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## CHINA ACCUSES NEW ZEALAND'S TOP SPY OF SPREADING 'FALSE INFORMATION'

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*Chinas embassy in New Zealand on March 13 accused Wellingtons top spy of spreading false information after the intelligence chief warned of security risks posed by Beijings growing influence in the Pacific.*

In a speech in Wellington last week, New Zealands Security Intelligence Service director-general Andrew Hampton said the focus of Pacific nations on economic and transnational crime issues had opened the door for China to sign strategic deals with them that linked economic and security cooperation.

The top spys comments are completely baseless, all fabrication, a statement released by the Chinese Embassy in Wellington said. It urged Mr Hampton to stop mirroring China with Cold War thinking and zero-sum mentality.

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