

《中国国防部长警告印度》

India must give up the "illusion of its delaying tactic" and immediately withdraw its troops from Chinese territory, Defense Ministry spokesman Ren Guoqiang said in a statement late Thursday night.

The Chinese armed forces have shown a high level of restraint since Indian troops illegally crossed the border at the Sikkim section into Chinese territory on June 18, but "goodwill has its principles and restraint has its bottom line," Ren said, adding that the Chinese military will resolutely protect the country's territorial sovereignty and security interests.



The Indian troops' trespass into Chinese territory. /Chinese Foreign Ministry Photo

There were still more than 40 Indian troops and one bulldozer "illegally staying in Chinese territory" at the end of July, according to a statement by the Chinese Foreign Ministry on Wednesday.

No country should underestimate the Chinese forces' confidence and capability to safeguard peace and their resolve and willpower to defend national sovereignty, security and development interests, said Ren.



What China believes in Donglang standoff and why

WHAT EVERYONE AGREES ON



Since the 1980s

China and Bhutan have had 74 rounds of talks to resolve their boundary issue and reached broad consensus.

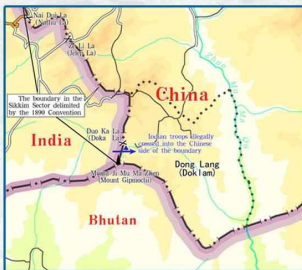
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The Chinese side was building a road in the Dong Lang area.

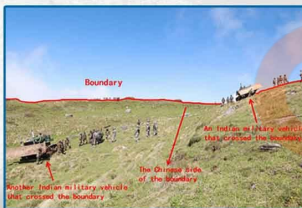
On June 18

Over 270 Indian border troops entered the Donglang area citing "serious security implications" of China's road building and "protecting Bhutan" as justifications.

WHAT CHINA BELIEVES



1 The Indian troops crossed the boundary in the Sikkim sector at the Duo Ka La (Doka La) pass and advanced more than 100 meters into the Chinese territory.



2 China believes the territory clearly belongs to China according to the Convention Between Great Britain and China Relating to Sikkim and Tibet signed in 1890.

3 The China-Bhutan boundary issue has nothing to do with India.

4 India's behavior runs counter to the international law. According to UN General Assembly Resolution 3314, no consideration of whatsoever nature may serve as a justification for the invasion or attack by the armed forces of a state of the territory of another state.

5 Although Indian troops have decreased from a high of 400, there are still 40 of them and one bulldozer illegally staying in the Chinese territory.

6 The only way to resolve the standoff is for India to "immediately and unconditionally" withdraw its trespassing border troops.

Source: Chinese Foreign Ministry

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India's behavior has violated China's sovereignty and territorial integrity and is against the Convention Between Great Britain and China Relating to Sikkim and Tibet signed in 1890 and the Charter of the United Nations, Ren noted, describing India's behavior as a "blatant violation" of the basic principles of international law and basic norms governing international relations.

He urged India to swiftly address the situation in an appropriate manner to restore peace in the border region.

