
ILHAM TOHTI AND THE SITUATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE UYGHUR

Mo. December 12th 2016
11:00am - 3:00pm
Bayerischer Landtag, Room 3

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Friends,

On the occasion of the World day for Human Rights, I would be most delighted to invite you to a conference which will take place on the 12th of December 2016, from 11 AM to 3 PM. Our main topic will concern the situation of the Uyghur Professor Ilham Tohti and the Human rights of the Uyghur.

Professor Ilham Tohti has fought for equal treatment towards the ethnic minority of the Uyghur living in China for more than twenty years. Over and over again, he has urged the Chinese government to implement the principle of autonomy as it is written out in the Chinese Constitution and has called for the reconciliation between the various ethnic groups living in Xinjiang. He never chose violence the ways of violence or separatism. In spite of the fact that Ilham Tohti expressed a moderate and conciliatory voice for his people, he was nevertheless sentenced to a sentence of life in prison two years ago.

During our conference we would like to give the floor to various experts who will talk on the subject of the situation of the Uyghur as it stands nowadays, and will discuss on different avenues and perspectives which might bring about some progress in the region. We will seize the opportunity to honor the long time engagement of Ilham Tohti in promoting peace, and take a strong position in favor of his release.

We also hope to attract more attention from the German public to this particular subject.

The conference has been organized in cooperation with the various organizations : Bündnis 90/ DIE GRÜNEN in the Bavarian Parliament, the Ilham Tohti Initiative, the Society for threatened peoples and the Organization for Unrepresented Nations and Peoples – UNPO.

There will be a simultaneous translation for German and English.

PROGRAM

Moderator: Ilgar Can (English - Deutsch)

11:00 Greeting

Margarete Bause, Member of Parliament, Leader of Party

11:10 First Session and opening words

Barbara Lochbihler, Member of the European Parliament Bündnis 90/DIE GRÜNEN

Markus Rinderspacher, Leader of the SPD Party in the Parliament

Rebia Kadeer, President World Uyghur Congress

Louisa Greve, NED – Vice-President of the National Endowment for Democracy

Erkin Alptekin, former President of World Uyghur Congress

Jewher Ilham, Daughter of Ilham Tohti, Washington

Sophie Richardson, China Director at Human Rights Watch, USA

Ulrich Delius, Society for threatened peoples

Lucia Perrucci, UNPO

12:00 Secon Session

Moderator: Dolkun Isa, Secretary General WUC

Panelists:

Ingrid Widiarto, author. Introduction to the Uyghurs and the ethnic tensions in Xinjiang.

Professor Sean Roberts, George Washington University on:

“Why Ilham Tohti is needed now both as a voice for Uyghurs and as a voice for a more progressive and inclusive China.”

Prof. Marie Holzman, Vice-President of the Ilham Tohti Initiative, France on

“Why the Ilham Tohti Initiative ?”

Wuer Kaixi, Taiwan, Former student leader during the Beijing movement for Democracy in 1989 on

“For a solution, we should talk to Han Chinese first.”

Dr Vanessa Frangville, Université Libre de Belgique, on

”Uyghurs in Chinese Media discourse”

13:00 Questions and answers

13:15 Lunchbreak

13:45 Adoption of a resolution

The Ilham Tohti Initiative would like to submit a resolution to the participants on the situation of Uyghurs.

14:00 Third session: Roundtable Discussion

“What perspectives can we suggest from Ilham Tohti’s ideas on the possibility of a peaceful cohabitation between Han and Uyghur peoples ?”

Moderator: Marie Holzman

Panelists:

Nury Turkel, Lawyer and President of the UHRP, Washington

Tienchi Martin-Liao, President of the Independent Chinese PEN center, Köln.

Ursula Gauthier, French Journalist at the Nouvel Observateur, recently expelled from China.

Sheng Xue, president of the Federation for a Democratic China, Canada

Hanno Schedler, Gesellschaft für bedrohte Völker, Göttingen

Asgar Can, President East Turkestan Union in Europe.

15:00 Questions and answers

15:15 Words of conclusion and end of meeting

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Venue:

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