Reaction Against Religious Scholars’ Gathering

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SCO Member States Media: The Pioneers of Shaping a New Shared Vision for Future

The first SCO media summit was held in Beijing on June 1, 2018 on the occasion of China joining the SCO as a full member. As such, it is the mandate of SCO member states to strategically support, harmonize and institutionalize media cooperation and information exchange among them. SCO member states media has the potential to help people to connect and establish a platform of cooperation and exchange among them in different areas to promote and sustain a closer friendship and unity among the member states.

In addition, SCO should not remain as a regional apparatus for mutual interests and an instrument based on the spirit of Shanghai Pact that has an international mandate to contribute to a better world, in addition to the regional. One such behavior is rooted in the efforts of some member states to change the status of the existing countries in the region and beyond. Media can be the pioneers of taking forward the idea of building a fairer and more rational international order.

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