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**FRANCE'S NOTRE-DAME DE PARIS**  
CITY HEAVY WOUND BY FLAMES

The April 6 Notre-Dame de Paris cathedral is a heavy wound to the world. The fire that engulfed the 850-year-old Gothic church on the Île de la Cité in Paris on April 15, 2019, was a tragedy for the world. The cathedral, which is a UNESCO World Heritage site, is a symbol of French culture and a major tourist attraction. The fire, which started in the attic, spread rapidly and caused significant damage to the structure. The roof, which is made of lead, was completely destroyed, and the spire, which is made of wood, collapsed. The fire also caused damage to the interior of the cathedral, including the choir and the choir screen. The fire was caused by a fire in the attic, which was caused by a fire in the attic. The fire was caused by a fire in the attic, which was caused by a fire in the attic.

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**Notre-Dame fire: Assessing the damage**

The diagram shows the layout of Notre-Dame de Paris and the location of the fire. The diagram is color-coded to show different parts of the cathedral and the damage caused by the fire. The fire, which started in the attic, spread rapidly and caused significant damage to the structure. The roof, which is made of lead, was completely destroyed, and the spire, which is made of wood, collapsed. The fire also caused damage to the interior of the cathedral, including the choir and the choir screen. The fire was caused by a fire in the attic, which was caused by a fire in the attic.

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**ANSWER KEY**

The map shows the location of Notre-Dame de Paris in France. The map is color-coded to show different regions of France and the location of the cathedral. The fire, which started in the attic, spread rapidly and caused significant damage to the structure. The roof, which is made of lead, was completely destroyed, and the spire, which is made of wood, collapsed. The fire also caused damage to the interior of the cathedral, including the choir and the choir screen. The fire was caused by a fire in the attic, which was caused by a fire in the attic.

**INTERNATIONAL**  
**THE UIGHURS OF CHINA**  
—TERRORISTS OR VICTIMS?

Human rights groups around the world report that China has imprisoned up to one million Uighurs living in China's Xinjiang region. Satellite images and other evidence show a growing number of detention centres in Xinjiang, including at least 44 high-security buildings. The Chinese government, however, denies this accusation. It is 'completely untrue', a senior Chinese official told the UN last August. The centres have been set up to teach lessons on Chinese history, language, and culture. They offer nutritious, free diets. The buildings are also used as job retraining centres, another official explained. However, China does admit to cracking down on 'extremist activity' among Uighur Muslims in Xinjiang. It claims that Islamic militants and separatists are plotting attacks and stirring up tension between Uighurs and Han Chinese.

**ABOUT XINJIANG'S UIGHURS**  
China has the largest population in the world – 1.4 billion. Some 95 percent are Han Chinese; 5 percent are minorities. Xinjiang is a territory in northwest China. It became part of China in 1949. In theory the region is autonomous. In practice, the Chinese government controls it. The population of Xinjiang is 22 million. About 11 million are Uighur Muslims who speak a language similar to Turkish. Xinjiang's traditional economy is based on agriculture and trade. But the region is rich in oil and other resources, and the economy has been developing. That's prompted many Han Chinese from China's eastern areas to move to Xinjiang. Han Chinese now make up 40 percent of the territory's population. Many local Uighurs resent them because they are perceived to get the best jobs. Uighur communities also exist in neighbouring countries, such as Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Kazakhstan. These countries used to be part of the Soviet Union. But they gained independence in the 1990s, when the Soviet Union collapsed. That inspired some Xinjiang Uighurs to start a separatist movement. However, China's harsh response to these activities forced separatists underground.

**DEFINITIONS**  
AUTONOMOUS: freedom to govern or control its own affairs  
DETENTION CENTRE: jails where prisoners are held temporarily  
EXTREMIST: far beyond the norm  
HAN CHINESE: China's main ethnic group  
PERCEIVE: to understand or think about something in a particular way  
SEPARATIST: a group that wants to form a new country  
SOVIET UNION: a former country of Europe and Asia  
UNDERGROUND: secretly working against an existing regime

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