

The US's Long Game in Xinjiang. The decades-long plot to create another Ukraine within China

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I have been a keen student of the **9/11 false flag** operation for over a decade, having read dozens of books on the subject. So when Tucker Carlson published his 4-part documentary on the subject a couple of months ago, I followed closely and watched all episodes.

I have to say it was a disappointment and at best a limited handout. He didn't interview key witnesses, especially the most credible military, FBI or CIA whistleblowers like Anthony Shaffer and Sibel Edmonds.

He failed to go in-depth into the joint US-Israel conspiracy to use the false flag attack to change the geopolitical reality of the Middle East for Israel's benefit.

While Carlson should be applauded for at least broaching the subject, the documentary was not hard-hitting enough and failed to gain much traction. It left more questions than answers.

One thing did jump out to me in one of his interviews – the name Yusuf Turani, a minor character with fringe involvement with the Al Qaeda and 9/11.

His name was brought up in the context of the many CIA-sponsored jihadi militant organizations in the Central Asia and the Middle East during the 1980s and 90s to sabotage and destabilize the region *both before and after* the collapse of the Soviet Union.

In Carlson's documentary, despite being described as a hard-core jihadist, Turani was a minor character in the 9/11 saga so most listeners probably didn't pick the name up at all.

In fact, he was a big fish as the "Prime Minister" of a non-existent country called East Turkistan, a geopolitical trap cooked up with the help of CIA and US government to split Xinjiang from China.

In an *American Exception* podcast by Aaron Good with Sibel Edmonds that analyzed Carlson's 911 documentary, Edmonds, the most gagged national security whistleblower in US history, drilled into this character and his role in the long-standing US sabotage campaigns against China in Xinjiang.

By the way, if you are interested in the history of US "deep state" and the dark truth about the American Empire, I highly recommend Aaron Good's podcast as well as his book by the same name – *American Exception*.

Aaron is a political scientist and did his PhD with Peter Dale Scott, the preeminent scholar on US deep state, CIA's role in the narco trade, as well as America's state-sponsored crimes around the world.

Coming back to Anwar Yusuf Turani. He was an ethnic Uyghur born in Artux, Xinjiang. He graduated from Kashgar Teacher's College in 1983 and went to the US in 1988, becoming the first Uyghur to be granted political asylum in the US.

Afterwards, he was trained by the CIA in various jihadi groups in Afghanistan, Syria, the Middle East and North Africa. Yusuf Turani shot to fame when he was elected as the first Prime Minister of the so-called East Turkistan Government in Exile in 2004.

East Turkistan was an entity created by US Congress to "represent the interests of Uyghurs, Kazaks, and other Muslim minorities in Xinjiang". This entity has laid claim on Xinjiang and part of Tibet as an independent state.

On September 14, 2004, the East Turkistan Government in Exile was formally declared inside Room HC-6 of the US Capitol Building. Interestingly, the territories it claims are not officially recognized by the US government, despite its gracious gesture to provide a spacious conference room for the creation of this "government".

Of course, some taxpayer funds were generously made available to support a new "democratic ally". (One wonders what was the cut for Nancy Pelosi).

According to the script written by US intelligence, Yusuf Turani claimed "East Turkistan is an independent state from China and is under Chinese military occupation". Turani and the East Turkistan Government in Exile advocates violent jihadi movements to secure full independence from China.

To pursue its aim, the organization, together with Turkistan Islamic Party (TIP), launched a series of terrorist attacks in Xinjiang –

- February 1997 Urumqi bus bombings on 3 buses, killing 9 and injuring 68 (Urumqi is the capital city of Xinjiang province)
- July 2009 Urumqi riots that resulted in 197 deaths and over 1,700 injuries, with thousands of shops and vehicles destroyed
- April 2014 Urumqi bomb and knife attack at the Urumqi South Railway Station, killing 3 people and injuring 79 on April 30, 2014. This attack occurred on the final day of a visit to the region by China's President Xi Jinping
- May 2014 Urumqi attack: jihadi assailants drove two SUVs into a busy street market, threw explosives, and crashed the vehicles, killing 43 people (including the attackers) and injuring more than 90
- September 2015 Sogan Colliery attack: an attack on workers at a coal mine in Aksu killed approximately 50 people, including police officers. The Turkistan Islamic Party claimed responsibility for the attack

Only after Beijing implemented extensive counter-terrorism campaigns, which involved large scale surveillance and the creation of re-education centers, did the terrorist attacks subside.

One of the most tell-tale aspects of the 9/11 “terrorist attack” conspiracy was that it was an one-off event happening only on September 11, 2001. Terrorist attacks, especially those organized by extremist groups, don’t happen only once.

The terrorists launch multiple rounds of attacks to keep the population on edge and destabilized. If Al Qaeda had been responsible for 911 and had sleeper cells in the US, how was it possible that no other attacks happened after 911?

Wouldn’t they have launched more attacks for maximum effects?

Did the US homeland security apparatus suddenly become so competent after dropping the ball so badly before 9/11?

The strategy of continuous attacks for maximum impact was deployed in Xinjiang by the US-trained Islamic extremists. Since the 1970s onwards, the US has worked with Turkey and Saudi Arabia to bring extremist Wahhabi Islam to Xinjiang. Turkey and Saudi Arabia funded numerous *madrasas* among the Uyghurs to propagate Salafi teachings and separatist ideologies.

The CIA is not satisfied to merely plot terrorist attacks as those in Urumqi. It actively trains Uyghur fighters in Al Qaeda and ISIS camps in Syria, Yemen, and Afghanistan. The goal is to create a military force for the separatist movement. To this day, some 20,000 Uyghur fighters are still active in Syria.

Wayne Madsen documented the US government’s relationship with ISIS in his well-researched book *ISIS is Us: the Shocking Truth Behind the Army of Terror*.

The United States government and Western intelligence agencies have long had a hand in creating, funding, and supporting terrorist groups such as Al Qaeda and ISIS to destabilize the Middle East, particularly enemies of Israel, such as the Iraqi, Libyan, and Syrian governments.

But as Sibel Edmonds pointed out, the aim is far more ambitious than sabotaging these Muslim countries. Radical Islam is weaponized by the US with a goal against its primary geopolitical enemies – Russia and China.

One of the core aims of the 9/11 false flag and the subsequent *war on terror* is to advance US interests in the Eurasian heartland – Afghanistan and other former Central Asian republics of the USSR such as Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan – against China and Russia.

These countries share borders with China and Russia and are termed the **Eurasian Balkans** by Zbigniew Brzezinski in his highly influential 1997 book *The Grand Chessboard: American Primacy and Its Geostrategic Imperatives*.

In the minds of US imperial strategists, the Balkanization in the heartland of Eurasia will create perpetual instability and chaos along China and Russia's borders with the Islamic world.

Samuel Huntington prescribed the same in his own influential 1996 book *Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order*.

Such chaos and conflicts would represent a golden opportunity for the US to create proxy forces like Ukraine to gain geopolitical leverage and drain China and Russia's resources.

The US used Islamic extremists to destroy Yugoslavia in the 1990s, deploying Al Qaeda fighters in Bosnia against Serbia. It succeeded to *Balkanize* the Balkans.

It used Islamic terrorists to draw Russia in a protracted war in Chechnya in the 1990s and 2000s. Fortunately, Russia prevailed with Putin's iron-fisted crackdown of the rebel forces.

The US wanted to do the same with China in the 2000s and 2010s through organizations like the East Turkistan Government in Exile, TIP, as well as the jihadi Uyghur fighters. But it has met its match and hit an iron wall.

There has never been an East Turkistan in history and never will be. At the top of this essay is a map called the New Map of the World, created by American illustrator Edward Everett Henry in 1928. It is kept in the Norman B. Leventhal Map & Education Center Collection today.

Even in 1928 prior to the Communist takeover of China, the map showed Xinjiang as part of China, as all the maps drawn by Europeans since the time of Rome.

However, history and facts have never been a stumbling block when the American Empire decides to change reality.

The US Congress can simply declare Juan Guaidó as the president of Venezuela in 2019 and Edmundo González as the president today. Nicolás Maduro can simply be declared a narco terrorist with a reward on his head.

Next time you hear some altruistic American pronouncements about Xinjiang, human rights, and democracy, remember the US's dirty long game.

It doesn't care about the Uyghurs. It wants to turn them into cannon fodder as the Ukrainians.