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US national security adviser O'Brien accused Zim and China of stirring unrest in US over George F death.

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Harare, June 2 (RHC)-- Zimbabwe has summoned its U.S. ambassador over remarks by a senior American official accusing the southern African country of stirring anti-racism protests over the death of George Floyd, the government said.

In an interview with ABC news, U.S. national security advisor Robert O'Brien referred to Zimbabwe and China as "foreign adversaries" using social media to stoke unrest and "sow discord."

Zimbabwe's foreign ministry spokesman James Manzou said U.S. ambassador Brian Nichols had been called in to explain O'Brien's remarks.

A senior unnamed Zimbabwean official quoted by the state-owned Herald newspaper denied O'Brien's accusations, and said: "Anyone who has seen the genesis of recent events, from the tragic death of Mr Floyd to the subsequent protests, will realize that any accusations of Zimbabwean involvement at any stage is farcical."

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