

## **China Blasts US Human Rights Record**

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China Publishes Report on Human Rights in the USA

Beijing, Feb 27 (Prensa Latina) The Chinese State Council Information Office published on Friday, for the 10th consecutive year, a report about the human rights violations in the United States.

A prologue to the document said that Washington criticizes others and remains silent about its own problems, something that proves the US double standard and hypocrisy about the human rights issue.

The report is the answer of the Asian nation to the attacks by the US State Department, in its habitual annual report against the humanitarian situation in China.

Entitled the United States, Put Your Own House in Order, the document covers three full pages of the Chinese dailies.

As in previous years, the report that covers the 2008 period denounced the cases of glaring racism, police abuses, denial of the minorities' cultural rights, and the tortures practiced on prisoners at the Guantanamo naval base penitentiary.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu urged on Thursday the US government to examine its own problems with human rights and not to use that issue as an excuse to interfere in the internal affairs of other countries.

In the last 30 years, China has constantly developed its economy, religious freedom has been protected, and all the ethnic groups enjoy more freedom and rights, the official said.

He also said his country is willing to hold talks and exchange with all countries about the human rights issues, based on equality and mutual respect.

The report by the US State Department that attacks China was published just three days after US State Secretary Hillary Clinton concluded an official visit to Beijing.

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