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In Search of My Sister

Showtimes

4/24, 7:00 pm

Director

Jawad Mir

Cast

Rushan Abbas, Abdulhakim Idris, Dolkun Isa

Runtime

1 hr 22 min

Format

Digital

Release Year/Country

2022

Notes

Free admission

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In September 2018, Dr. Gulshan Abbas, sister of [Rushan Abbas](#), was abducted by Chinese authorities shortly after Rushan's speech condemning the Uyghur genocide.

The documentary *[In Search of My Sister](#)* chronicles Rushan's relentless pursuit of truth and justice, spanning multiple countries. The film also exposes the CCP's harrowing crimes against humanity through the personal story of Rushan and other Uyghurs in the diaspora. *In Search of My Sister* has been screened worldwide, shedding light on these atrocities.

The screening is followed by a Q&A Session with activist Rushan Abbas.

Free admission. Sponsored by the [Judith Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies](#).

Film website: www.jawadmir.com/portfolio/in-search-of-my-sister

About the Speaker

Rushan Abbas’s activism started in the mid-1980s as a student at Xinjiang University, co-organizing pro-democracy demonstrations in Urumchi in 1985 and 1988. Since her arrival in the United States in 1989, Ms. Abbas has been an ardent campaigner for the human rights of the Uyghur people. Ms. Abbas is the founder and executive director of [Campaign for Uyghurs](#) (CFU) and became one of the most prominent Uyghur voices in international activism for Uyghurs following her sister’s detainment by the Chinese government in 2018. Ms. Abbas has spearheaded numerous campaigns, including the “One Voice One Step” movement, which culminated in a simultaneous demonstration in 14 countries and 18 cities on March 15, 2018, to protest China’s detention of millions of Uyghurs in concentration camps.

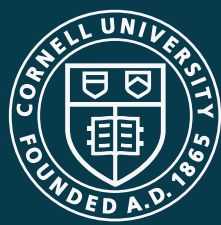
Ms. Abbas frequently briefs global lawmakers and officials on the Uyghur genocide and provides testimonies at legislative bodies worldwide, such as the U.S. Congress, and other parliaments. She advocates for raising awareness and engaging in discussions on policy options to address the challenges posed by the Chinese Communist Party and halt the ongoing Uyghur genocide. She also serves as the Chairperson for the Advisory Board of the Axel Springer Freedom Foundation and as a board member of the Task Force on Human Trafficking within the Parliamentary Intelligence-Security Forum.

In 2019, Ms. Abbas received the Freedom Fighter Award, and her work was recognized at the National Prayer Breakfast in February 2020. Under her leadership, CFU published the 'Genocide in East Turkistan' report in July 2020, leading to the organization receiving the World Democracy Courage Tribute in 2021 and a Nobel Peace Prize nomination in 2022.



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