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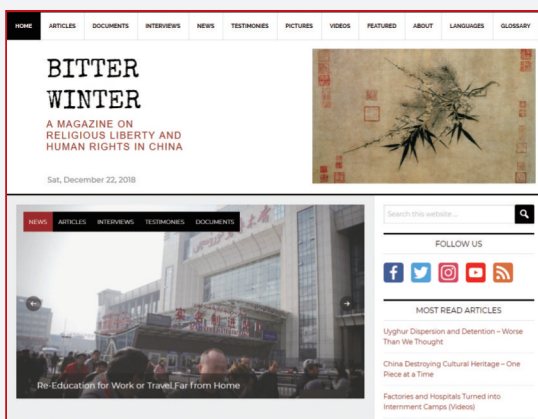
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***Bitter Winter* is an online magazine from CESNUR, the Center for Studies on New Religions based in Turin, Italy.**

- Daily news online on religion in China
- Hard-to-get news from sources across China
- Exclusive videos and pictures from behind the bamboo curtain
- Comments from scholars, human rights activists, and qualified journalists
- Coverage of both mainline religion and new religious movements in China

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## A Letter from the Editor

### A Daily Magazine on Religion in China

*Bitter Winter* was launched in May 2018 as an online chronicle on religious liberty and human rights in China, published daily in eight languages by CESNUR, the Center for Studies on New Religions, headquartered in Torino, Italy. Scholars, journalists, and human rights activists from different countries are working together to give the voice to the voiceless by publishing news, documents, and testimonies about persecutions against all religions in China.

The unique feature of *Bitter Winter* is its network of several hundred correspondents in all Chinese provinces. At high risk for their security – some, in fact, have been arrested – they continuously report on what happens in China and how religions are treated or mistreated. They often supply exclusive photographs and videos.

*Bitter Winter* receives some of its reports directly from members of religious minorities and organizations persecuted in China. However, it is independent of any religious or political organization and is mostly the fruit of volunteer work, although donations are gladly accepted. *Bitter Winter* does not take positions on political issues and limits itself to the field of human rights.

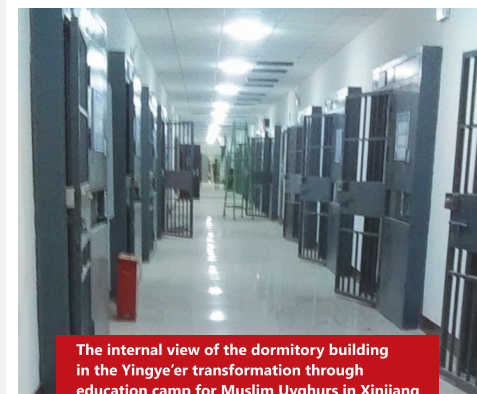
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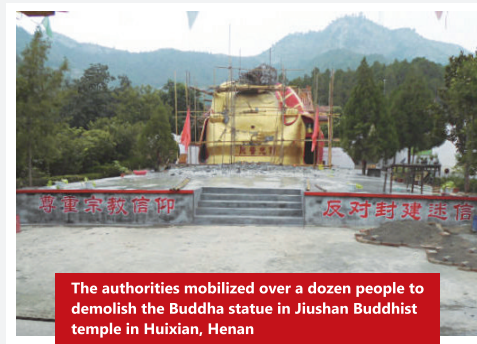
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A church is destroyed in Yucheng, Henan



The internal view of the dormitory building in the Yingye'er transformation through education camp for Muslim Uyghurs in Xinjiang



The authorities mobilized over a dozen people to demolish the Buddha statue in Jiushan Buddhist temple in Huixian, Henan