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BEIJING - Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesman Qin Gang on Saturday evening urged the United States to correct its mistakes after President Barack Obama met with the Dalai Lama.

"We once again urge the US side to correct mistakes," Qin said in a press release.

He said the United States should stop conniving and supporting anti-China, secessionist force which pursues "Tibet independence," halt interference into China's internal affairs, and adopt measures to offset negative influence, in order to avoid further damage to the China-US relations.

Qin pointed out that Tibet is an inseparable part of China's territories and that the affairs of Tibet are totally internal affairs of China.

Qin said the US side has done serious damage to China-US relations by allowing the Dalai Lama to visit the country and meet with the US leader despite objection of China.

He said such a wrong move gravely interfered in China's internal affairs, seriously violated the US commitment of recognizing Tibet as part of China and of not supporting the "Tibet independence," and gravely violated basic norms governing the international relations.

"Facts have proved that the Dalai Lama is definitely not just a religious figure, but a political exile who has long engaged in anti-China secessionist activities in the name of religion," he said.

Qin said the Dalai Lama has never stopped secessionist activities though he proclaimed not to seek "Tibet independence."

He accused the Dalai Lama of attempting to pursue independence in a disguised way by advocating the so-called "middle way" and a "Greater Tibet," which in fact is nonexistence in history.

"This is what the Chinese government and people will never accept," Qin said.

He said the central government of China has always kept the door open for contact and discussions with the Dalai Lama.

"If the Dalai Lama really wishes to achieve progress in contact and discussions, he must reflect on his own words and deeds in a thorough way and stop all activities of separatist and destructive nature," Qin said.

Qin said the Chinese people have the biggest say on the situation in Tibet.

Since the peaceful liberation of Tibet more than 60 years ago, Tibet has experienced tremendous changes. Serfs of the old time Tibet have long become the master of their own destiny while unprecedented progresses have been achieved in all fields, he said.

"These are facts that won't be denied by anyone without political bias," Qin added.

