China breaks silence and defends Tiananmen action

On eve of 30th anniversary of crackdown, day incident and accuses West of stirring up public opinion

The Chinese Communist Party has broken its silence on what has been the most sensitive topic in China since 1989. In a rare move, the state-run Xinhua news agency published an editorial defending the government's decision to send troops and tanks into Tiananmen Square on 4 June 1989 to quash a student-led pro-democracy movement.

The editorial, which is the first official response by any Chinese authority to the Tiananmen incident in recent years, said that the incident was a legitimate response to a large-scale riot that broke out on 4 June 1989, and that the protesters were supported by Western forces.

It also accused the Western media of “distorting the facts” and “manufacturing false news”, and said that the Chinese government had taken “appropriate and necessary measures” to maintain social stability.

The editorial, which was published on the eve of the 30th anniversary of the incident, is a significant shift from the Chinese government's official stance, which has always been to avoid discussing the event.

The Tiananmen protest, which began on 15 April 1989, ended with the血腥 massacre of protesters by the Chinese government on 4 June 1989.

The Chinese government has never confirmed the death toll, but estimates range from hundreds to thousands.

The editorial said that the protesters were “a small group of people” and that the Chinese government had acted “in self-defense”.

“The Chinese government has always clearly stated that the incident was a large-scale riot caused by a small group of people,” the editorial said.

The editorial also accused foreign media of “manipulating the facts” and “distorting the truth”.

“The foreign media has often misrepresented the incident and the Chinese government’s response,” the editorial said.

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The editorial concluded by saying that the Chinese government had always been committed to peace and stability, and that it would continue to take “appropriate and necessary measures” to maintain social stability.

The editorial was published in the Chinese official newspaper People's Daily, which is owned by the Chinese government.

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