

Uighur separatist group says Tiananmen Square car attack was "jihadi operation", predicts more violence



①An Islamist militant group calling itself the Turkestan Islamic Party said last month's deadly car crash in Beijing's Tiananmen Square was a "jihadi operation" by holy warriors, the US-based SITE monitoring service said.

②The service, which tracks Islamist militant statements, says the party released an eight-minute video online showing the organisation's leader Abdullah Mansour speaking in Uighur

with his face obscured.

③"Chinese unbelievers, know that you have been fooling East Turkestan for the last 60 years, but now they have awakened," Mansour said. "The people have learned who the real enemy is and they have returned to their own religion."

④Three Xinjiang Uighurs drove a car loaded with petrol canisters into the gate of the Forbidden City on October 28, Chinese police say. The incident left two people dead, besides the three in the car, and 40 injured.

⑤China had previously stated that the East Turkestan Islamic Movement (ETIM) were the "behind-the-scenes supporters" of the terrorist attack. Some security analysts believe the Turkestan Islamic Party is the parent of the East Turkestan Independence Movement, a group that China and the United States have placed on terror lists. Others say both names refer to the same group.

⑥The stated goals of the Turkestan Islamic Party is to secure the independence of "East Turkestan", located in the far north west of China's Xinjiang province, with a population of mostly muslim Uighurs.

⑦It was unclear if the video posted online includes an explicit claim of responsibility, and there has been no mention of it in Chinese state media.

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③fool:だます

④canister:容器

Forbidden City:紫禁城

★Ice breaker for active discussion★

1. China says the incident happened on October 28 near the Tiananmen Square was a terrorist attack while ETIM said it was Jihadi operation. What do you think about the perception gap?
2. What is the definition of Jihadi? How is it different from terror attack?
3. What is the root cause of the incident? What do you think will be the best solution for this standoff?
4. Who are the Uighurs? What do you know about them? What is the East Turkestan Islamic Movement?
5. Why do you think the attackers chose Beijing's Tiananmen Square?
6. Can you explain a brief history of Forbidden City?
7. Make sentences using the following words : militant, fool, awaken, behind-the-scenes, canister and explicit

今回の事件について、中国当局は新疆ウイグル自治区の活動家によるテロと断定していますが、ウイグルでの中国からの独立問題が背景にあると言えます。中国の西端に位置する新疆ウイグル自治区は、約 2100 万の人口の半分がイスラム教徒のウイグル族です。中国が王朝だった時代には、中国やモンゴル遊牧民族の圧力を受けながら独立と従属を繰り返し、古都の楼蘭はシルクロードの舞台としても有名です。しかし 1949 年に中国共産党が政権を握って以降、中国に併合され 1955 年に新疆ウイグル自治区となりました。石油・天然ガスなど資源が豊富なこの地区に、中国共産党は漢族の大量移住を進め、現在では人口比が逆転し、政治や経済は漢族が権力を握っています。またイスラム教の活動は常に監視下に置かれ、これまでに 46 回の核実験が行われました。