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GERMANY URGED TO CONFRONT BEIJING AT EU-CHINA SUMMIT

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Rights advocates are urging Germany to use its hosting of an EU-China summit due in September to confront Beijing over repression.

Berlin's reply to an opposition Greens parliamentary question about the EU summit had exposed a German government "significantly more reticent" to broach China's rights record, reported the SZ.

Leipzig would be an "event of the EU under the presidency of the European Council of Ministers," the German government had told Greens parliamentarian Margarete Bause, adding diplomatically that it observed with "concern" a "weakening of international human rights standards" in China.

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