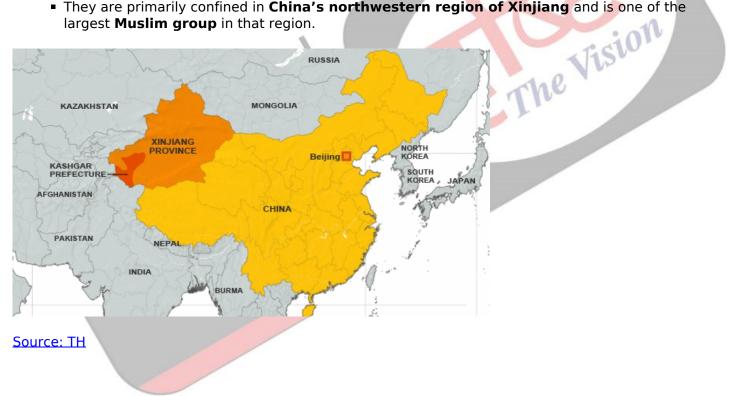


Persecution of Uighurs

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 <u>Uighurs and</u> 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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