

China criticizes U.S. report on religious freedom

China on Friday criticized a U.S. organization's report on religious freedom in the country and asked the organization to discard prejudice.

The recent United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) annual report recommended the U.S. government keep China on the list of "countries of particular concern".

The Chinese government protects the religious freedom of its citizens in line with laws, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Geng Shuang said at a daily press briefing.

"It is obvious and indisputable that the Chinese people of all ethnic groups have fully enjoyed freedom in terms of religious belief," Geng said.

USCIRF is politically prejudiced against China, ignores its progress in the area of religion and issues inaccurate reports on its religious policies year after year, Geng said.

"The commission should respect the facts, discard its bias and stop interfering in China's internal affairs," he added.