

## Jubilee Campaign Calls on China to Grant Every Child Every Right

On 2 March 2021, Jubilee Campaign hosted its second parallel event to the United Nations Human Rights Council 46th session. This event, titled *Grant Every Child Every Right in China*, was convened to draw attention to China's violations of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which guarantees every child the right to freedom of religion or belief. In reality, in China, children of Christian, Uyghur, Muslim, Tibetan Buddhist, Falun Gong, and other religious and spiritual backgrounds are effectively restricted from the peaceful manifestation of their beliefs. Moderated by Jubilee Campaign Executive Director Ann Buwalda, the parallel event included both expert speakers and witness testimonies of survival in the face of persecution.



Ann Buwalda, Executive Director, Jubilee Campaign

"As next year marks the 30th anniversary of China's ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its second year in the Human Rights Council, it is incumbent upon China to take the previous recommendations of the Committee seriously and to cooperate with UN bodies civil society members to grant every child every right, including the freedom of religion or belief and freedom of expression."

"The communist government of China continues to pursue a policy of forced assimilation and suppression of its ethnic and religious minorities.... Chinese authorities have carried that campaign to ...place tight restrictions on monasteries, temples, and mosques, banning worshipers from entering these sites, including those who are under age 18 and enrolled in schools."



**USCIRF** Commissioner Nury Turkel

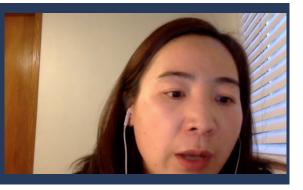


Bob Fu, President, ChinaAid

"We have seen among 235 million Chinese children from elementary school to high school studying in their educational institutions in China, every one of them is forbidden to get access to any religious education, religious materials, every religious institution. So this is a clear violation of the children's rights of freedom of religion...."

"The Chinese government looks very unfavorably on religion and they try to control it very tightly. The government gets nervous when they suspect religion is being influenced by outside folks, because they view it as a threat to the country and to their power. "

Esther, Witness Testimony





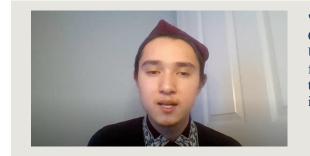
Cindy, Witness Testimony

"The China persecution in still continues. Many children still suffer from the same fear as I did before. Some have become orphans and some are forced to separate from their parents. Some are displaced and cannot return home, some children cannot normally attend school, and some children are discriminated against. All of this should be stopped immediately. I call on kind-hearted people and government of all countries to take effective measures to help stop this persecution."

kindergartens, boarding schools, and orphanages, where they are stripped of their identity and molded into loyal CCP subjects."

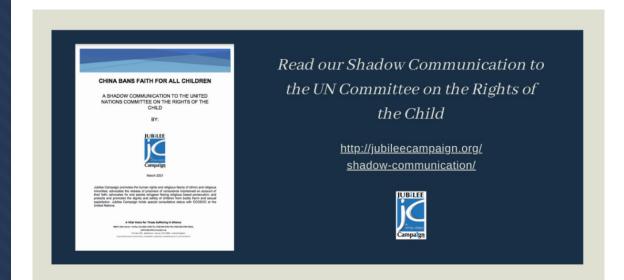
Kalbinur, Witness Testimony





"Right now as I speak, the Chinese Communist Party is uprooting Uyghur children by the thousands from their families and communities with the intention to strip them of their ethnic and religious identity."

Arfat, Witness Testimony



To view Jubilee Campaign's Shadow Communication to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, <u>click here</u>.

You can view the event Grant Every Child Every Right in China below:

