



November 10, 2009

By Facsimile: (202) 456-2461

President Barack H. Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama:

I write today, on the eve of your visit to China, in my capacity as Executive Director of MAS Freedom (MASF), the civic and human rights advocacy entity of the Muslim American Society (MAS), to express our grave concern over the recent execution of eight Uighur Muslims (and one Han) by the government of the People's Republic of China (PRC).

This community of some 20 million Chinese Muslims has, as you know, been subjected to continuous and flagrant violations of both their basic religious freedoms and their human rights; rights guaranteed by both the Constitution of the People's Republic of China (PRC) and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

I urge you, as the leader of our great nation, a nation dedicated to the defense human rights and freedoms, to use the power of your office and the influence of our nation's Department of State, to do whatever you possibly can to persuade the government of the PRC to end its repression of the Chinese Muslim minority, ultimately, to guarantee the religious freedoms of all the people of China.

I thank you in advance for your attention to this grave situation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mahdi Bray", written in a cursive style.

Imam Mahdi Bray
Executive Director
MAS Freedom