

China rejects allegation of incursion in Arunachal Pradesh

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Beijing: China today rejected allegation of incursion by its troops in Arunachal Pradesh, saying the Sino-India border has not yet been demarcated and the soldiers of the People's Liberation Army were conducting "normal patrols" on the Chinese side of the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

"China and India border has not yet been demarcated," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang said.

"It is learnt that China's border troops were conducting normal patrols on the Chinese side of the LAC (Line of Actual Control)," Lu added.

On the issue of incursions, China has been maintaining the same stand whenever its troops crossed into the Indian side of the LAC stating that both countries have difference perception about it.

There were reports that 250 Chinese troops entered Yangste, East Kameng district on June 9. The big contingent of PLA soldiers stayed in the area for few hours and left for their base after opposition by Indian troops.

The incursion into Arunachal Pradesh came at a time when China is opposing India's entry into the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) on the ground that India has not signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

While both sides in recent years managed to reduce tensions between the troops patrolling the disputed areas with various mechanism, China has not responded positively to India's proposal to demarcate the 3,488 km of the LAC to avoid border tensions.

The two countries have so far held 19 rounds of boundary talks by Special Representatives.

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