
US-FUNDED RADIO FREE ASIA CLOSES ITS HONG KONG BUREAU OVER SAFETY CONCERNS UNDER NEW SECURITY LAW

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The president of U.S.-funded Radio Free Asia said Friday that its Hong Kong bureau has been closed because of safety concerns under a new national security law, deepening concerns about the city's media freedoms.

Bay Fang, the president of RFA, said in a statement that it will no longer have full-time staff in Hong Kong, although it would retain its official media registration.

Actions by Hong Kong authorities, including referring to RFA as a foreign force, raise serious questions about our ability to operate in safety with the enactment of Article 23, Fang said.

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