
CHINA RUNNING 380 DETENTION CENTRES IN XINJIANG: RESEARCHERS

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Chinas network of detention centres in the northwest Xinjiang region is much bigger than previously thought and is being expanded, even as Beijing says it is winding down a re-education programme for ethnic Uighurs that has been condemned internationally, new research released by an Australian think-tank showed on Thursday.

The Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI) said it had identified more than 380 suspected detention facilities in the region, where the United Nations says more than one million Uighurs and other mostly Muslim Turkic-speaking residents have been held in recent years.

China has said the camps are vocational skills training centres and a necessary part of efforts to counter the threat of extremism.

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