

I would also like to thank Mr. George Clooney and his father for calling these atrocities to our attention.

I hope to say more about this in the days to come.

A VOICE FOR THE CUBAN DISSIDENTS

(Mr. RIVERA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RIVERA. Mr. Speaker, ahead of Pope Benedict XVI's visit to Cuba next week, Cuban authorities detained about 70 members of the dissident group Ladies in White over the weekend, including 36 on Sunday morning as they attempted to attend mass.

The Ladies in White demonstrate peacefully in solidarity with their loved ones who were jailed during the Black Spring government crackdown 9 years ago. In recent days, the non-violent efforts of the Ladies in White have been met with the beatings and detentions that have become synonymous with the Castro tyrants. Given that this is occurring on the eve of the Pope's visit, these events are disgraceful and should be universally condemned.

Hopefully, during his visit to Cuba next month, Pope Benedict will meet with dissent leaders like the Ladies in White and Dr. Oscar Elias Biscet, who has publicly called on the Pope to engage them. By doing so, Pope Benedict will give voice to those who long for freedom and speak out in the face of brutal repercussions, and he will give hope to those who risk their lives so that one day Cuba may be free.

OUTCRY FOR SYRIA

(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, how much longer can we continue to watch the bloodshed and slaughter in Syria without demanding the United Nations' collaborative action providing those rebels, along with states out of the Arab League, the weapons that they need? We know that there is a hesitation to begin air attacks; but when you see the slaughter, the loss of life of women and children, it is outrageous.

We learned today that Russia joined the Red Cross in calling for a daily truce in Syria for humanitarian needs. That is not enough. Russia and China should stop their blocking of the United Nations and the Security Council of providing some aid to save the lives of innocent women and children.

This is a humanitarian crisis and it calls for a quick response. Yes, the Red Cross and humanitarian aid should be allowed in, but we should provide for those who are trying to defend them-

selves against oppression the kind of support on the ground that is necessary.

Where is the Arab League? Where is the collaborative effort of the United Nations? Where is the outcry for the bloodshed in Syria?

THE HIGH PRICE OF GAS

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I listened to my good friend Congressman POE from Texas a few minutes ago, and I was wondering if the President at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, if he is in town and not campaigning someplace, is paying any attention. If I had a chance—and I know I can't address the President from the well, but if I could address the President from the well, I would say:

Mr. President, the people of this country are hurting; inflation is taking off on all kinds of food products and anything else that is being transported by truck. It is because of the energy costs. Gasoline is at an almost all-time high, and you, Mr. President, should be paying attention to it. We ought to be drilling off the Continental Shelf and in the ANWR and in the Gulf of Mexico, and we ought to be fracking. We ought to be also using coal and oil shale. Mr. President, you're not doing any of those things, and the people are suffering. Stay home. Pay attention, Mr. President. It's your job.

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THREAT FROM HUAWEI

(Mr. WOLF asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share troubling information that has come to my attention about Huawei, a Chinese telecom firm which is attempting to increase its market share in the U.S.

Yesterday, The Wall Street Journal reported that, "Huawei's network business has thrived at the expense of struggling Western network companies," and is "quietly building and investing in its own brand of high-end smart phones and tablets." But many Americans may not be aware that numerous government reports have linked Huawei's corporate leadership to the People's Liberation Army, raising serious concerns about its products being used for espionage by the Chinese Government.

Last week, respected national security reporter Bill Gertz wrote:

New information about Chinese civilian telecommunications companies' close support of the Chinese military and information warfare programs is raising fresh concerns.

That is why both the Bush administration and the Obama administration have repeatedly intervened to block Huawei's growth. Huawei is controlled by the same government that jails Catholic bishops and Protestant pastors, oppresses the Uyghur Muslims, has plundered Tibet, and that is providing the very rockets that Sudanese President Bashir is using to kill his own people.

Mr. Speaker, the American people have a right to know whether their government is doing everything it can to protect their cell phone and data networks from foreign espionage and cyberattacks. As Huawei increases its lobbying presence in Washington, the American people should be fully aware of the firm's intimate links to the PLA and the serious concerns of our defense and intelligence community.

I rise today to share troubling information that has come to my attention about Huawei, a Chinese telecom firm, which is attempting to increase its market share in the United States and around the world. Numerous government reports have linked Huawei's corporate leadership to the Chinese intelligence services and the People's Liberation Army (PLA), raising concerns about Huawei networks and devices being subject to espionage by the Chinese government.

These connections are particularly noteworthy given Huawei's rapid rise as a telecom giant. According to an article in yesterday's Wall Street Journal, "Huawei Technologies Co. has almost doubled its work force over the past five years as it strives to become a mobile technology heavyweight."

The article also noted that, "Huawei's network business has thrived at the expense of struggling Western network companies such as Alcatel-Lucent Co. and Nokia Siemens Networks. Initially, Huawei supplied low-cost phones to telecommunications operators in the West under their own brand, but over the past year, Huawei has also been quietly building and investing in its own brand of high-end smartphones and tablets."

Huawei executives make no secret of their goal to dominate the telecom market. In a March 6, 2012, interview with the technology news Web site, Engadget, Huawei device chief Richard Yu said, "In three years we want Huawei to be the industry's top brand."

However, Huawei's growth in the U.S. market should give all Americans serious pause. Last week, respected national security reporter Bill Gertz wrote in the Washington Free Beacon that, "New information about Chinese civilian telecommunications companies' close support of the Chinese military and information warfare programs is raising fresh concerns about the companies' access to U.S. markets," according to a report by the congressional US-China Economic and Security Review Commission. "One of the companies identified in the report as linked to the People's Liberation Army (PLA) is Huawei Technologies, a global network hardware manufacturer that has twice been blocked by the U.S. government since 2008 from trying to buy into U.S. telecommunications firms."