

CHINA SLAMS INDIA'S BAN ON 43 MORE APPS

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A separate statement from the Chinese Embassy in New Delhi on Wednesday said China “firmly oppose[s] the Indian side’s repeated use of ‘national security’ as an excuse to prohibit some mobile apps with Chinese background”.

With Tuesday’s ban, over 200 Chinese apps, many owned by some of China’s biggest Internet firms, including Alibaba and Bytedance, which once saw India as their biggest potential overseas market, are no longer accessible in India.

Tuesday’s move listed 43 mobile apps, including Alibaba-linked apps such as AliExpress and Alipay Cashier, citing threats to national security, integrity and sovereignty of India.

India blocked 59 apps in June and a further 118 in September, including Tencent’s WeChat, Bytedance’s popular TikTok app, Baidu, UC Browser, Sina Weibo and a number of gaming apps, such as PUBG and Rise of Kingdoms.

Mr. Zhao said China “expresses serious concerns over India’s claims” relating to the apps. “For four times since June, India has imposed restrictions on smartphone apps with Chinese backgrounds under the pretext of national security,” he said. “These moves, in glaring violation of market principles and WTO rules, severely harm the legitimate rights and interests of Chinese companies. China firmly rejects them. The Chinese government always asks Chinese companies to observe international rules and local laws and regulations when doing business overseas. The Indian government has the responsibility to follow market principles and protect the lawful rights and interests of international investors including Chinese companies. China-India economic and trade cooperation, by nature, is mutually beneficial”.

Deadlocked talks

Tuesday’s move came amid deadlocked talks to push disengagement along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), with both sides yet to agree on a plan to disengage and return to status quo prior to China’s multiple transgressions starting in May. While the Chinese State-run media hasn’t reported widely on the LAC transgressions, the app ban has been covered widely in the Chinese press, with calls for repercussions targeting Indian companies.

India has sought to signal clearly to China that trade and investment relations cannot continue as normal while the border situation remains tense.

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