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Personal Details

CECC Record Number	2011-00386	Ethnic Group	Uyghur
Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
Issue Category	rel/spch	Age At Detention	
Main Name	Muhemmed Tursun	Religion	Muslim
Chinese Characters (Main Name)		Occupation	
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)		Affiliation	
Additional Name(s)	Mehemmed Tursun	Residence Province	Xinjiang Uyghur Auto. Region
Pinyin Name		Residence Prefecture	Admin. area under the Region
		Residence County	Shihezi Shi (cty.)

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2010/10/01
Current Prison	Xinjiang (general location)
Sentence Length (Years)	3
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Xinjiang Uyghur Auto. Region
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	(na)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	(na)

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg/tri/sent	Formal Arrest Date	
Trial Court	Shihezi Intermediate People's Court	Trial Date	2011/04/dd
Sentence Court	Shihezi Intermediate People's Court	Sentence Date	2011/04/12
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court		Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)			

Short Summary

According to Radio Free Asia ([22 April 11](#)), authorities in Shihezi municipality, Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, detained father and son Muslim religious leaders Qahar Mensur and Muhemmed Tursun on October 1, 2010, on suspicion of "distributing illegal religious works." On April 12, 2011, the Shihezi Intermediate People's Court sentenced them to 3 years' imprisonment in connection to storing and distributing "illegal religious publications." The publication in question reportedly was an annotated edition of the Quran that had official government approval; sources cited in the RFA article said that authorities were punishing the father and son because Qahar Mensur had refused to comply with government demands, such as bringing government documents into mosques, while he served as muezzin for a mosque. RFA did not report where the men are currently serving their sentences.