to help ensure no UK organisations are complicit in these violations through their supply chains.

We will continue to act with international partners to bring about a change in China's actions, and immediately end its appalling human rights violations in Xinjiang.

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