
CHINA DEFENDS INDIA TIES, SLAMS PENTAGON REPORT ON BORDER DISPUTE

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China on Thursday defended its ties with India while slamming a Pentagon report that said Beijing seeks to take advantage of decreased tensions between the Asian nations over their border dispute.

"The Pentagon's report distorts China's defense policy, sows discord between China and other countries, and aims at finding a pretext for the US to maintain its military supremacy," Foreign Ministry spokesman Lin Jian told a news conference in Beijing.

The Pentagon's annual report to Congress on China's military and security developments, released Tuesday, stated Beijing probably seeks to capitalize on decreased tension along the LAC (Line of Actual Control) to stabilize bilateral relations and prevent the deepening of US-India ties; however, India probably remains skeptical of China's actions and motives."

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