

# Uyghur Crisis: Stain of the Century



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## Speaker Omer Kanat

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**"Uyghur Crisis: Stain of the Century" will follow the Uyghur crisis from the beginning, introducing the rich culture and appeal of East Turkistan to China. The repression of the Uyghur people and how it is carried out will be explained, followed by the reactions (or lack thereof) of various governments around the world. The proper response and what can be done to help the Uyghur people will be presented, with the hopes that the crisis can end soon.**



Omer Kanat is a Uyghur human rights activist and director of the Uyghur Human Rights Project, (UHRP) a research-based Uyghur human rights advocacy organization. He helped found UHRP in 2003, as well as the World Uyghur Youth Congress, where he served for two terms as President from 1996 to 2000. Mr. Kanat is one of the founders of the World Uyghur Congress (WUC) and served as the Vice- President of the WUC from 2006- to 2017. Prior becoming Director of World Uyghur Congress in 2017, Mr. Kanat simultaneously served as the International Outreach Coordinator for the World Uyghur Congress, Director of the International Uyghur and Human Rights and Democracy Foundation (IUHRDF) and Vice-President of the Uyghur-American Association. From 1999 to 2009 Mr. Kanat was the Senior Editor of Radio Free Asia's Uyghur Service. He holds a B.A. in History from Istanbul University's Faculty of Science and Literature with a focus on political history, and studied at the Munich Institute of Economics and Trade.