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## CHINA SAYS US WILL 'PAY THE PRICE' FOR DIPLOMATIC BOYCOTT OF OLYMPICS

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The United States will have to "pay a price" for its diplomatic boycott of the Winter Olympics in Beijing, China said on Tuesday (Dec 7), just weeks after talks aimed at easing tense relations between the two nations.

On Monday, the White House said US government officials would boycott the Winter Olympics because of China's human rights "atrocities", although US athletes are free to travel there to compete.

The US boycott, encouraged for months by some members of Congress and rights advocacy groups, comes despite an effort to stabilise ties, with a video meeting last month between US President Joe Biden and China's leader Xi Jinping.

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