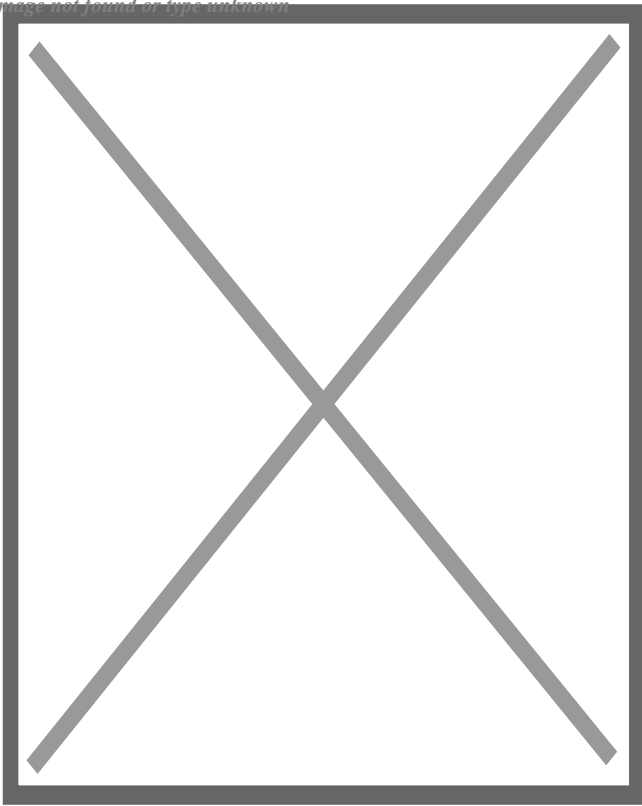


Beijing criticizes Washington's unscrupulous hysteria against China

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China's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin

Beijing, June 15 (RHC)-- Beijing has slammed Washington for imposing new sanctions on Chinese companies and denounced the move as Washington's "unscrupulous hysteria." China's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin urged Washington on Tuesday to "stop abusing export control measures" to hobble Chinese companies.

"The United States has repeatedly overstretched the concept of national security, abused state power, unwarrantedly suppressed Chinese companies, and wantonly disrupted the international economic order and trade rules," Wang said at a daily briefing in Beijing. "It has reached a level of unscrupulous hysteria."

China “demands that the U.S. immediately correct its wrong practice of politicizing, instrumentalizing, and weaponizing economic, trade, and sci-tech issues with a pretext of human rights or military-related issues,” Wang said.

The U.S. government on Monday placed 43 “entities” on an export control list, citing national security and foreign policy concerns. The latest U.S. sanctions include both Chinese and foreign companies.

Among those listed in the latest U.S. sanctions were Frontier Services Group Ltd., a security and aviation company previously run by Blackwater founder Erik Prince, and Test Flying Academy of South Africa, a flight school under scrutiny by British authorities for hiring retired British military pilots to train Chinese fliers. The Chinese companies are barred from now on from receiving U.S. exports for activities deemed contrary to U.S. national interest.

Other companies were sanctioned for aiding the development of China’s hypersonic weapons and the modernization of its army, the Commerce Department aid. Two companies — Beijing Ryan Wende Science and Technology Co. Ltd. and Xinjiang Kehua Hechang Biological Science and Technology Co. Ltd. -- were added for allegedly supplying items that helped the Chinese government monitor ethnic minorities across the country.

The U.S. military chief reiterates the need for dialogue with his Chinese counterpart, but China rebukes the gesture in the face of persisting "provocations."

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