



Turkestan Islamic Party (TIP) Commander Threatens 2008 Beijing Olympics

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“Commander Abdelhaqq al-Turkestani: Response from the Turkestan Islamic Party to the Olympic Games to be Held in China in 2008.”

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[This document is the translation of an Arabic-language statement obtained by NEFA investigators and translated by ceifiT LTD on behalf of the NEFA TerrorWatch subscription service. The Turkestan Islamic Party (TIP) is a terrorist organization primarily based in Waziristan and elsewhere in the North West Frontier Province of Pakistan. The TIP is comprised of Uighur Muslims from western regions of China—who have sworn to wage war against the Chinese government and have carried out scattered shooting and bombing attacks. It is a splinter faction of an organization known as the East Turkestan Islamic Movement.]

“...The Chinese have succeeded in convincing the countries and the nations participating in the Olympic Games—who are thinking only of their own selfish interests and who have forgotten about the violation of human rights in China—of their competence to host the Olympic Games. O’ Muslims around the world! Do not follow in step with the Chinese colonialists who are abusing your Muslim brothers in Turkestan and violating their legitimate religious and human rights. We are calling you to boycott these Olympic Games which serve the economic and political interests of the enemy, as well as their propaganda...”

“The Turkestan Islamic Party (TIP) is warning all the participants in these Olympic Games, particularly the Muslim ones, and calling upon them to boycott the games. Otherwise, the Muslim people of Turkestan will strive to target these games and to attack Chinese interests. Preventing the Olympic Games from taking place, by any means and especially by military operations—Allah willing—is their legitimate right. To the countries and kingdoms which claim to promote human rights and to spread democracy: why are you covering up the communist crimes in China? Why are you allowing them to participate in the Olympic Games held in their country while you are aware how they are persecuting and abusing the Muslim people of Turkestan? Do you not realize that, by your silence, you are aiding the abuser in his abuse? Where is all your rhetoric now about standing by oppressed nations and defending human rights? We say to you: every single person, athletes and spectators alike, who take part in these Olympic Games must know that the sports facilities where these games are being held were built with the money and the blood of the innocent and the oppressed.”

“The Communist Chinese do not believe that these games will end without losses and, Allah willing, they will not derive any victorious pleasure from hosting these games in their country. To them we say: we have completed our preparations for striking the Olympic Games and thwarting them. We will make this year a year of grief and terror for all Chinese, turning their joy into funeral processions and tears everywhere. This will be, Allah willing, a black year in the history of China...”