

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1049/04

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Subject: Action by the Chinese secret services against Uyghur dissidents resident in Germany

According to usually reliable sources:

1. the German counter-espionage service the 'Bundesverfassungsschutz' (BfV) is concerned about action by the Chinese secret services against dissidents resident in Germany;
2. at the beginning of February the anti-terrorism office of the Chinese Ministry for Public Security (Gonganbu) in Beijing submitted a report on the activities of the Uyghur separatist organisations of Xinjiang (Eastern Turkestan), according to which:
 - (a) the East Turkestan Information Centre (ETIC), led by Abudujelili Kalakash, is training guerrilla fighters for Xinjiang;
 - (b) the World Uyghur Youth Congress (WUYC) of Dolqun Isa has trained armed separatists at a secret base in Nepal, and Dolqun Isa is accused of being responsible for the murder of Wang Jianping, a diplomat at the Chinese Embassy in Kyrgyzstan;
3. the ETIC and the WUYC, as well as the East Turkestan Union in Europe (ETUE) of Asgar Can and the East Turkestan National Congress of Enver Can, all have members in the Munich region;
4. Enver Can is also leader of the Transnational Radical Party, an organisation with top-level consultative status at the United Nations Economic and Social Commission;
5. the BfV fears that the Chinese State Security Service (Guoanbu), which accuses them of having links to Al Qa'ida in order at least to have them expelled, is planning to assassinate Uyghur leaders resident in Germany, as happened in June 1999, when a sinologist Violetta Zhang was killed in mysterious circumstances.

Can the Commission say whether it is already aware of all this and if not, whether it intends to ask the German authorities what steps they have taken to prevent citizens residing legally in a Union country from being the victims of the services of a third country?