

# China recruits 13 more in its Axis of Shame

*Another 13 countries, including Iran, signed the letter supporting the CCP's horrific treatment of Uyghurs and other Muslims in Xinjiang*



Winter (29.07.2019) – <https://bit.ly/2Kuq0kr> – China continues its efforts at recruiting fellow travelers into its Axis of Shame of countries prepared to sign letters defending the indefensible and claiming that Xinjiang is a heaven of human rights. According to these letters, the dreaded transformation through education camps, where thousands are tortured, killed, or led to commit suicide are in fact “vocational schools.”

The original Axis of Shame, a label Bitter Winter is proud both to have created and to see increasingly used by others, included 37 countries. The CCP has now announced that 13 more have signed, mentioning Iran, Iraq, Sri Lanka, Djibouti, and Palestine. Indeed, that Iran, another egregious violator of religious liberty, was missing among the original 37, was

somewhat surprising.

Most countries sign, but realize that what they are doing is not honorable. They are ashamed to be part of the Axis of Shame. They ask the CCP not to make their names public.

Others, among the original signatories, support the CCP with statements and interviews. Some belong to the category of involuntary humor. An "expert" working for Saudi Arabia claimed that, before the enlightened activities of the CCP happily opened their minds, Muslims in Xinjiang were "close-minded." Perhaps nobody informed the Saudis that the CCP uses "de-saudization" as a synonym of "de-radicalization," claiming that the resurgence of Muslim pride in China is due to the evil influence of Saudi Arabia. Or can we expect that CCP experts will be invited to Saudi Arabia to "open the mind" of local Muslims?

More involuntary comic relief was offered by statements from the Venezuelan and Cuban embassies in Beijing. The Cubans said that their government is opposed to any efforts aimed at "regime changes" in China and elsewhere. One may vaguely suspect that by "elsewhere" they mean Cuba.

Venezuela stated that "China's leadership in human rights is indisputable." This is literally true in Venezuela. Those who would "dispute" that all is well in China, a staunch ally of the Maduro regime-or in Venezuela, for that matter-would go to jail.

What the CCP believes it can achieve by putting together such a shameful circus of human rights violators is unclear. Perhaps, once again, these news are mostly used for domestic consumption in China.

Update July 30: Some media have now published a list, which seems authentic, of the 50 countries part of the Axis of Shame. One European country, Serbia, has unfortunately joined it.

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| 1  | ئالجىرىيە                    | Algeria           | 阿尔及利亚   |
| 2  | ئانگولا                      | Angola            | 安哥拉     |
| 3  | بېلارۇسىيە                   | Belarus           | 白俄罗斯    |
| 4  | بۇركىنا فاسو                 | Burkina Faso      | 布基纳法索   |
| 5  | بۇرۇندى                      | Burundi           | 布隆迪     |
| 6  | كومورو                       | Comoros           | 科摩罗     |
| 7  | كونگو                        | Congo             | 刚果      |
| 8  | كۇبا                         | Cuba              | 古巴      |
| 9  | شىمالىي كورىيە               | North Korea       | 朝鲜      |
| 10 | كونگو دېموكراتىك جۇمھۇرىيىتى | DR Congo          | 刚果民主共和国 |
| 11 | ئېرىترىيا                    | Eritrea           | 厄立特里亚   |
| 12 | گانبون                       | Gabon             | 加蓬      |
| 13 | رولس                         | Laos              | 老挝      |
| 14 | مىيىما                       | Myanmar           | 缅甸      |
| 15 | فىلىپپىن                     | Philippines       | 菲律宾     |
| 16 | نېگىرىيە                     | Nigeria           | 尼日利亚    |
| 17 | رۇسىيە                       | Russia            | 俄罗斯     |
| 18 | سومالى                       | Somalia           | 索马索     |
| 19 | جەنۇبىي سۇدان                | South Sudan       | 南苏丹     |
| 20 | سۇرىيە                       | Syria             | 叙利亚     |
| 21 | تاجىكىستان                   | Tajikistan        | 塔吉克斯坦   |
| 22 | ۋېنېسۇئېلا                   | Venezuela         | 委内瑞拉    |
| 23 | زىمبابۋى                     | Zimbabwe          | 津巴布韦    |
| 24 | سەئۇدى ئەرەبىستان            | Saudi Arabia      | 沙特阿拉伯   |
| 25 | پاكىستان                     | Pakistan          | 巴基斯坦    |
| 26 | مىسىر                        | Egypt             | 埃及      |
| 27 | توگو                         | Togo              | 多哥      |
| 28 | كامبۇدژا                     | Cambodia          | 柬埔寨     |
| 29 | ئومان                        | Oman              | 阿曼      |
| 30 | قاتار                        | Qatar             | 卡塔尔     |
| 31 | ئەرەب بىرلەشمە خەلىپىلىكى    | UAE               | 阿联酋     |
| 32 | بەھرىيىن                     | Bahrain           | 巴林      |
| 33 | سۇدان                        | Sudan             | 苏丹      |
| 34 | تۈركمەنىستان                 | Turkmenistan      | 土库曼斯坦   |
| 35 | كۇۋەيت                       | Kuwait            | 科威特     |
| 36 | كامېرۇن                      | Cameroon          | 喀麦隆     |
| 37 | بولىۋىيە                     | Bolivia           | 玻利维亚    |
| 38 | باڭلادېش                     | Bangladesh        | 孟加拉国    |
| 39 | ئىران                        | Iran              | 伊朗      |
| 40 | ئىراق                        | Iraq              | 伊拉克     |
| 41 | پەلەستىن                     | Palestine         | 巴勒斯坦    |
| 42 | نېپال                        | Nepal             | 尼泊尔     |
| 43 | موزامبىك                     | Mozambique        | 莫桑比克    |
| 44 | سېرېۋىيە                     | Serbia            | 塞尔维亚    |
| 45 | ئۆزبېكىستان                  | Uzbekistan        | 乌兹别克斯坦  |
| 46 | زىمبىيە                      | Zambia            | 赞比亚     |
| 47 | سىرلانكا                     | Sri Lanka         | 斯里兰卡    |
| 48 | ئېكۋاتورىيالىك گىنېيە        | Equatorial Guinea | 赤道几内亚   |
| 49 | ئۇگاندا                      | Uganda            | 乌干达     |
| 50 | جىبۇتى                       | Djibouti          | 吉布提     |