
CHINA CONCERNED ABOUT 'WORSENING' SITUATION IN UKRAINE, WARNS CITIZENS TO AVOID 'UNSTABLE' AREAS

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China is concerned about the "worsening" situation in Ukraine, Foreign Minister Wang Yi said on Tuesday (Feb 22), repeating his call for all parties to show restraint and resolve differences through dialogue.

The legitimate security concerns of any country should be respected, Wang, who is also a Chinese state councillor, told US Secretary of State Antony Blinken on a phone call, according to a Chinese foreign ministry statement.

Accelerating a crisis the West fears could spark a war, Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday ordered the deployment of troops to two breakaway regions in eastern Ukraine after recognising them as independent.

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