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Land of Fire
Pivot of Asia
Bed of Empires
Westgate of the East
A country of Contrasts
Core of the "Silk Road"

A place where religions peacefully unite **EASTERN TURKESTAN COUNTRY REPORT** 



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## EASTERN

#### Surface area:

1.824.418 sq.km.

(The nineteenth in terms of territorial surface area the world over, Eastern Turkestan is about 2.5 times larger than Turkey)

#### Neighbors:

Turkestan has people's Republic of China in the oast, Pakistan in the south, Afghanistan in the southwest, Inner Mongolia in the northeast, and Russian Federation in the north as neighbors.

#### **Major Mountains:**

Karakourum, Karanlıkdağ, Tanrı mountains, Altay mountains, and Altundağ.

#### Major Rivers:

Tarım, İli, Manas, Ertis, Yarkent, and Könci

#### Major Lakes:

Lopnor, Boğda, Sayram, Ulunkur, Boğraş, İbnur Natural Resources:

Oil, uranium, iron, coal, gold, wolfram, sat and natural gas.

(118 different types of metal extraction occurs at about 5000 sites.)

#### Established in the history:

Hun Empire, Türgiş State, Göktürk Empire, Kutluk State, Uyghur State, Second Uyghur State, Karahanlılar State, Karahıtaylar State, Mongol Empire, Kalmuk State, Seidiye State, Kasgharian (East Turkestan) State, First Republic of Eastern Turkestan, Second Republic of Eastern Turkestan, Third Republic of Eastern Turkestan.

#### **Old Civilizations Sites:**

Bezeklik Ming Oy Ruins, Kıduran Antique city, old Kasghar city, Çerçen, Uzuntat, Hanöy, and Rumtay antique cities, Kumtura, Niye, Hücra and Kızıl ruins, Turfan, Kuçar, Hoten and Yarkent

# Identity

#### TURKESTAN

#### Official Name:

Eastern Turkestan

(Name of our State is changed by Chinese invasion forces as Sinkiang Uygur Autonomous Region)

National Flag:

Blue flag with crescent and star (However, we have been unable to use our flag since 1949)

#### Religion:

Islam

(adopted by the 90 % of the population)

Language:

Turkish

#### Population:

30 million inhabitants

Ethnic Fabric:

Uyghur, Kazakh, Kırghiz, Uzbek, Tajik, Salar, Tungan, Mahchu, Tartar, Dolan, Bielórussian, Chinese, etc.

#### **Mode of Administration:**

Republic

(However, it is an artificially created autonomous region under invasion of China since 1949)

#### Capital city:

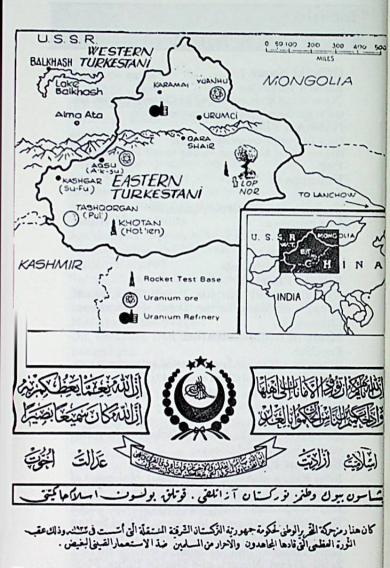
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**Major Cities:** 

Kashgar, Hoten, İli, Turfan, Yarkent, Altay, Karamay, Kumul and Çöçek

**Eminent Figures:** 

Bilge Kağan (Hakan of Uighur State), Mahmoud of Kasghar (author of Divan-ı Lügat-it Türk), Yusuf Has Hacip (author of Kutadqu Bilig), Saltuk Buğra Khan (founder of Karahanlılar State), Dilşad Sultan (a Turkish princess), Ahmet Yükneki (author of Atabetü'l Hakaayık), and the famous writers Hirketi, Zelili, Ziyayi, Nevayi, and Osman Batur, Mahmut Muhiti, etc.



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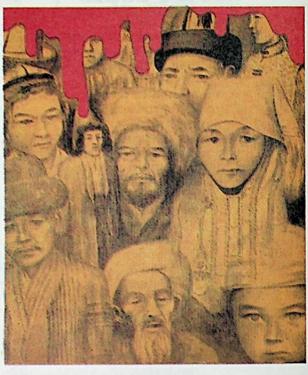
# PREFACE

# Dramatic Story Of a People

In this leaflet you will read the dramatic story of a people' stripped of their right to live humanly. restricted in terms of chid production. deprived of contemporary earthly profits, surrounded by natural and economic riches in all directions and vet have to lead a life of proverty in their own homeland. thirsty for independence and freedom. need to be remedied by nations of the world, and placed to death by nuclear testings undertaken a few times a year.

## EASTERN TURKESTAN

# GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF EASTERN TURKESTAN





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### The place of Eastern Turkestan

Eastern Turkestan is in of Central Asia. This country which is the most ancient centre of culture, civilisation and humanity is the homeland of Turks.

Ancient migration paths have left their traces in this country which is at the same time the center of the historical "Silk Road", and is rather away from seashores. The country has remained since 1949 within Chinese invasion state's border.



Turks live in dry lands, suburb streets whuch have no water, electricity. Some of these places don't even have a proper path to walk on.



Communist China is building the major part of its in Eastern Turkestan: An Islamic country rich in uranium one.