



Persecution of Uighurs

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Why in News

- According to leaked Chinese government documents, there was a clampdown on Uighurs and other Muslims in the country's western **Xinjiang region**.
 - According to the United Nations experts and activists, at least 1 million Uighurs and members of other largely Muslim minority groups have been detained in camps in Xinjiang in a crackdown.
 - The documents reveal that the Chinese leadership's fears were heightened by terrorist attacks in other countries and the U.S. drawdown of troops from Afghanistan.
- Uighur is a predominantly **Turkic-speaking ethnic group**.
- They are primarily confined in **China's northwestern region of Xinjiang** and is one of the largest **Muslim group** in that region.



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