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Beijing's Revenge?

2 Pro-China Communist Parties Coordinate Violent US Protests

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Two pro-China parties— Freedom Road Socialist Organization and Libera-

tion Road—are playing leading roles in coordinating the oftenviolent protests now occurring across the United States.

These groups openly state their desire to destroy the Trump presidency and bring down the Republican Party, and the current protests and rioting should be viewed in that context. This isn't about justice for George Floyd—this is about revolution.

Background

Freedom Road Socialist Organization (FRSO) was founded in 1985 as an alliance of the remnants of the 1960s and '70s Maoist revolutionary movements—Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), the Weathermen, Revolutionary Communist Party, League of Revolutionary Struggle, Communist Party USA (Marxist-times the Workers World Party. Leninist), Communist Workers Party, and other groups.

issues and organizing minority in several states, they aren't as groups (blacks, Latinos, Asians, Native Hawaiians, and Native Americans, and so on) for both electoral and revolutionary

In 1999, the FRSO split into competing organizations—but confusingly both kept the same

The smaller FRSO-Fight-Back! (FRSO-FB) (named after Norwegian Left Party. its newspaper FightBack!) is based in the Midwest. It's strong in Chicago, Minneapolis, and several parts of Wisconsin; it also has a presence in New York, California, Florida, and to blue. This was with the help of Texas, as well as Salt Lake City and Tucson, Arizona. FRSO-FB works closely with the Workers Liberation Road comrade Steve World Party, several leftist Islamic groups, and sometimes University in China. the Democratic Socialists of

FRSO-FB openly supports China and North Korea and has ties to the State Departmentdesignated terrorist groups the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Communist Party of the Philippines/New People's Army. FRSO-FB has sent at least four delegations to Venezuela in [he last year alone.

In September 2010, the FBI raided the homes of 23 FRSO-FB members and supporters in Minnesota, Illinois, and California looking for evidence of "material support for terrorism," according to The Wash-

"Search warrants, subpoenas and documents show that the FBI has been interested in links between the activists and the of capital." Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), the Popular in organizing protests against Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Hezbollah."

mentation being seized and the GOP nomination.

first-person evidence of an FBI informant inside FRSO-FB, no prosecutions were carried out. The fact that several of the arrestees were tied to President Barack Obama through Chicago activist circles may have been a factor in that decision.

Today, FRSO-FB is a classic Maoist activist party. It generally keeps out of electoral politics and doesn't usually cooperate with the Democratic Party.

The larger FRSO-Organizacion Socialista del Camino para la Libertad or FRSO/OSCL thankfully changed its name in April 2019 to Liberation Road. The organization is strong in the Bay Area, Los Angeles, New York, and Boston, as well as Pennsylvania, Ohio, Missouri, Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, and South Florida. It also has a smaller presence in several other states, including Washington,

Oregon, Alabama, and Texas. Liberation Road works closely with the Communist Party USA, Democratic Socialists of America, Solidarity, League of Revolutionaries for a New America, Socialist Party USA, and some-

Because Liberation Road is heavily involved in electoral As with most Maoist groups, politics and has heavily pen-FRSO heavily focuses on racial etrated the Democratic Party open about their foreign communist connections as their FRSO-FB cousins.

> Several Liberation Road supporters live in China, and the party supports the Beijing line. Liberation Road also has ties to Palestinian radicals and foreign communist parties, including the formerly Pol Pot-supporting

> Liberation Road is so strong in Virginia that by signing up hundreds of thousands of minority voters for the Democrats, they have flipped the state from red super-focused computer-generated electoral mapping done by McClure working out of Wuhan

Talk about foreign interference in elections!

Anti-Trump

Both Liberation Road and FRSO are militantly opposed to President Donald Trump and are working overtime to end his presidency.

Liberation Road's Facebook page is headed with the phrase, "Crush the Fascists, Isolate Trump and Build a Path to

This is followed by a message from "Steve from Wuhan" comparing China's response to CO-VID-19 with the United States':

"The USA cannot respond as China did, at a national level because the ruling regime is in the thrall of white supremacy and the most reactionary block

FRSO-FB was heavily involved the 2016 Republican National Convention in Ohio, where Despite considerable docu- Donald Trump accepted the

According to FightBack! News:

caused Trump to cancel his March 11 [2016] campaign appearance on the campus of the University of Illinois, Steff Yorek, the political secretary of Freedom Road Socialist Organization, urged progressive activists around the United States to follow Chicago's example.

Chicagos,' said Yorek. 'Trump is an open advocate of racism and national chauvinism. Forcing Trump to chicken out of his Chicago campaign appearance was a real victory. Chicago protesters of all nationalities sent a message to the world, that here in the U.S. there is widespread and militant opposition to his reactionary agenda."

News, Yorek, while speaking to protesters gathered in Columon Jan. 20, 2017, said, "We need to stay in the streets the entire four years opposing Trump and making the country ungovernable."

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FRSO and the NAARPR

cans are killed by police—almost always in legitimate circumstances. Some of those killed will inevitably be black. The Maoists could be confident that during the course of the summer of 2020, a black man somewhere would be killed by police.

It's my contention that Liberation Road and FRSO were primed for just such an event. The killing of George Floyd was a gift to the communists. It was so egregious and so public that it was bound to provoke outrage. The communists seized on the event and magnified that anger to the point of mass violence. If Floyd had never died, the revolutionaries simply would have waited a few more days until the next opportunity inevita-

In November 2019, FRSO gathered 1,200 people in Chicago to re-found the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression (NAARPR).

The original NAARPR had been led in the 1970s by wellknown Communist Party USA leader Angela Davis to campaign against alleged police brutality and "white racism."

The new NAARPR is led by Frank Chapman, a former prisoner-turned jailhouse lawyerturned communist, who also

"In the aftermath of the dramatic 5,000-person protest that "We need two, three, many

Also reported in FightBack! bus Circle in Washington, D.C.,

> cupation in such major urban areas as Baltimore, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New York, Oakland, St. Paul, St. Louis and Washington, D.C. with police being permitted by city government to commit unspeakable crimes against the people. Murders by the police, even when video-recorded, go unpunished....

on the central committee of the

The March 30, 2019, call to re-

"We issue this Call in a sense

"Consequently, we are reach-

ing out to you, our comrades

newed effort to create a Black-

led, Left-led, multi-racial,

multi-national movement to

stop police crimes, mass incar-

ceration and to end racist and

that the NAARPR was part of

the wider international revolu-

political repression."

found the NAARPR states:

FRSO in Chicago.

Every year, roughly 1,100 Ameri-

tionary movement: "We continue to stand in unconditional solidarity with the national liberation movements of Palestine, Puerto Rico, and South Africa, Venezuela, and all progressive, democratic forces against imperialism." Endorsers of the call included

Chicago Democratic Socialists of America, Communist Party USA, Marxist Labour Party, Socialist Unity Party, United States

20 FRSO front groups. On May 25, the day George issued a call for a National Day very good at it. of Protest that weekend: "Cities across the country are

picking up the call for a National Day of Protest on May 30th 'to stop the racist murder and violence that this administration People Organized to Win Em-

zation. Today, Chapman serves many people trapped in jails, prisons, and detention centers many of which are becoming death camps in this time of the Covid-19 pandemic."

Week 26, 2020. THE EPOCH TIMES

NAARPR produced a quick of outrage in the face of increas- list of 11 major cities where proing racist violence and political tests were planned—almost all repression towards working to be led by known FRSO front class and Black and Brown com- groups:

- "We see blatant police oc- Minneapolis-St. Paul-Twin
 - Chicago-Chicago Alliance **Against Racist and Political** Repression
 - Dallas-Dallas Alliance Against Racist & Political Repression • Los Angeles-Centro CSO
 - Jacksonville, Fla.-Jacksonville
 - Community Action Committee • Salt Lake City–Utah Against Police Brutality

in struggle, to join us in our re-Many more cities were added; many more marches were planned and continue to be planned. Almost all were led by FRSO front groups or allied communist organizations.

The call also made it clear Liberation Road and Black Lives Matter

Black Lives Matter is a communist movement—period.

We've all heard the story about three young black women—Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors, and Opal Tometi—who were sitting around after the 2012 killing of the Philippines, as well as the Florida teenager Trayvon Maranti-imperialist struggles of tingrieving for the young black men being systematically persecuted and murdered by law enforcement. They just happened to come up with the hashtag "Black Lives Matter"—which then just happened to spark a worldwide movement.

In reality, the hashtag gained traction because FRSO/OSCL of Africa Revolutionary Party, and their armies of sympathizseveral branches of Black Lives ers in the social movements Matter, plus FRSO and at least and the media pushed to make it happen. Communists have been doing this daily for more Floyd was killed, the NAARPR than a century now. They are All three young women are

> seasoned far-left activists in the orbit of FRSO/Liberation Road. Garza worked in Liberation Road-aligned organizations

School of Unity and Liberation (SOUL), the Right to the City Alliance, and contributed to the War Times newspaper.

In 2014, she was involved in a Mapping Socialist Strategies retreat in upstate New York, which was organized by the New York affiliate of the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation—a German-based German Communist Party.

Currently, she is a leader of LeftRoots, an FRSO/Liberation Road spinoff organization.

York City."

According to an FRSO/OSCL's

advertisement for the meeting:

NYC since the police murder

of Michael Brown, the chair of

OBS, which played a major role

in the Ferguson protests, dis-

cusses the new strategies, or-

ganizational forms and social

forces that emerged there, and

the country. How do we hold to-

gether broad united fronts with

classes and political perspec-

tives? What's the role of anti-

capitalists and socialists? What

kind of policing reforms do we

want and how do they relate to

other issues in our communi-

ties, and to radical social trans-

At the meeting, Simmons casu-

ally told the assembled comrades

that OBS had brought in just un-

My wife and I traveled to Fer-

remember well one particularly

chilling piece of graffiti—a large

caption "Death to AmeriKKKa."

Today, the Black Lives Matter

is coordinated nationwide by an

umbrella group called the Move-

former FRSO/OSCL national or-

participate in the protests.

formation?"

"Speaking for the first time in

Tometi was executive director of Black Alliance for Just Immigration. Her predecessor was Gerald Lenoir, a former leader of the Maoist-leaning Line of March group.

On June 4, 2015, she visited the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation in Berlin, where she spoke about police violence in the United States and the accomplishments of the Black Lives Matter movement.

Cullors was mentored in Los Angeles by Eric Mann, a lifelong Maoist and former member of SDS, the Weathermen, and the League of Revolutionary Struggle.

In January 2015, she traveled to Palestine with a delegation of different generations, cultures, Black Lives Matter activists "to witness firsthand the effects of Israeli apartheid and occupation," according to a Facebook post.

One of Cullors's fellow American delegates, "Dream Defender" Ahmad Abuznaid, is the son of a Nabil Abuznaid, a "close friend" and adviser to Yasser Arafat, the late leader of the terrorist Palestine Liberation Or-

When protests began in Ferguson, Missouri, on Aug. 10, 2014, the day after the police shooting of Michael Brown, FRSO/Libration Road quickly took charge of the ensuing events. The protests soon degenerated into several days of rioting, arson, and looting.

The main organization directing events at Ferguson was local activist group Organization of Black Struggle (OBS)—which was led by longtime FRSO/Liberation Road comrade Jamala

In the spring of 2015, the New Ash-Lee Henderson.

OSCL sponsored a forum titled ing protests across the nation "Ferguson: The Movement So through regular Zoom confer-Far and Lessons for Coming ence calls. Struggles." Speakers were "our comrade" Montague Simmons,

On May 30, MBL convened an "In Defense of Black Lives: National Week of Action Call," chair of the OBS in St. Louis, and Loyda Colon, co-director during which the "comrades" of the Justice Committee, a "La-(their term) discussed coorditina/Latino-led organization nated protest activity. Moderadedicated to building a movetors were Bay Area Black Lives group founded and led by sement against police violence Matter activist Karissa Lew-Participants included:

> Miski Noor of Black Visions Collective in Minnesota. Noor previously worked for Minnesota Attorney General and former Rep. Keith Ellison for

three years on "foreign affairs, immigration, and outreach to the Muslim community." Chanelle Helm of Black Lives

how the movement was sustained. Loyda Colon will reflect Matter Louisville. on the Justice Committee's work Kayla Reed of Action St. Louis, organizing with families directa former Ferguson protestor ly impacted by police violence, and Organization for Black and will share their thoughts on Struggle member. Reed was the current movement in NYC. identified as an "organizer" of "Together they will share their 2017 protests that turned violent in the St. Louis suburb of thoughts on key questions for the movements against police University City after a police abuse that are erupting around officer was found innocent of

> high-speed chase. Chinyere Tutashinda of The BlackOUT Collective in Cali-

murder after shooting a black

man who engaged police in a

fornia. Phillip Agnew of Dream Defenders in Florida, a former surrogate for presidential candidate Bernie Sanders. Agnew has led at least two Black Lives country's deep-rooted inequi-Matter delegations to the Palestinian territories.

der 10,000 out-of-town activists to On June 6, MBL held another forum titled "Making Meaning of This Moment"—advertised with guson not long after the riots. We a picture of a burning Minneapolis police station. Participants included veteran communist spray-painted machine with the Angela Davis, who is now close to Liberation Road, N'Tanya Lee of LeftRoots, and Reed and Karissa Lewis of MBL. The MBL website states the

ment for Black Lives (MBL). Sev-MBL "seeks to reach millions, eral Liberation Road comrades mobilize hundreds of thouwork through MBL, including sands, and organize tens of thousands, so that Black politiganizer Cazembe Jackson and cal power is a force able to influ-East Tennessee-based activist ence national and local agendas in the direction of our shared

take part in a week of action from June 1 to 7 in defense of

Vision for Black Lives."

SAMUEL CORUM/GETTY IMAGE

The site invited activists to A daily list of talking points

and action steps is listed which include: "We Demand a Divestment from the Police and Investment in Black Communities: We Demand Local Schools, Colleges, Universities, and All Public Institutions Cut Ties with the Police" and "Immediate Relief for Our Communities," followed by a list of demands that included a Universal Basic Income for Blacks and "direct cash payments, rent cancellation, mortgage cancellation, a moratorium on utility and water shutoffs and a cancellation of student, medical and other forms of debt."

According to the MBL website, "By Friday, after a week of takng action together, we will have flexed our collective muscle and built power nationwide."

Clearly, the protests are aimed at socialism—and ending the Trump presidency.

Bring Down Trump With Ongoing Revolution

The pro-Beijing forces behind the current protests genuinely believe that Trump is a fascist and must be removed from office by any means necessary. While most Americans believe that the protests and riots are about the tragic death of George Floyd, the Maoists understand that this is really about bringing down Trump.

The current uprising isn't an aberration. It must be seen (as the Maoists do) in the context of a longterm revolutionary

Longtime Maoist, former SDS, and Line of March comrade Max Elbaum recently published a propaganda piece "Black America: Beyond 1968

This Time" on the Liberation

Road-run website Organizing Upgrade, hinting at what is to the blame? "On the night of Martin Lu-

ther King's assassination April 4, 1968, Black rebellions erupted in more than 100 cities. Flames came within six blocks of the White House; 70,000 troops motive to burn America. This nior members of the former East and systemic racism in New is and New York-based MBL were called out to 'restore order.' article was designed to expose

> "Tuesday, there were uprisings in 140 cities. President Trump threatened to deploy the military. Trump's top henchman, Attorney General William Barr, ordered the teargassing of peaceful protesters near the White House so Trump could pose for a photo-op holding a

"The pattern repeats, but several important things are different this time around.

"The millions who poured into the streets in the 1960s gave the powers-that-were-then a damn good scare. More than a few of us believed a final reckoning was near at hand.... "Ruling class unity and con-

fidence has been badly shaken. Their neoliberal economic order system is in tatters, still unrecovered from the 2008 financial crisis and under fire from all quarters. Washington's global power has been steadily slipping away. The government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic has made the U.S. a global laughingstock, while casting a spotlight on this ties. The current uprising has moved the country's longstanding racial fault line center stage and is generating a new cohort of revolutionary fighters.

"The result is a crisis holding greater danger but also greater possibility than the high tide of 1968. The danger lies in the potential imposition of a racist authoritarian state. The possibility that exists is setting out on the path toward a Third Reconstruction that will remake the country. ...

"There could be a massacre tomorrow. And short of winning the demand just raised by the Movement for Black Lives likely to see an effort to steal

the 2020 election through some combination of voter suppression, vigilante intimidation (or worse) at polling places, and refusal to accept the results if a

vote count says Trump has lost. "It will take a sustained effort—organized, focused and with the same scale and militancy as the current uprising to prevent that from being successful."

The Maoists of FRSO and Liberation Road happily believe that "Washington's global power" is "steadily slipping away."

They are actively working on Beijing's behalf to accelerate that process. Just as the United States is beginning to recover from the disastrous effects of COVID-19, now comes another disaster to retard the economic recovery, rip America's social fabric to shreds, and weigh on Trump's poll numbers.

The Chinese Communist Party's loyal Americans have been actively involved in every major race riot in this country since the 1960s. I believe they are the major force behind the current wave of destruction.

The attorney general is correct to direct the FBI to investigate Antifa and other anarchist groups. However, he shouldn't miss the far bigger threat—the much better resourced and politically connected pro-Beijing communist movement.

The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has every incentive in the world to bring down their adversary Trump. He's challenged the CCP on trade, supported Taiwan and the Hong Kong protestors, and is rebuilding the U.S. military to oppose the CCP's plans to dominate the Pacific region. He is leading the fight against the CCP-inflicted coronavirus pandemic. Can the CCP handle four more years of President Trump?

Would it not benefit the CCP to burn American cities and destroy Trump's reelection chances—while taking none of

Any good detective knows that to identify the perpetrator of a crime, one must first determine the motive and the means.

The CCP certainly has the

Postscript

For several decades, the wise U.S. policy of isolating the CCP economically and politically kept China a third-rate power—unable even to seriously

threaten its near neighbors. In the 1970s, President Richard Nixon and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger told Americans that by engaging China, the CCP could be weaned away from communism and lured into the free world.

This disastrous mistake may

yet be the undoing of us all. Now, the CCP controls a world-class military and the world's second-largest economy—all while staying firmly on

the communist road. The United States now stands with a dangerous enemy squaring off across the Pacific, a deeply penetrated political system and business community, a vastly reduced industrial capacity, a severely damaged economy, and now mass rioting in cities across the nation—all in some way related to the CCP. Is all of this worth the ability to

buy cheap toasters at Walmart?

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thor, filmmaker, and public speaker from New Zealand. For more than 30 years, he has researched radical left, Marxist, and terrorist movements and their covert influence on mainstream politics. He is best known for his book "Enemies Within: Communists, Socialists and Progressives in the U.S. Congress" and his similarly themed documentary film "Enemies Within." His recently published book is "White House Reds: Communists, 'Trump Must Resign'—we are Socialists & Security Risks Running for U.S. President, 2020."



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Protesters display placards urging citizens to boycott Chinese goods during a demonstration in New Delhi on June 18, 2020.

INDIA-CHINA BORDER CONFLICT

India-China 'Decoupling' Accelerates After Border Dispute

Smartphone market a key battleground for India

FAN YU

News Analysis he recent India-China border dispute and violence has accelerated calls within India to "decouple" economically from China, especially on the technology front.

For the uninitiated, bilateral India-China trade stood at around \$93 billion at 2019, as India imports a significant amount of high technology, automotive supplies, pharmaceuticals, and industrial products from China.

Even prior to the Galwan Valley border dispute escalation earlier this month, the two major powers within Asia were already on a collision course. The outbreak of the CCP virus and the chain disruptions during the early stages of the pandemic exposed risks in India's manufacturing and technology supply chains.

CCP virus-related lockdowns had a significant impact on India's pharmaceutical and electronics supply chains, according to a recent report by the London-based India Inc. About 65 to 70 percent of India's imported active pharmaceutical ingredients are imported from China, and for some key active ingredients, China was the sole supplier, the report found.

There also have been increasing calls to boycott Chinese goods and services, arising from both the CCP virus pandemic and the recent border clash.

On June 17, India's intelligence agencies asked the Modi government to block or advise against the usage of 53 smartphone apps that are made by Chinese companies or linked to China.

The list of apps is exhaustive and includes popular platforms such as Zoom, TikTok, SHAREit, and apps made by smartphone maker

A major battleground on this effort for India will be smartphones. Currently, the smartphone market in India is dominated by

Chinese brands.

Xiaomi. The intelligence authorities voiced "concerns that these weren't safe and ended up extracting a large amount of data outside India," according to Hindustan Times, citing people familiar with the discussions.

Some imports, such as pharmaceutical ingredients, will be very difficult to source from suppliers outside of China, especially given the required price points. But other areas, such as manufacturing and smartphone supply chains, may be lower-hanging fruit. It's something Indian authorities have vowed to tackle with increased urgency.

Focus on Smartphones A major battleground on this effort

for India will be smartphones.

Currently, the smartphone market in India is dominated by China, with Chinese brands occupying four of the top five spots in the first quarter of 2020, according to research by Counterpoint. Xiaomi leads the market, with a 30 percent market share and 6 percent growth year-overyear, followed by Vivo, Samsung, Realme, and Oppo. Samsung is the only non-Chinese brand among the five.

While most of such smartphones sold in India are made in and imported from China, the Indian government is looking to change that dynamic. In early June, India announced a 500 billion rupee (\$6.6 billion) program to incentivize manufacturers to set up facilities in India.

India announced it would offer qualified entities subsidies of up to 6 percent of the sales they manufacture within the country over five years, while offering rebates of up to 25 percent on capital expenditures that companies make in India, related to semiconductors and electronic components.

The announcement is part of the Modi government's effort to court international companies to set up a manufacturing base away from

One company looking to take advantage of the program is Indian phone manufacturer Micromax. The firm was the No. 1 smartphone brand in India about five years ago, before Chinese brands entered the Indian market by offering cheap phones and elbowed local brands from the top spots.

The deflationary effects of cheap phones made by Chinese manufacturers with scale had a devastating impact on domestic smartphone makers. Intex pivoted away from making phones and now focuses on other electronics, while another former top phone maker, Lava, still exists but is now focused on sales in smaller towns that the Chinese brands have overlooked. Even Micromax today assembles

most of its phones in China to save

Micromax used its Twitter account to tell its followers on June 18 that the company is working on new smartphone devices to be assembled in India, with hashtags #MadeByIndian and #MadeForIndian. Micromax reportedly has seven new devices in the pipeline, a retail industry source told the Indian news site Indian Express.

Despite the anti-China sentiment in India, it will be difficult for consumers to pivot away from Chinese smartphones. Chinese brands comprise 75 percent of the market in India and dominate the important sub-\$200 price segment.

"We don't have anything," Navkendar Singh, research director with IDC India, told Indian Express. "I don't expect Micromax, Intex, and Lava to suddenly start making great devices and giving value across ecosystem products."

INDIA-CHINA BORDER CONFLICT

Chinese Soldiers Used 'Nail-Studded Rods' to Kill Indian Soldiers, Including Military Officer: Veterans

VENUS UPADHAYAYA

ndian veterans have accused China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) of "barbarism" and of violating protocols by using crude weapons against unarmed Indian soldiers, after 20 were killed on the inhospitable terrain of the Galwan Valley in Ladakh on the night of June 15.

"Our people do not carry any sticks or any kind of such equipment, but the Chinese, in a premeditated manner, were carrying clubs—you know, metallic clubs, [including ones] with spikes on them, or wooden clubs which had barbed wire on them, and knuckle dusters, and all of these kinds of equipment—and they hit the commanding officer and our people," retired Lt. Gen. Rakesh Sharma, who previously served in the Indian army at the same location, told The Epoch Times over the phone from New Delhi.

On June 18, retired Col. Ajai Shukla, a defense and strategic analyst, shared an image on Twitter of the weapons that were used.

"The nail-studded rods—captured by Indian soldiers from the Galwan Valley encounter site—with which Chinese soldiers attacked an Indian Army patrol and killed 20 Indian soldiers," he wrote. "Such barbarism must be condemned. This is thuggery, not soldiering."

Lt. Gen. Gurmeet Singh, a retired army deputy chief of staff who had served for 40 years and visited China seven times in his role, told The Epoch Times over the phone that the PLA has violated the military protocols it signed with the Indian army and that the attack shows its lack of professionalism.

"Is it the work of an army? Is it the work of a soldier? It indicates that the PLA actually is not an army like nations have," said Singh. "They don't appreciate the way combat troops operate. And rightly so, because the PLA is a political party's army."

In the wake of the killing of the soldiers, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a message to the nation on June 17 said that "under all circumstances," India will protect "every inch" of its land.

"To protect our country's integrity and sovereignty is our priority, and no one can stop us from doing it.



Sandeep Kaur (C) and her brother Prabhjot Singh (2nd R) react after placing flowers on the coffin of their father, Satnam Singh, a soldier who was killed in a recent clash with Chinese forces in the Galwan Valley area, during the cremation ceremony near Gurdaspur, India, c

June 18, 2020.

In the last five

to six years, the

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Retired Lt. Gen.

No one should be in doubt or illusion about it. We want peace, but if provoked, under all circumstances we are capable of giving an adequate reply," he said.

Though the Chinese authorities haven't made an official statement about the casualties on the Chinese side, the Indian Hindi newspaper Navbharat Times on June 17 reported that 43 Chinese soldiers were also killed in the incident. Sharma said that, based on the helicopter activity on the Chinese side, the Indians estimate the number of Chinese soldiers killed to be 30 to 43.

What Happened in Galwan?

Indian veterans say it's important to understand the terrain and the activity happening on the disputed border, called the Line of Actual Control (LAC), between India and China to understand the incident that resulted in the deaths of so many soldiers.

According to Sharma, the incident happened one to two miles away from where the Galwan River, a tributary of the Indus, joins the Shyok sub-zero temperatures, is extremely inhospitable. The Indian military is building a road in the region that the Chinese don't like.

He said neither the Indian nor Chinese sides have road access to the Galwan River, and both sides have been patrolling on foot until recently. "In the course of the last three to four years, we constructed a major artery which goes along the West of the River Shyok, and created a bridge on the Shyok River," said Sharma.

The recent escalation started a few weeks ago, after India began building a feeder road to the Galwan Valley. On June 15, the Indian military saw that the Chinese had crossed to the Indian side of the LAC and "occupied areas," sparking a face-off between the two militaries.

Sharma said the two countries have signed five treaties between 1993 and 2013 that define protocols of engagement on the disputed LAC whenever a controversy or conflict occurs.

"We are supposed to disengage and go back to our own area and then meet at the other personal meetings to resolve issues, and this has been continuing from 1993 onwards. However, in the last five to six years, the PLA has not been following this protocol," said Sharma.

On June 15, the Indian commanding officer, who was one of the 20 killed, had gone to the LAC and seen Chinese soldiers on the Indian side. "He promptly requested those people vacate and go back ... and that's the time the PLA decided to take the offensive" and attacked, Sharma said.

The skirmish happened on a "small ledge ... above the banks of the river," and when the unarmed Indian soldiers were attacked, it was nighttime, and temperatures were below freezing. Many fell off the ledge and died, according to Sharma, who added that more information is still coming in.

Another Indian veteran, Brig. Amul Asthana, who has served in similarly inhospitable terrain, told The Epoch Times by phone that China wants to take high positions on the LAC for strategic military advantage.

Many of these advantageous positions are currently under India's control. While the Chinese have built up infrastructure on the LAC, India until recently in many locations was River. This Himalayan terrain, over mostly foot-patrolling and has only 17,000 feet above sea level and with recently started to build infrastruc-

> Asthana said the terrain becomes increasingly inaccessible after October, and foot patrols become impossible in 20 feet of snow—India also has "winter vacated posts" and "winter cut-off posts" in the region because it

doesn't have adequate infrastructure and logistic feasibility to support a year-round presence.

"If I have access, why should I vacate," he said, explaining why the PLA creates problems whenever the Indian army tries to build infrastructure on the LAC.

The Aftermath

Indian analysts say the incident will change the way the two countries engage with each other in the disputed territory and will lead to more military buildup on the Indian side.

Sharma said it will change the way India handles such issues with the PLA and will lead to serious debate within the Indian army as to how to protect its troops.

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Retired Col. Aiai Shukla, defense and strategic analyst

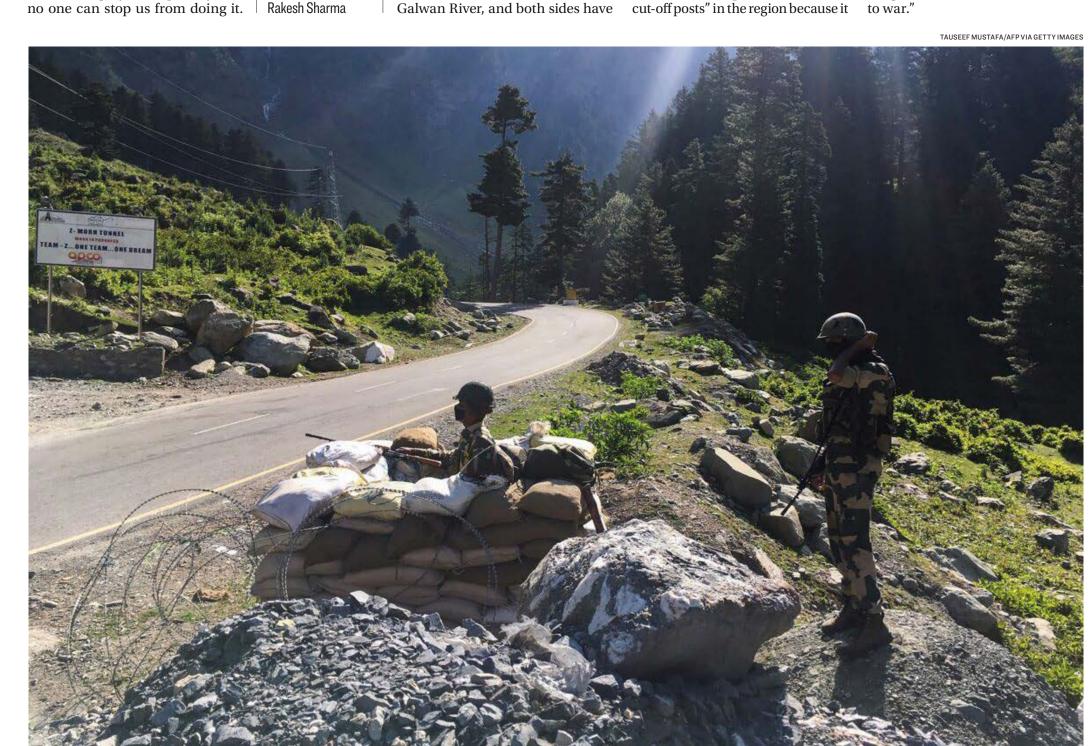
"Since the Chinese were prepared with all these, the medieval type of weaponry, which people used two centuries ago, and they were prepared for it at a time when we were just going to negotiate and talk to them, then I believe we need to think in future about why this happened," said Sharma. "I'm sure that's an issue of serious debate with the army."

Girish Kant Pandey, a professor of Defense Studies at Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, in Central India, told The Epoch Times that the incident will push India to develop more infrastructure on the border and will lead to an increase in mountain strike troops.

"India is increasing its mountain strike corps to 200,000. There are possibilities of this to further increase," said Pandey. He also mentioned that India will

likely increase its long-range missile capabilities as well as its eastern na-

"There are fewer possibilities that this conflict will escalate," said Pandey. "A war is not in either country's interest. The greater an economy, the greater the loss it will suffer due to war."



Indian Border Security Force soldiers guard a highway leading toward Leh, bordering China, in Gagangir, India, on June 17, 2020.

SURVEILLANCE

Beijing Builds National DNA Database, Raising Privacy Concerns, Report Says

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hinese authorities are collecting genetic samples from millions of its citizens, including students in kindergarten and elementary schools, often without informed consent, raising concerns about civil and human rights violations.

China's effort to compile a DNA database of its citizens is carefully reviewed in a report, titled "Genomic Surveillance," released on June 17 by the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI), a Canberra-based think tank.

"A national database containing the genetic information of tens of millions of ordinary Chinese citizens is a clear expansion of the already unchecked authority of the Chinese Government and its Ministry of Public Security," the

China's compulsory collection of biometric data is "deepening the Chinese Government's control over society while violating the human and civil liberties of millions of the country's citizens."

The report reviewed more than 700 publicly available documents, including government bid tenders and procurement orders, social media posts from China's police bureaus, corporate documents, and Chinese news reports.

China's DNA collection program, which began in 2003, was limited to certain parts of the country, including Tibet and Xinjiang. But beginning in 2017, the program was expanded across China, after the Ministry of Public Security, in charge of the country's police, announced that the efforts were to improve crime-fighting and better "manage and control society."

Selective Approach

Unlike the biometric collection efforts in Xinjiang and Tibet, where samples were collected from nearly the entire local population, Chinese authorities adopted a selective approach after 2017, only collecting DNA samples from certain male citizens, according to the report.

Such selective collection is based on the fact that females have two X chromosomes while males have one X chromosome and one Y chromosome. A chromosome is a DNA molecule containing

By collecting DNA samples from men and boys, Chinese authorities have built up a registry of Y-STRs, which are short tandem repeats on Y chromosomes. Y-STRs are passed down from fathers to sons, with little variation from one generation to the next. It means that by knowing a man's Y-STRs, one can easily trace down his male relatives.

"If a Y-STR database contains a large representative sample of DNA profiles and corresponding family records, even an unknown male's data can potentially be matched to a family name and even

a DNA research lab in Beijing on Aug. 22, 2018.

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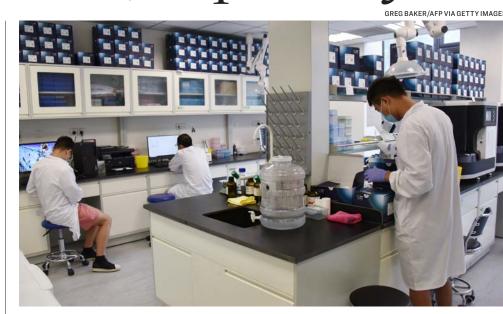
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Australian Strategic

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father, uncle, or even third cousin," the ASPI report says.

Y-STRs are commonly used in forensics and genealogical DNA testing.

Chinese authorities were able to achieve greater genetic coverage by only collecting DNA samples from men

For example, ASPI reported that authorities in central China's Henan Province achieved 98.71 percent genetic coverage by only collecting DNA samples from 5.3 million men or about 10 percent of the province's male population, **Companies** according to two 2017 local scientific

In November 2017, China's Ministry of Public Security publicly called for the creation of a nationwide Y-STR archive. As of April 2020, the ASPI documented that there were hundreds of police-led collection trips for Y-STR samples conducted in 22 of China's 31 administrative

In June 2019, the local county government in Xia Bai Shi, located in southern China's Fujian Province, reported on its WeChat social media account that it had gathered over 1,500 blood samples from students at several local elementary schools and kindergartens, in its effort to build a "male ancestry inspection system"—another name for the Y-

STR database. hind building the registry. It stated: "This is highly disturbing. In China's authoritarian one-party system, there's no division between policing crime and suppressing political dissent."

It added that having a police-run catalog of citizens' genealogies "is likely to increase state repression against the family members of dissidents and further undermine the civil and human rights of dissidents and minority com-

The report's authors noted that they

have on file the Y-STR data of that male's STR samples. Moreover, authorities often don't explain why samples were

> For instance, an unidentified father asked on Zhihu, China's equivalent to Ouora, whether the local health officials' demand to take his child's DNA sample would intrude on personal privacy. He added that when he called the local police about his concern, a female official threatened to revoke his residency permit if he refused to have his child's

Chinese companies and others that include U.S.-based biomedical company Thermo Fisher have provided "Chinese police with the equipment and intellectual property needed to collect, store, and analyze the Y-STR samples," according to the report.

Thermo Fisher didn't immediately respond to a request from The Epoch Times for comment.

The report highlighted AGCU Scientech, a subsidiary of Anhui Anke Bioengineering (Group) Co., as a key Chinese producer of Y-STR analysis kits.

Anhui Anke, a publicly traded company listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange, has participated in the Chinese regime's agenda, including the 863 Program, which U.S. authorities have said guides efforts to "clandestinely acquire ASPI warned about the intention be- U.S. technology and sensitive economic

> Another Chinese company, Beijing Hisign Technology, which was founded by a member of China's military, the People's Liberation Army, provided Y-STR database solutions to several regional police bureaus, according to ASPI.

"Biotechnology companies should ensure that their products and services adhere to international best practices and don't contribute to human rights abuses in China, and must suspend sales, service, and research collaboradidn't come across sources to suggest tions with Chinese state authorities if that Chinese authorities had sought and when violations are identified," ASPI



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Beijing Unveils Details on Hong Kong Security Law, With Sweeping Powers

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eijing will establish a security agency in Hong Kong that allows the regime to tighten its control over the territory, according to a blueprint about the city's national security law unveiled on June 20.

The new details triggered an immediate backlash from local activists and international observers.

China's communist regime aims to set up a dedicated central government bureau in the former British colony that would collect relevant intelligence on national security-related cases, Chinese state media Xinhua said June 20. The Hong Kong government will also establish a national security council headed by Hong Kong's top leader, currently the pro-Beijing Carrie Lam, with a Beijing-assigned adviser as a board member.

The law, which also will empower the chief executive to appoint judges to hear cases relating to China's national security, would override local laws in any areas of conflict. New local investigation and police units will also be established to enforce the law.

While Hong Kong will have jurisdiction over cases—except under "specific circumstance," China can have jurisdiction over an "extremely small" number of national security cases, according to the standing committee of Beijing's ceremonial legislature, the National People's Congress (NPC).

The law, which was rubberstamped by the NPC last month, marks the most direct encroachment on the promise of autonomy granted to Hong Kong by the communist regime since the territory reverted to Chinese rule from British administration in 1997.

The city's common-law-based legal system was widely seen as the bedrock of that autonomy, underpinning its status as a global financial hub.

Critics fear the law would allow Beijing to target dissenters of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) under the cloak of "national se-

On June 21, Beijing announced that the NPC standing committee



Members of the Chinese police march through Tiananmen Square in Beijing on May 24, 2020.

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will hold another three-day meeting at the end of this month. While the Hong Kong security law currently isn't on the agenda, observers in Hong Kong speculate that the standing committee will formally finalize the law during the meeting.

Reactions

Alvin Yeung, a barrister and leader of Hong Kong's local pro-democracy Civic Party, likened the announcement at a news conference to a "sharp sword piercing into Hong Kong's judicial and administrative organs."

Hong Kong Bar Association chairman Philip Dykes described any move to have Lam allocate judges as "extraordinary," saying this cuts to the core of the independence of the judiciary that is protected by the Basic Law, the city's miniconstitution. "This is the biggest shift since the

handover," Dykes told Reuters. With Lam heading the council, "you're picking a judge for a contest in which you have an interest," he said.

The law would give Beijing—"the country with the poorest human rights record"—sole power to interpret what constitutes a breach of national security, Hong Kong democracy activist Joshua Wong said. After Beijing announced new

details about the law, U.S. Sen.

Rick Scott (R-Fla.) took to Twitter to voice U.S. support for the people of Hong Kong. "Communist China continues

their mission to destroy human

rights and autonomy in #Hong-Kong. Its plans to suffocate and intimidate those fighting for their basic rights is clear," Scott wrote. British NGO Hong Kong Watch also responded, saying it was "particularly concerning that when discrepancies arise between the

new law and Basic Law, this law

will supersede," in a tweet. "This law fundamentally compromises one-country, two-systems, and breach of the handover agreement. The details emerging put human rights in jeopardy," Hong Kong Watch said.

Lawmaker Claudia Mo expressed concern on Twitter about the vague language concerning jurisdiction, and posed the possibility that people could be tried under mainland China's legal system. "#ChinaExtradition part 2," she wrote.

A mass protest movement against Beijing's encroachment erupted in June last year, when millions since-scrapped extradition bill.

'Party-State'

Beijing's new security agency in Hong Kong "removes any remaining notions of the region's autono-

my," Dan Garrett, author of a book chronicling the history of prodemocracy protests in the region, told The Epoch Times in an email. He described the body as "a second

stove-pipe to 'govern' Hong Kong." Any judges appointed by Hong Kong's government, meanwhile, would have surely been "vetted by the Party-state" of Beijing beforehand, Garrett said, calling the measure "pure Chinese communist political theater."

"It is a farce," he said. A lot of deliberations may happen behind closed doors to ensure the trials move according to Beijing's plans, providing "token transparency" in an attempt to avoid scrutiny from international society, he added.

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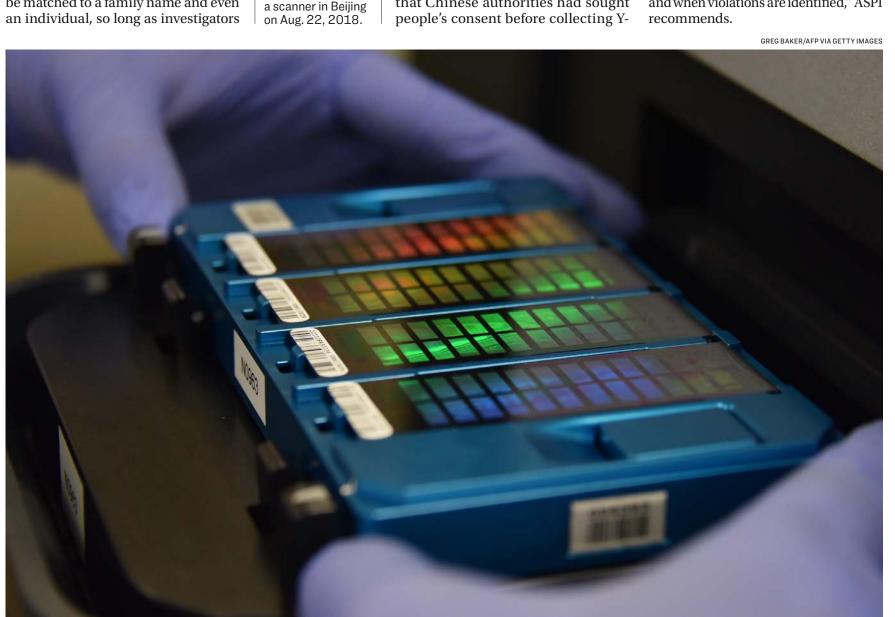
U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo suggested on June 19 that the degree of Hong Kong's special trade privileges with the United States would be proportional to the political freedom it enjoys. The local legislative elections in September, he said, would be a telltale sign.

President Donald Trump last month announced that his administration would begin the process of eliminating Hong Kong's special trading status with the United States in response to Beijing's "smothering" of Hong Kong's au-

"We have many agreements that are unique between the United States and Hong Kong, separate with Beijing. We will move away from every one of those," Pompeo said during the online Copenhagen Democracy Summit.

Reuters contributed to this report.

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Police detain a man (L) as pro-democracy protesters gather in the Causeway Bay district of Hong Kong on June 12, 2020.

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TRUTH and TRADITION: In Our Own Words

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