# China to launch inspection on cyber security law enforcement

China's top legislature will launch a round of inspections on the enforcement of a cyber security law and information protection regulation, according to a statement made by the National People's Congress (NPC) Standing Committee Friday.

The cyber security law was passed in November 2016 and went into effect starting from June 1 this year. The NPC Standing Committee approved a 12-article decision in December 2012 to enhance the protection of personal information online and safeguard public interests.

The inspections will focus on local publicity of the law and the decision, governing illegal online information and protecting personal information.

Six inspection teams will be sent to Chongqing Municipality, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region and provinces of Heilongjiang, Fujian, Henan and Guangdong in September and October.

After the inspection, a report on the enforcement will be submitted to the NPC Standing Committee in December.

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The suspects, all Chinese nationals residing in Malaysia, were captured in two Chinese-Malaysian joint operations over the past three months. They allegedly made phone calls to people in the Chinese mainland pretending to be law enforcers and were able to extort over 10 million yuan (1.51 million U.S. dollars).

The suspects were returned on a charter flight which arrived at Wenzhou Longwan International Airport Thursday night.

In recent years, Chinese police have tracked down Chinese nationals hiding overseas who have participated in telecom fraud, mainly targeting victims in the mainland.

Also on Thursday, police in Sichuan Province repatriated 144 suspects from Cambodia, bringing the number of repatriated telecom fraud suspects by Sichuan police this year to 197.

### China publishes rectifications of

#### inspected units

China's anti-graft authority Friday published rectifications of units that were examined during the 12th round of inspections on its website.

The Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI) of the Communist Party of China (CPC) published details of the rectifications of Beijing Normal University, Beihang University, Dalian University of Technology and Zhejiang University, as well as China Railway Corporation and China Shipbuilding Industry Corporation.

All of the examined units will report their rectification progress to the public and subject themselves to supervision by masses from Friday.

The CCDI launched inspections of 29 universities, including China's prestigious Peking and Tsinghua universities, in the first half of this year, and found that the CPC leadership in these institutions had been weakened.

It also re-inspected Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region and the provinces of Jilin, Yunnan and Shaanxi.

All the units have made rectifications based on the feedback provided by the CCDI in June.

This was the last round of inspections led by 18th CPC Central Committee, according to the CCDI.

## <u>Hundreds of thousands of Chinese</u> <u>affected by Typhoon Hato</u>

Typhoon Hato has left 11 people dead, one missing, and affected some 741,000 residents in the provinces of Fujian, Guangdong, Guizhou, and Yunnan and Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region as of Friday morning, the Ministry of Civil Affairs said.

Hato caused 6,600 homes to collapse and damaged 68,200 hectares of crops, resulting in the direct economic losses of 12.18 billion yuan (1.83 billion U.S. dollars).

Nine people were killed in south China's Guangdong Province, where the typhoon made landfall on Wednesday, according to the provincial civil affairs department.

In Guangdong, 540,200 people from 293 townships were evacuated, 6,469 homes collapsed, and 52,000 hectares of crops were damaged. The province's direct

economic losses were 11.9 billion yuan.

In Guangxi, one person was killed and 178,000 were affected, while another death was reported in the neighboring Yunnan Province.

Hato affected 1,900 people in Guizhou and more than 1,900 were evacuated in Fujian.

Hato was the 13th typhoon to hit China this year. It made landfall in Guangdong Province Wednesday and then moved west while losing strength.

### China to regulate online comments

China's cyberspace authority has issued a document regulating online publicly posted comments.

In a regulation released by the Cyberspace Administration of China (CAC) Friday, the authority told website operators to better manage online comments with more effort to review content, conduct regular checks and formulate emergency response plans.

The regulation applies to information on public online platforms and only illegal information will be removed, ruling out privacy and free speech concerns, according to sources with the CAC.

While online comments were an important channel for Internet users to express opinions and conduct supervision, a number of problems, such as spreading rumors, obscene content and illegal information, still existed, the CAC sources said.

The regulation bans the selective deleting or recommending of online comments to seek illegal profits or promote improper values.

Software or the payment of people to post fake comments to promote certain information is also banned under the regulation.

On-screen comments on "bullet screen" video websites must be placed under proper management, according to the regulation.

Cyberspace administrations at national and provincial level should carry out checks on operators on a regular basis and a blacklist will be established for violators, it said.

The new regulation will take effect from October.