

"Political and economical position of Muslims in China"

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China is considered as most populated country in the world. The recent evaluation of the population is about 1; 32 billion who live on big area of the earth that reaches to 9.561.00 K.M square. . It is area that are more than the fifth of Asia continent in full. Population form multiply distinguished religions and ethnics. Yet historical experiments and the solid central system of the state and the geographical condition and nature of the population melted them. China becomes a rich country with industrial, natural and human resources since the early recent century.

China started to take positive steps to occupy prominent international position since reforms initiated in the year 1978. While competition strong forces and some political allies surrounding china are being re-formed in the light of international political and economical changes. All concerned political forces are trying to increase their shares and influence and to keep their achievements.

The most prominent development encourage by western media and affects the ability of china to deal with recently what occurred recently of human massacres for Chinese Muslim in western Turkistan and it's capital ormitchi. It is preferable to throw light on the statues of Muslim in china that are forming around 7-10% of the total number of population. Therefore, their present number is around 132, 90 million populations. They are spreading in different regions of China. No Chinese region is free from Muslim population.

In addition to their attitudes to educational and pedagogical activates. The first Islamic institute has been established in Beijing in 1903 as well as the first primary school for Muslim children which teaching language was Arabic in addition to Chinese language. Quran and Hadith are being translated in Chinese language. Muslim in china have nationalism which unit them and described as Hui nationalism, although they are originally outsiders from china. Islam spreads in western and northern china and economic activates of Muslim in china are being diversified .In the southern area it was in the form of trade while in northern and western areas were in the fields of agriculture and shepherd and Muslim are being act as citizens .

When the idea of Islamic university emerged, the ottoman Sultan Abdul Hammed in 1318-1900 sent his representative Anwar Pasha to china and later on requested to be helped in sending mission to Beijing to build a school. The school was already built but the Ottoman upheaval and establishment of (san yet seen) national republic of china in 1911 changed the track of the events.

Muslim in china concentrated on pedagogical and education activities during the twentyth century. They developed the educational curriculum and the number of schools and scientific institutes were increased. Since 1931, they were keen to send educational missions to Al Azhar. They were interested to organize pilgrimage trips if possible. In the year 1945 the first famous and good translation of Quran into Chinese language prepared by sheikh (wng jingo tchai) who died in 1947. Muslim participated in Chinese elections in different fields like local councils, regional councils and the Chinese Muslim woman succeeded in such elections.

Muslim role in Chinese reforms

In the reforming area which started in china in 1978 the governmental policy towards Muslim become more flexible. The government is trying to satisfy them after the Russian invasion in Afghanistan in 1979. The Muslim in china was granted the freedom of religious belief and freedom to practice the customs and traditions of the ethnics. Prayers were started in the mosques. On the other hand Chinese Muslim started to make political, economical and

administrative reforms. Chinese government exempted Muslim population from the laws of birth control and licensed for building mosques and schools for teaching Quran and Hadith as well as Arabic language.

It was noticeable that Chinese Muslim benefited from the reforms area in many different fields like:

Revival of the activities of Islamic association, printing holy Quran many times and reissue publications of the magazine "Muslim in china" and resuming Hajj mission regularly since 1979. Communication bridges with Islamic world were re-opened. Mosques which were closed in Mao era especially in Sinkiang were opened. Around 1900 mosques were re-opened and Muslim days off in Fetr and Adha Eid were re-granted. Many semi-political and Islamic organizations were formed recently effective 1912.

Chinese institute provided that SINKING area" the centre of Turkish Muslim Uyghur and ningheshai (Hui centre) are enjoying self - autonomous. This was appreciation for the Muslim positions and respect for their special rank according to the Chinese authority's statements. Each province has Muslim ruler from Uyghur and Hui. Top officials rulers were Muslim.

Chinese reforms provided Chinese state with advanced qualities transformance. We can refer to the prominent features as followed:

First: China becomes economical and political force. China healed its international relationship with neighbors and international forces as well with forgiving attitude based on mutual benefits and avoiding clashing in its international relationship.

Second: china concentrated on foreign investments and was attracted by the American investment in particular. China was keen to increase such investments in different production sectors. Such investment in technology field enabled china to export around 180 billion U.S dollars which is the highest revenue in the world's technology field .china becomes (factor of the world)

Thirdly: 87% of the Chinese population surpassed the poverty line in the year 2003. the image of china which, suffered from famines that lead to death of 30-40 millions of population during the years 1959-1962, changed .The rate of individual income in 2007 reached to 2000 \$. The consumption of meat rate increased from 5% in 1978 to 25% in 2005 which is an indication of increasing economical and social welfare for the Chinese citizen who original is vegetarian and lead to re-forming of the life of labors and farmers and increasing their resources .

Fourthly: china started to build infrastructure which encourage productions like:

Increasing investments in roads and railways. Chinese plans provided that china shall invest an amount of 240 billion U.S dollars in this field till 2015. Moreover, china is planning to double the number of atomic stations and to increase the standard of the resulted energy to three doubles by 2020.

Chinese Muslim in the international horizon

Local self –autonomous Sinkiang located in centre of Asia includes the highest accumulation of Muslim in china. Majority of Uyghur Ethnic of Turkish origin are resides there. Such ethnic group has regional extensions in all the countries that have common boards with china in the middle of Asia like:

The area was and shall be vital area as it lies on old Silk Road and silk new road penetrating middle of Asia where there is the biggest gas and oil reserves in the world. Such areas were disputed during the twenty century.

On the other hand, china considered that middle Asia area was among its economical field and was easy with the Russian role. But the military American presence alerts china to reactivate its role in the fields of energy and commercial interests. Therefore, china and United States of America and china become two international forces that are less familiar with the region and disputes are being arisen between both countries. Their competition shall increase in the light of diminishing of the Russian role, increasing of the American strategic interest in the region and contradictions of strategic that turned to be clashes.

While American fleet is controlling the oceans of the world. The economy of the china is concentrating on the exporting of Chinese goods from one aspect and imports of oil and Chinese natural material carried by Chinese ships under the control of the American fleet. United States of America can hinder immediately 40 % of the china's imports of oil overseas .therefore; china is trying to become maritime transportation force and may be maritime force. Recently, there is armament race is being made between United States of America and china. In the time, the countries are trying to reach to the stage of economical equipollence in 2015 and the United States shall be

economically is in need of china. China's military and economically influence shall increase and United States shall consider this trend as change in the international balance of forces. United States shall find itself more entangled in the region.

The important developments witnessed by the next years shall reflect its impacts on the Muslims in eastern Turkistan in the light of American- Chinese military and economic competition on middle of Asia and the local conditions in eastern Turkistan where around 13 million Muslims are residing.

Stability enjoyed by Chinese Muslim within the last 25 years and boom made by china and the greed of American policy in middle Asia in under test . Hopefully, the Turkish invitation to mediate between Turkish Chinese Ughur and the Chinese government and other Islamic mediations including the role of Islamic conference organization are able to solve the crisis to avoid its impacts on china and Chinese Muslim and neighbor countries. It is also able to avoid the effects of the crisis on the regional forces near china and to keep the strong relationship of china with Islamic world countries. God willing

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