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CHINA SOFTENS COVID STANCE AFTER PROTESTS, CLASHES WITH PEOPLE

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Vice Premier Sun Chunlan, who oversees COVID response, says the viruss ability to cause disease has weakened.

China is softening its tone on the severity of COVID-19 and easing some coronavirus restrictions after anger over the worlds toughest pandemic curbs triggered protests in several cities across the country, some of which led to clashes with police.

With daily cases remaining near record levels even after prolonged lockdowns, Chinese Vice Premier Sun Chunlan, who oversees the countrys coronavirus response, said on Wednesday that the viruss ability to cause disease was weakening.

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