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## **SECRETARY OF STATE POMPEO URGES ASIA TO RESIST CHINA'S DEMANDS TO REPATRIATE UIGHURS**

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Americas top diplomat says Central Asian nations should reject Chinese demands to repatriate ethnic minorities to China, where they face repression.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo (pahm-PAY-oh) says Beijings detention of Uighur (WEE-gur) Muslims in western China has nothing to do with terrorism, as China claims, but is an attempt to erase minority cultures and religions.

He says its important for all countries to resist Chinas demands that Uighurs whove fled the campaign in Xinjiang province be sent back to China.

Pompeo made the comments in a Sunday meeting with the foreign ministers of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan on the sidelines of the annual U.N. General Assembly.

China says the detention sites are vocational centers aimed at training and skills development. China has rejected criticism of its policies.

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