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## Factbox: China eyes tougher national security regime for Hong Kong



Chinese President Xi Jinping walks past officials wearing face masks following the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak as he arrives for the opening session of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing,

HONG KONG (Reuters) - Beijing is set to impose a new national security law on Hong Kong following last year's often violent anti-China unrest that plunged the city into its deepest turmoil since returning to Chinese rule in 1997.

Chinese President Xi Jinping walks past officials wearing face masks following the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak as he arrives for the opening session of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China May 21, 2020. REUTERS/Carlos Garcia Rawlins

The move is seen as a turning point, as leaders of the ruling Communist Party tighten control over China's freest international city, undermining its reputation as a financial hub with substantial autonomy and an independent legal system.

### WHAT DOES CHINA WANT?

Greater control and a sense of security. For several years, Chinese officials have expressed increasing frustration and anger over what they see as a weak national security regime in the freewheeling city.

Last year's large and sometimes violent anti-government protests have sharpened that frustration, with China determined to thwart what it calls threats of terrorism, independence, subversion of state power, and interference by foreign forces.

### SO WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

China's annual session of parliament will deliberate on the plan, announced on Thursday, before it is grafted into Hong Kong's mini-constitution without any local legislative scrutiny, as has been past practice.

In the draft of the legislation seen by Reuters, China said its move follows "increasingly notable national security risks". It said Hong Kong had failed to implement national security laws on its own as stipulated in the city's mini-constitution, under the terms of its 1997 handover from Britain.

### WHAT REMAINS UNCLEAR?

Hong Kong lawyers are puzzled over how the imposed provisions will work in practice.

Questions include whether all protections already in the Basic Law apply and whether locally based mainland agents have enforcement power.

Another issue is whether the standing committee of the National People's Congress has extra powers to ultimately interpret Hong Kong court rulings on national security.

"The ground is shifting beneath our feet," one legal scholar said. "There are suddenly a lot more questions than answers. And it is not even clear whether anyone in the Hong Kong government is standing up internally against these changes."

China also said its intelligence agencies would have the right to set up offices in Hong Kong to "safeguard national security". It is not clear, however, whether they will carry out

enforcement activities, a critical concern.

### WHY IS THIS HAPPENING NOW?

The issue sits at the heart of the "one country, two systems" formula under which China agreed to protect Hong Kong's extensive freedoms, autonomy and independent legal system. Those freedoms are protected by the Basic Law, which guides the relationship between Hong Kong and Beijing.

But Article 23 of the document also says Hong Kong must "on its own" enact laws against treason, secession, sedition, subversion and the theft of state secrets. It also seeks to outlaw ties between local and foreign political groups.

The Hong Kong government proposed such local legislation in 2003 but encountered vast opposition, with more than 500,000 people marching peacefully against it.

However the Basic Law also gives Beijing the power to annex national laws into the document - which the local government must then legislate for or effectively impose by executive fiat.

Hong Kong lawyers and politicians sometimes call this the "nuclear option", but some scholars have questioned whether this power of promulgation applies to Article 23.

### DO ANY SUCH LAWS ALREADY EXIST?

Yes. Britain left behind a raft of old laws covering most of the elements of Article 23, aside from subversion and secession - the act of formally withdrawing from a state.



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# U.S. strikes at a Huawei prize: chip juggernaut HiSilicon

SHANGHAI (Reuters) - The latest U.S. government action against China's Huawei takes direct aim at the company's HiSilicon chip division — a business that in a few short years has become central to China's ambitions in semiconductor technology but will now lose access to tools that are central to its success.

FILE PHOTO: The U.S. flag and a smartphone with the Huawei and 5G network logo are seen on a PC motherboard in this illustration taken January 29, 2020. REUTERS/Dado Ruvic/Illustration/File Photo That could make it the most damaging U.S. attack yet against a Chinese company that U.S. officials told reporters Wednesday functioned as a "tool of strategic influence" for the Chinese Communist Party. Huawei Technologies Co Ltd for its part denounced the U.S. allegations and called the new measures "arbitrary and pernicious."

Established in 2004, HiSilicon develops chips mostly for Huawei, and for most of its existence has been an afterthought in a global chip business dominated by U.S., Korean and Japanese companies. Like most electronics firms, Huawei relied on others for the chips that powered its equipment.

But heavy investment in research and development helped drive rapid progress at HiSilicon, and in recent years the 7,000-employee unit has been central to Huawei's rise as a dominant player in the global smartphone business and the emerging 5G telecom networking business.

HiSilicon's Kirin smartphone processor is now considered to be on par with those created by Apple Inc (AAPL.O) and Qualcomm Inc (QCOM.O) — a rare example of an advanced Chinese semiconductor product that competes globally.

HiSilicon is also central to Huawei's leadership in 5G, stepping into the breach when the United States cut off access to some U.S. chips last year.



In March, Huawei revealed that 8% of the 50,000 5G base stations it sold in 2019 came with no U.S. technology, using HiSilicon chipsets instead.

But the U.S. export control rule, first reported by Reuters last week, aims to block HiSilicon's access to two crucial tools: chip design software from U.S. firms including Cadence Design Systems Inc (CDNS.O) and Synopsys Inc (SNPS.O), and the manufacturing prowess of "foundries," led by Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd

(2330.TW), that build chips for many of the world's top semiconductor firms.

With the new restrictions HiSilicon "will be in a situation where they're not able to manufacture chips at all, or if they do, then they're not leading edge anymore," says Stewart Randall, who tracks China's chip industry at Shanghai-based consultancy Intralink.

Without its own processors, Huawei will

lose its edge over domestic smartphone rivals, analysts said. International sales had already been gutted by a ban on the use of key Google software.

Industry sources say Huawei has stockpiled chips, and the new U.S. rule will not go into full force for 120 days. U.S. officials also note that licenses could be granted for some technologies. HiSilicon can also keep using design software it has already acquired.

Stay Safe!

## BUSINESS

Wash Your Hands!

### America's Beaches Are Open For Memorial Day Weekend, But Only 16 States Shows Downward Trends In New Coronavirus Cases



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After more than ten weeks on lockdown, most states, cities, and local municipalities have been preparing for Memorial Day for months. With many "non-essential" businesses still shuttered, tax revenue anemic, and second homeowners and vacation rentals shut out or shut down in many cases, it's been one of the few bright spots on the calendar where vacation towns and merchants can see a turning point.



Few things can capture the feeling of being free again and life returning to normal than a day at beach. And depending on where you live and where you're going over the holiday weekend, it could feel

more like lockdown in the sand. The good news is that America's beaches are (mostly) open. More sunshine means less virus particles in the air, and we all have the same pale, "stay-at-home" bodies after months in quarantine so there's no reason for self-shaming. Bars and restaurants still may only be able to offer take-out, and coronavirus is still circulating stealthily even on vacation so this is not the time for anyone to be less vigilant.

**Tips for Beach Fun**

**Parking.** Good luck. To discourage visitors, most public and private beach parking lots have been shuttered for months and are just finally reopening. That's unlikely to change rapidly over the next two weeks, except for private lots that have permission from local authorities state by the state to re-open. Guidance: Pack light and be prepared to walk. **Bathrooms + Public Services.** In most locations, public bathrooms and other services like water fountains, showers, and dog wash stations

still will be shut down or have limited hours due to cleaning and sanitization requirements. No beach towel and umbrella service and watersports options for now. Trash and recycling will still be available, but even if you're going to your state or city's most popular beach plan on if you were going to the most remote beach in Hawaii.

**Some Of America's Top Beaches (Some Are Open, Some Are Not)**



Ocean City, Maryland



Hill Lighthouse. Newport, RI



Delaware



Jekyll Island, Georgia



Maine



Mississippi



In New Jersey the beaches are open but the casinos are still closed. Atlantic City, NJ



Closer to home, beaches are open, but amusement parks in many places like Galveston, TX are still closed. **Restaurants & Bars.** Most establishments regardless of what their states or local city councils have required are taking a "No mask, No service, No exceptions" approach still, specifically to protect their essential staff and chefs from out of towners or other visitors who don't feel obliged to maintain social distancing guidelines or basic common sense. Come prepared with face coverings and rubber gloves and show the locals you care as much about their safety as your own. **Social Distanc-**

ing. Fortunately, if you like space, almost all beaches in the U.S. that are open for Memorial Day are enforcing the CDC's social distancing guidelines that towels and beach chairs—and, more specifically, each family unit—must be spaced at least 6' apart from each other to reduce the potential spread of the virus. **Note to beach-goers:** Many public health professionals and researchers still think that you should be wearing a face covering in public, even when you're rocking your Speedo or bikini in your own 6' of sand. The scientific data generally support this conservative approach. **Activities.** On some beaches, "passive" activities remain prohibited so forget about sunbathing or reading a book in a beach chair. Others allow dogs (since they need wind and sunshine too), but jogging is prohibited since it's been demonstrated to accelerate the airborne spread of the coronavirus. In some places surfing is encouraged since it's an inherently self-distancing activity. On other beaches, forget about it since it leads to crowds. Research in advance what you can and can't do before you pack your footballs and boogie boards. Don't disappoint yourself or your kids. (Courtesy <https://www.forbes.com/>)



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Editor's Choice



President Donald Trump gives a thumbs up to his supporters as he leaves the Ford Motor Co. plant after a visit of the plant reopened from coronavirus restrictions in Ypsilanti, Michigan. REUTERS/Seth Herald



Alex Montagano demonstrates his "Hugging Station" with neighbour Sharon Pearce-Anderson, that he built to embrace family members amid the coronavirus precautions in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. REUTERS/Christinne Muschi



NHS workers react at the Aintree University Hospital during the Clap for our Carers campaign in support of the NHS in Liverpool, Britain. REUTERS/Phil Noble



Russian conscripts wearing protective face masks sit next to their beds at a recruiting station in Kaliningrad, Russia. REUTERS/Vitaly Nevar



Michael Cohen, the former personal lawyer for President Donald Trump, arrives at his Manhattan apartment after being released from federal prison to serve the remainder of his sentence under home confinement in New York City, New York. REUTERS/Mike.



A couple sits on the beach of the Promenade des Anglais, after France reopened its beaches to the public in a softening of strict lockdown rules in Nice, France. REUTERS/Eric Gaillard



Palestinian students wearing masks receive their certificates from their teacher as coronavirus preventive measures are taken, in Othman Bin Affan school in the northern Gaza Strip. REUTERS/Mohammed Salem



A swimmer jumps during the opening day of a public open-air pool in Cologne, Germany. REUTERS/Thilo Schmuelgen



**Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D.C.**

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the U.S. that honors soldiers and is observed on the last Monday of May. Formerly known as Decoration Day, this day annually commemorates U.S. soldiers who died while in the military service. The day was first enacted to honor Union and Confederate soldiers following the American Civil War, then it was extended after World War I to honor Americans who have died in all wars. Memorial Day often marks the start of the summer vacation season, and Labor Day its end. Begun as a ritual of remembrance and reconciliation after the civil war, by the early 20th century, Memorial Day was an occasion for more general expressions of memory, as ordinary people visited the graves of their deceased relatives, whether they had served in the military or not. It also became a long weekend increasingly devoted to shopping, family gatherings, fireworks, trips to the beach, and national media events such as the Indianapolis 500 and the Coca-Cola 600 auto races. One of the longest-standing traditions, the Indianapolis 500, has been held in conjunction with Memorial Day since 1911. It runs on the Sunday preceding the Memorial Day holiday. The Coca-Cola 600 stock car race has been held later the same day since 1961. The Memorial Tournament golf event has been held on or close to the Memorial Day weekend since 1976.



**Memorial Day - 2018**

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**Indianapolis 500 Is A Memorial Day Tradition**

The practice of decorating soldiers' graves with flowers is an ancient custom. Soldiers' graves were decorated in the U.S. before and during the American Civil War. A claim was made in 1906 that the first Civil War soldier's grave ever decorated was in Warrenton, Virginia on June 3, 1861, implying the first Memorial Day occurred there. There is authentic documentation that women in Savannah,

Georgia decorated soldiers' graves in 1862. In 1863, the cemetery dedication at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania was a ceremony of commemoration at the graves of dead soldiers. Local historians in Boalsburg, PA, claim that ladies there decorated soldiers' graves on July 4, 1864. As a result, Boalsburg promotes itself as the birthplace of Memorial Day.



**The Tomb of the Unknowns Located In Arlington National Cemetery.**

Following President Abraham Lincoln's assassination in April 1865, there were a variety of events of commemoration. The first wellknown observance of a

Memorial Day-type observance after the Civil War was in Charleston, South Carolina on May 1, 1865.

During the war, Union soldiers who were prisoners of war had been held at the Charleston Race Course; at least 257 Union prisoners died there and were hastily buried in unmarked graves. Together with teachers and missionaries, blacks in Charleston organized a May Day ceremony in 1865, which was covered by the New York Tribune and other national papers. The freedmen had cleaned up and landscaped the burial ground, building an enclosure and an arch labeled, "Martyrs of the Race Course."

Nearly ten thousand people, mostly freedmen, gathered on May 1 to commemorate the dead. Involved were 3,000 schoolchildren newly enrolled in freedmen's schools, mutual aid societies, Union troops, and black ministers and white northern missionaries. Most brought flowers to lay on the burial field. Today the site is used as Hampton Park. Years later, the celebration would come to be called the "First Decoration Day" in the North.

On Memorial Day the flag of the United States is raised briskly to the top of the staff and then solemnly lowered to the half-staff position, where it remains only until noon. It is then raised to full-staff for the remainder of the day.

Memorial Day observances in small New

England towns are often marked by dedications and remarks by veterans, state legislators and selectmen.

The half-staff position remembers the more than one million men and women who gave their lives in service of their country. At noon their memory is raised by the living, who resolve not to let their sacrifice be in vain, but to rise up in their stead and continue the fight for liberty and justice for all.



The National Memorial Day Concert takes place on the west lawn of the United States Capitol. The concert is broadcast on PBS and NPR. Music is performed, and respect is paid to the men and women who gave their lives for their country. For many Americans, the central event is attending one of the thousands of parades held on Memorial Day in large and small cities all over the country. Most of these feature marching bands and an overall military theme with the National Guard and other servicemen participating along with veterans and military vehicles from various wars. Because Memorial Day is generally associated with the start of the summer season, it is common tradition to inaugurate the outdoor cooking season on Memorial Day with a barbecue.



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