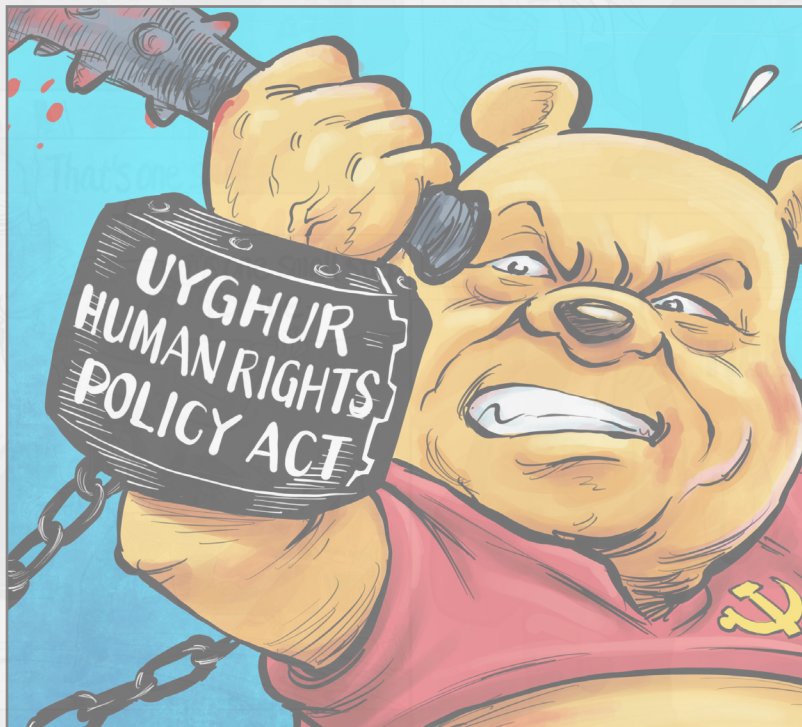




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Bay Fang, President



Free speech and free expression are cornerstones of a free society, where people can discuss, debate, and share their opinions without fear of reprisal or punishment. In China, and indeed all of Radio Free Asia's broadcast countries, censorship and state-controlled media all but blot out the free flow of independent discourse.

Cutting and in-depth journalism – as practiced by RFA – empowers people with the facts. But humor and satire are also effective tools for spreading information, while at the same time packing a punch. Radio Free Asia's resident cartoonist Wang Liming, known by his pen name Rebel Pepper, uses a sharp wit to comment on the most important issues facing East and Southeast Asia today.

Rebel Pepper was born in northwest China's Xinjiang region, and grew up in Shanghai. As he honed his skills as a cartoonist, he found that his creative expression was often stifled under China's environment of harsh repression. He went into exile in 2014, and joined RFA in Washington in 2017.

Since then, he has offered his brand of commentary on pressing issues such

as the persecution of Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar, North Korea's missile testing, corruption in Cambodia and, of course, the Hong Kong pro-democracy protests.

As this collection of cartoons – the second published by Radio Free Asia – puts on display, Rebel Pepper most often uses his pen to offer sharp critiques of China's Communist Party – deeply felt attitudes that largely go unspoken in mainland China.

He has targeted, among other topics, the threat to Hong Kong's autonomy, the repression of Uyghur Muslims in Xinjiang, and China's growing influence in Southeast Asia. His work has not gone unnoticed by those at the center of some of the very events he depicts. Demonstrators in Hong Kong proudly raised placards and printed-out copies of Rebel Pepper's drawings.

The 60 cartoons in this compilation represent some of the best of Rebel Pepper's recent work for RFA. They are a testament to his knack for using imagery, humor and irony in his artwork to expose the feelings of outrage and discontent that RFA's audiences are so often unable to express. We are proud to share them with you.

Bay Fang
President, Radio Free Asia

Rebel Pepper





WANG LIMING

is a renowned political cartoonist who works under the pen name of Rebel Pepper. His work focuses on political, cultural and societal developments across Asia.



Beijing Orders Government Offices to Remove Foreign Computers, Software

The move is part of a campaign to increase China's reliance on home-grown technologies.



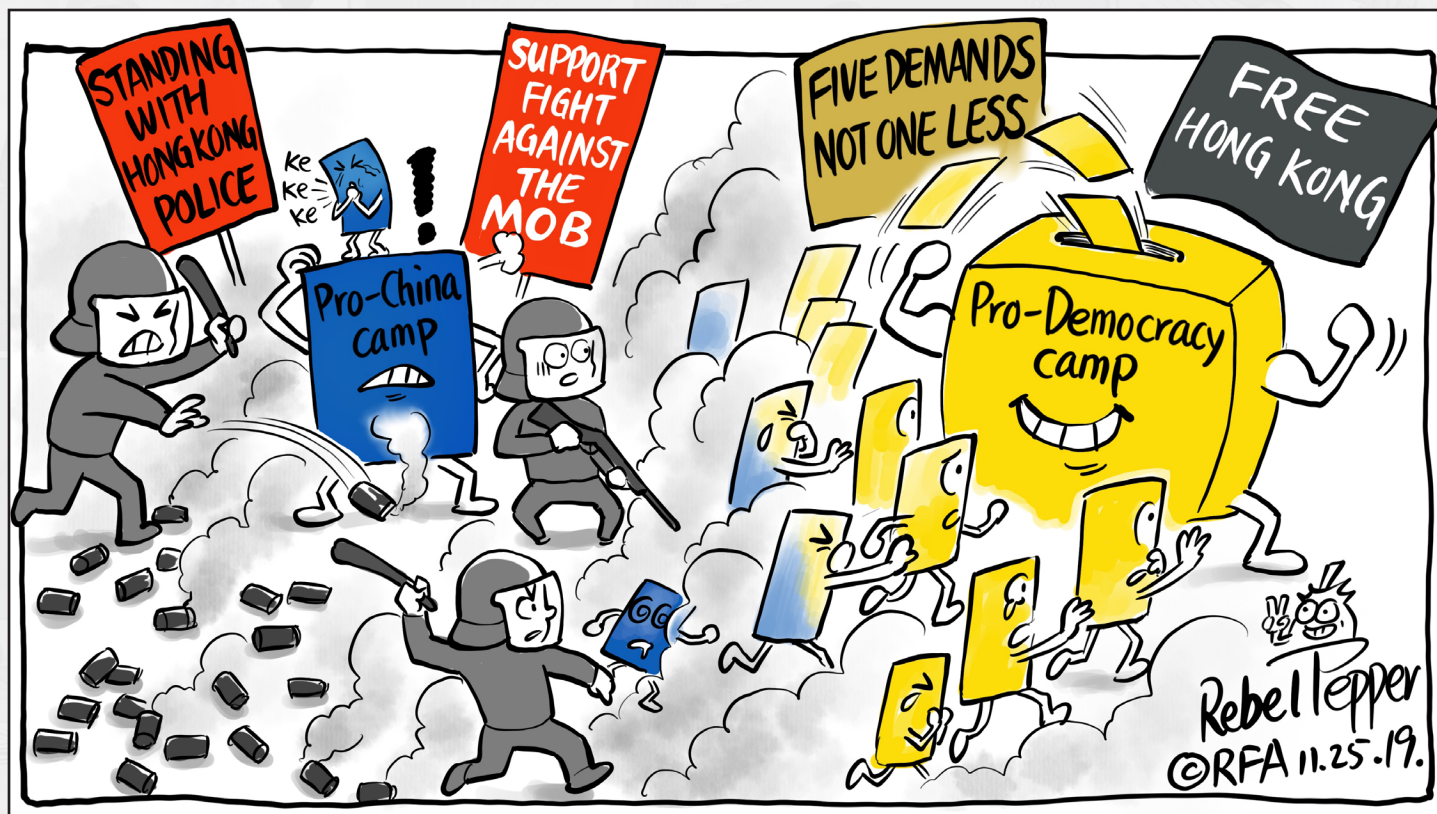
China Hosts Global Lawyers Forum While Detaining Dozens of Rights Lawyers

Yu Yan, the wife of detained rights lawyer Yu Wensheng, has called on forum delegates to speak out about her husband's detention.



U.S. Congress Passes Bills to Protect Human Rights in Hong Kong, Xinjiang

Beijing has attacked the bills, saying they interfere in China's internal affairs.



Record Election Turnout Sweeps Hong Kong Democrats to Victory

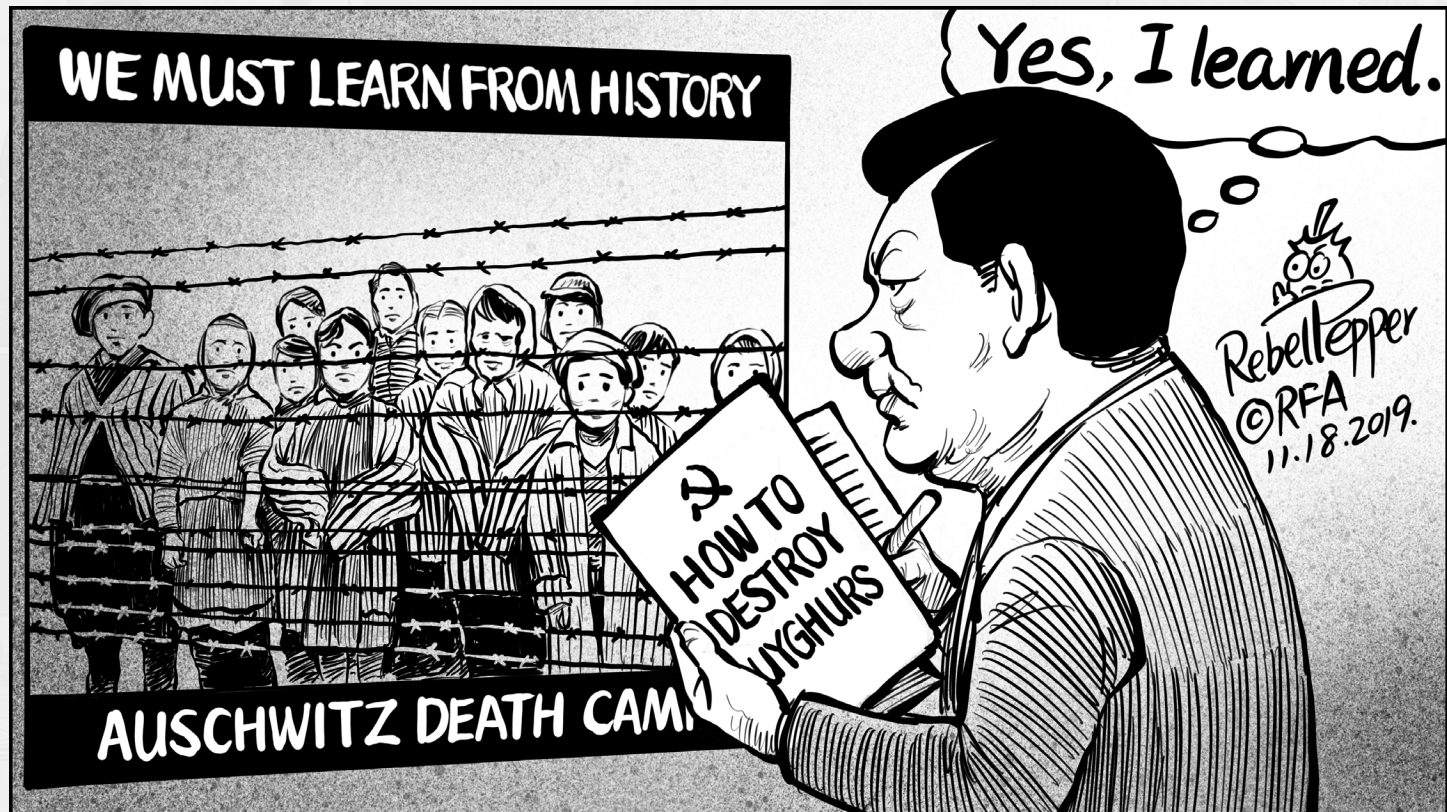
Pro-democracy candidates won an overwhelming majority of the district council seats that were contested.



China Condemns U.S. Law Protecting Human Rights in Hong Kong

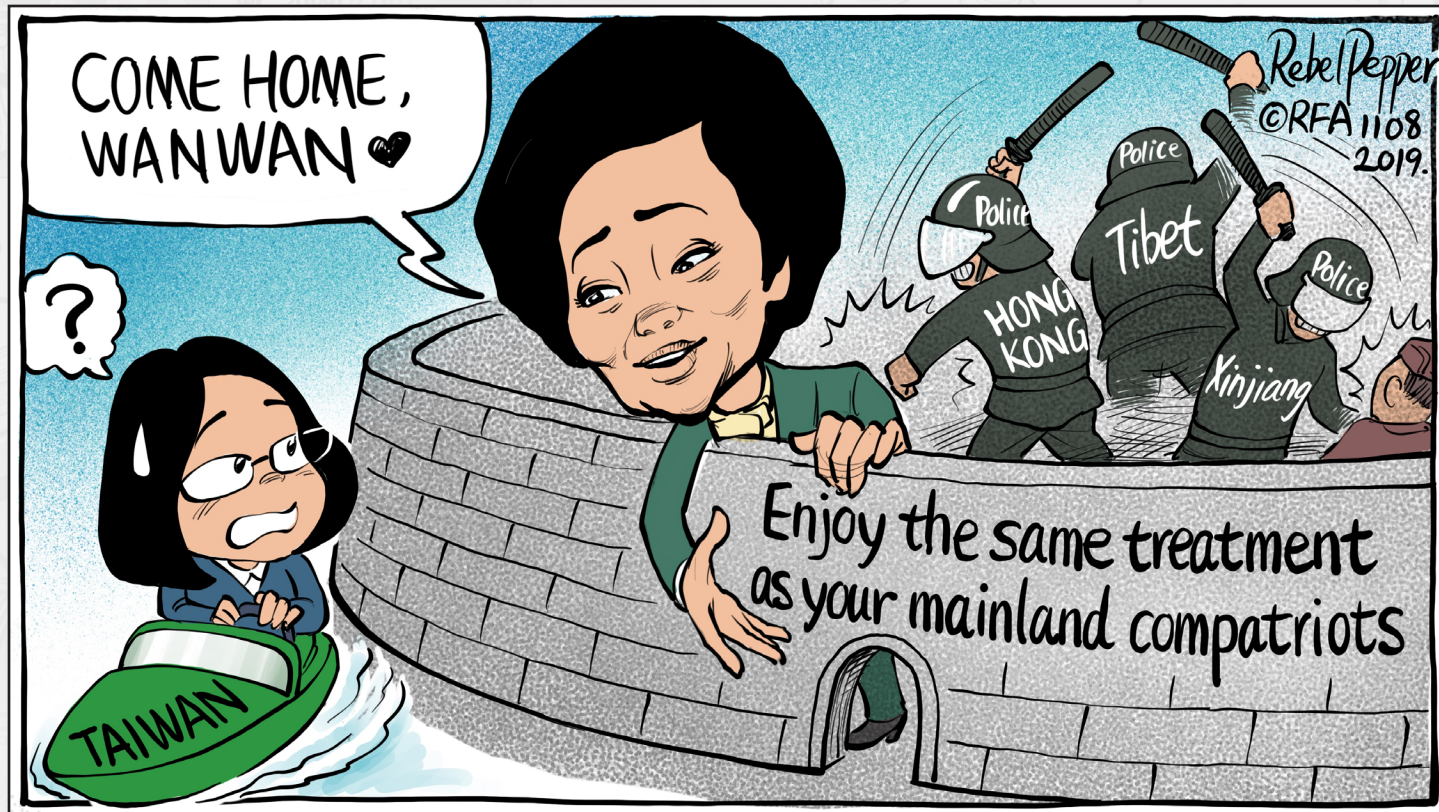
The U.S. House of Representatives passed the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act, which requires an annual review of Hong Kong's

human rights situation and sanctions against officials linked to rights abuses in the city. President Trump signed the bill into law.



“We Must Learn From History”

The New York Times has published leaked documents exposing China’s crackdown on Uyghurs and other Muslim ethnic minorities in the Xinjiang region.



Mainland Chinese News Anchor Urges Taiwan (“Wan Wan”) to Come Home

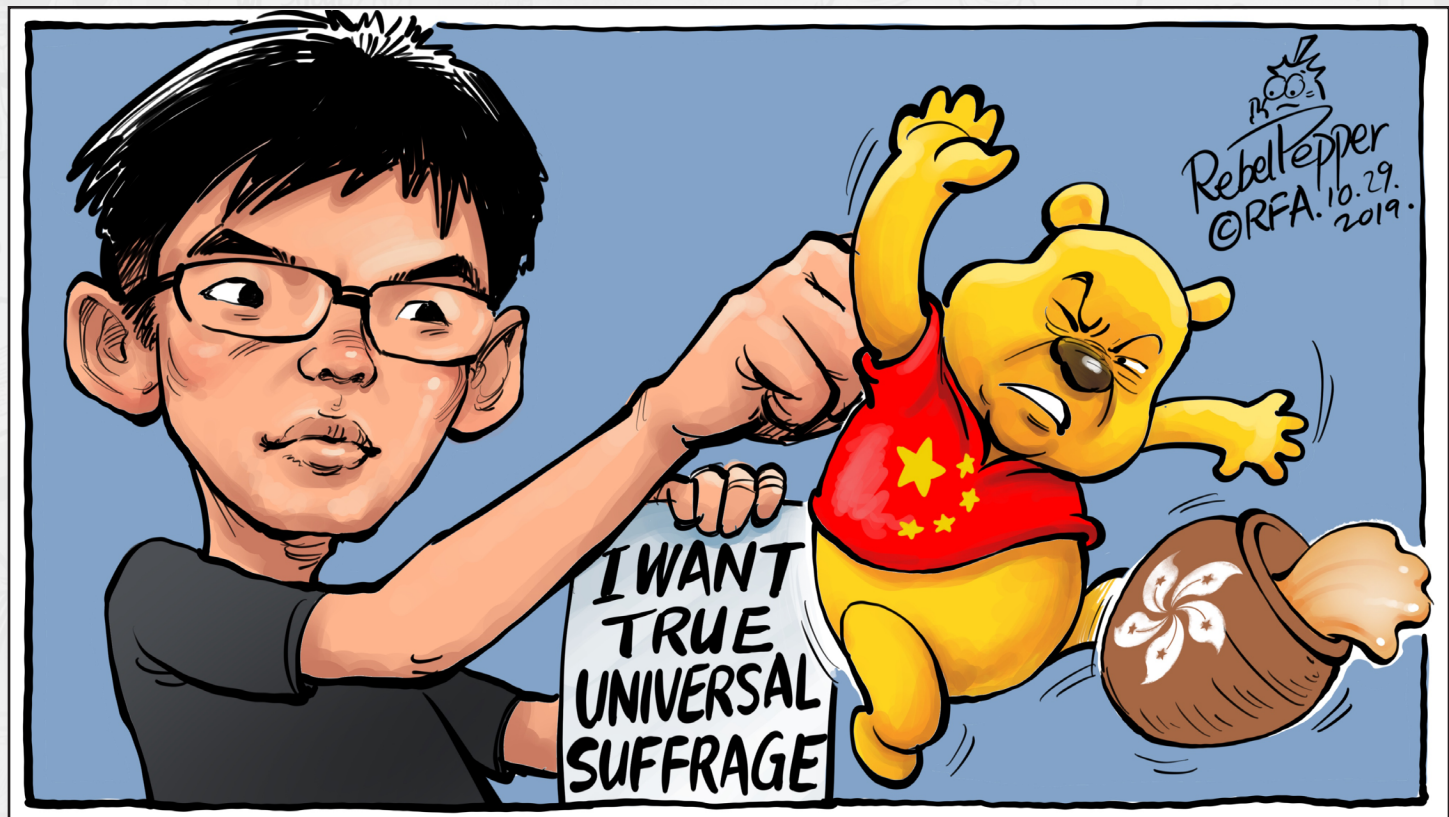
The plea comes as China is cracking down on anti-government protesters in Hong Kong, restricting religious practice in Tibet, and jailing

hundreds of thousands of Uyghurs and other Muslim ethnic minority groups in northwest China’s Xinjiang region.



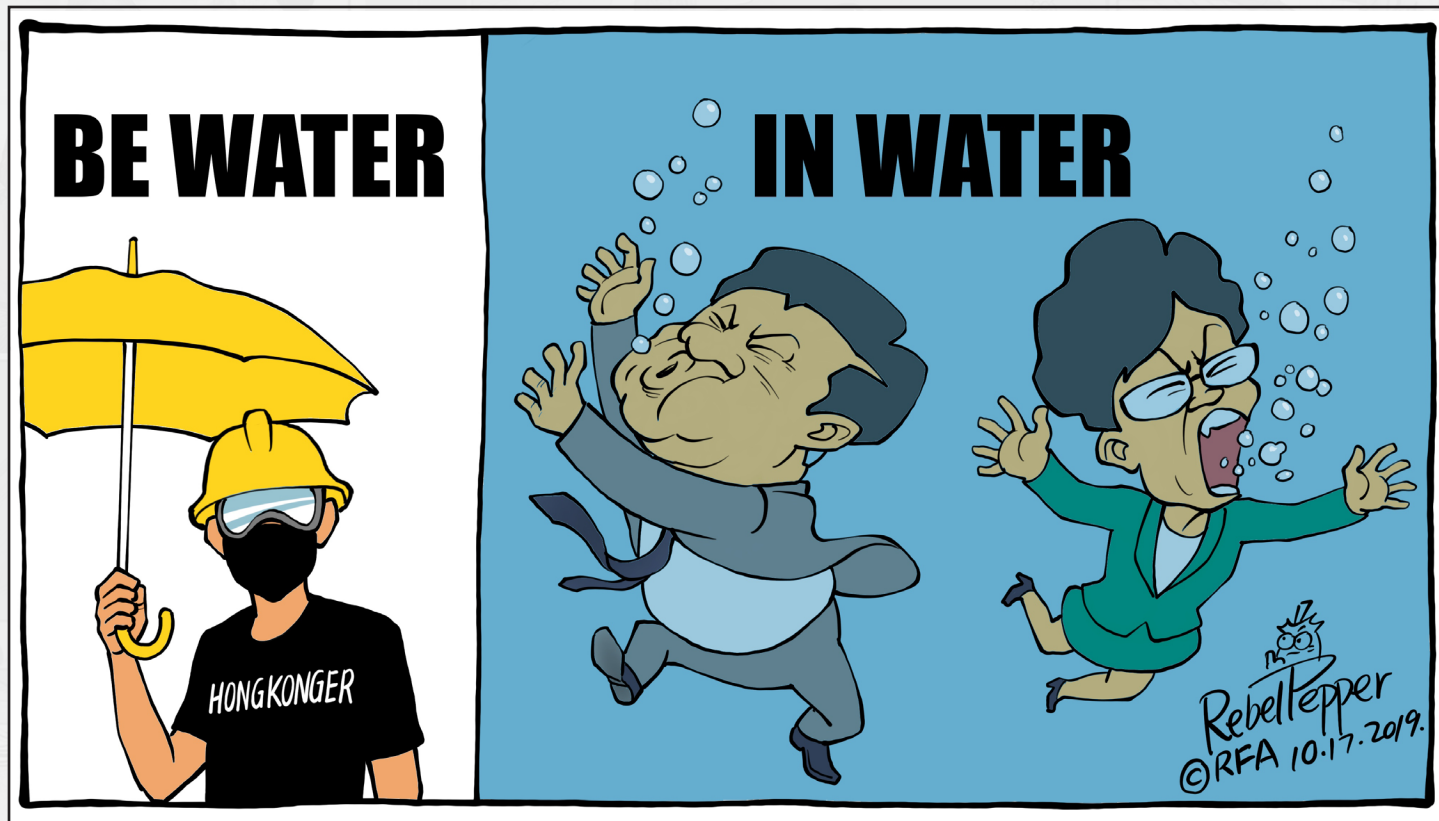
“I Want to Rule China Forever”

China’s Communist Party issued a statement praising the leadership of President Xi Jinping. China recently abolished presidential term limits, meaning Xi is serving an indefinite term as president. For some, lifetime rule for Xi is a Halloween nightmare.



Hong Kong Bars Prominent Activist From Seeking Election

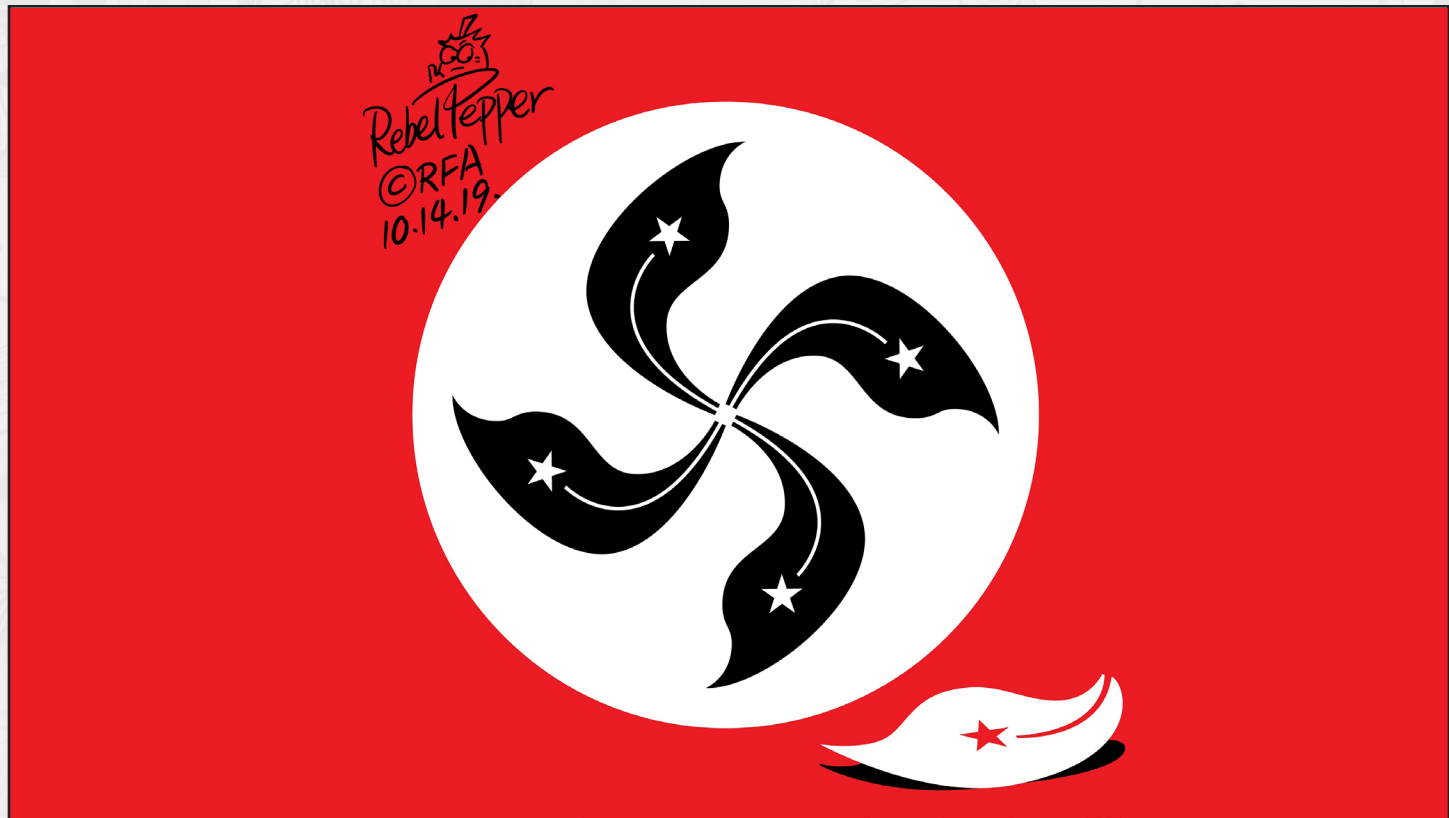
Joshua Wong's candidacy was rejected because he supports a political party that favors genuine autonomy for Hong Kong. Wong called the move "politically driven."



The “Be Water” Tactics of Hong Kong Protesters A Tsunami For Authorities

Protests in Hong Kong have been fast, fluid and flexible as protesters use social media to stay ahead of police. Chinese President

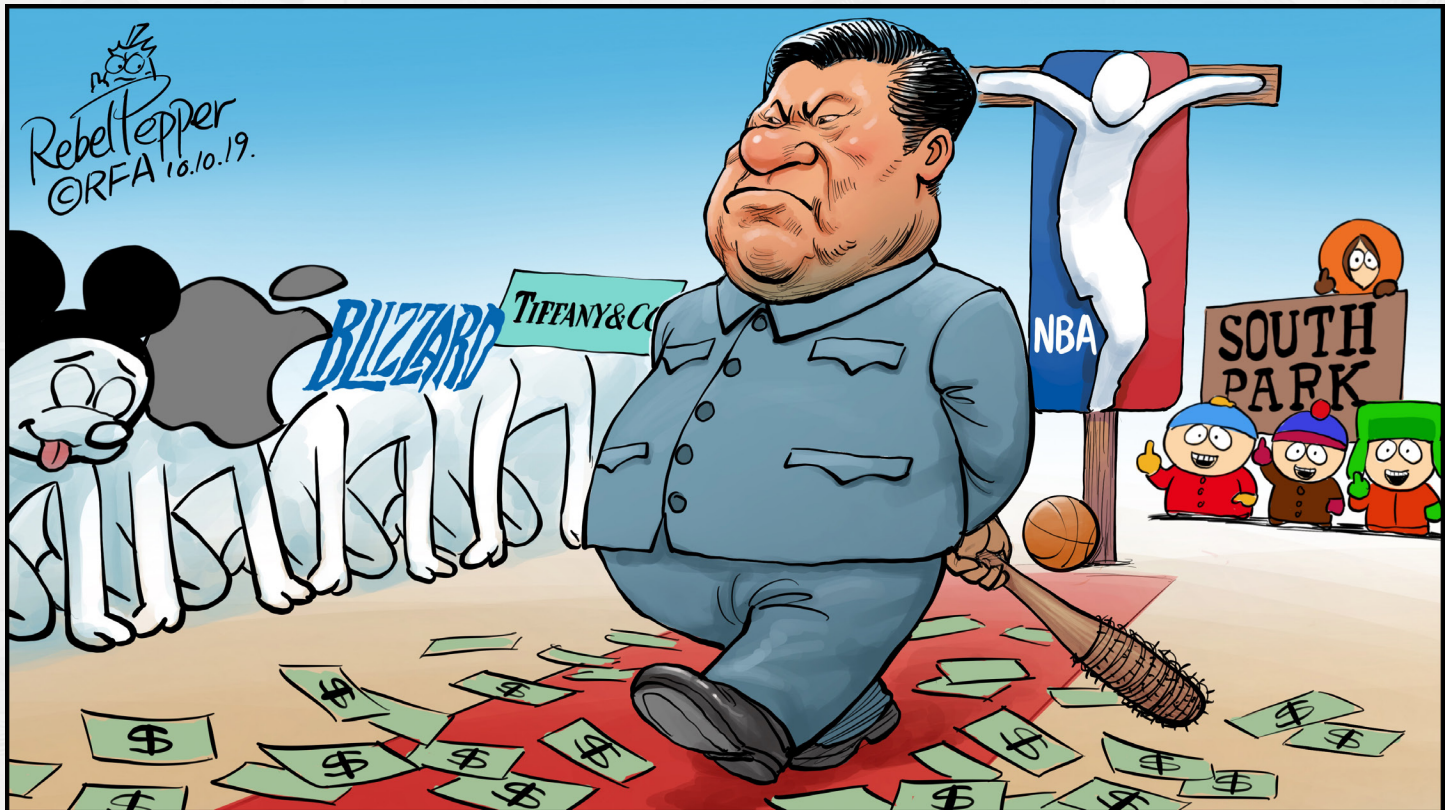
Xi Jinping and Hong Kong chief executive Carrie Lam have struggled to respond.



U.S. Senator Warns Hong Kong Becoming “Police State”

Senator Josh Hawley made the remark as more than 100,000 protesters gathered in downtown Hong Kong, urging the U.S. Congress to pass

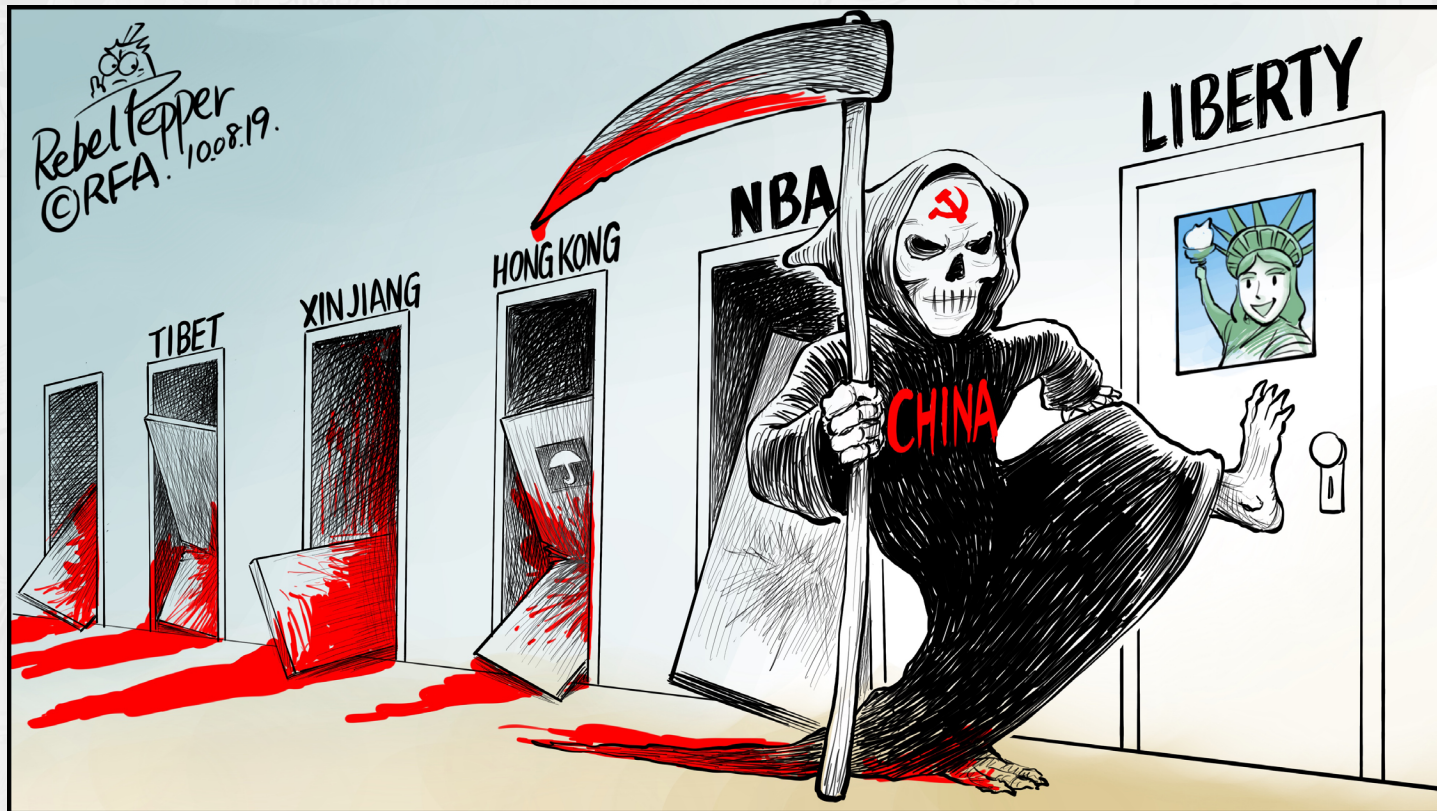
legislation to sanction officials and police over human rights violations in the Chinese city.



U.S. Companies Kowtow Before China

Numerous Western companies and organizations have run afoul of Chinese nationalism, often whipped up by state media, under the rule of President

Xi Jinping. Recent examples include Apple Computers, game-maker Blizzard, and the National Basketball Association.



Can Anyone Stop China?

Beijing has been effective at silencing critics as it carries out human rights abuses and stifles dissent in Tibet, Xinjiang and Hong Kong. The NBA was the latest victim. Chinese

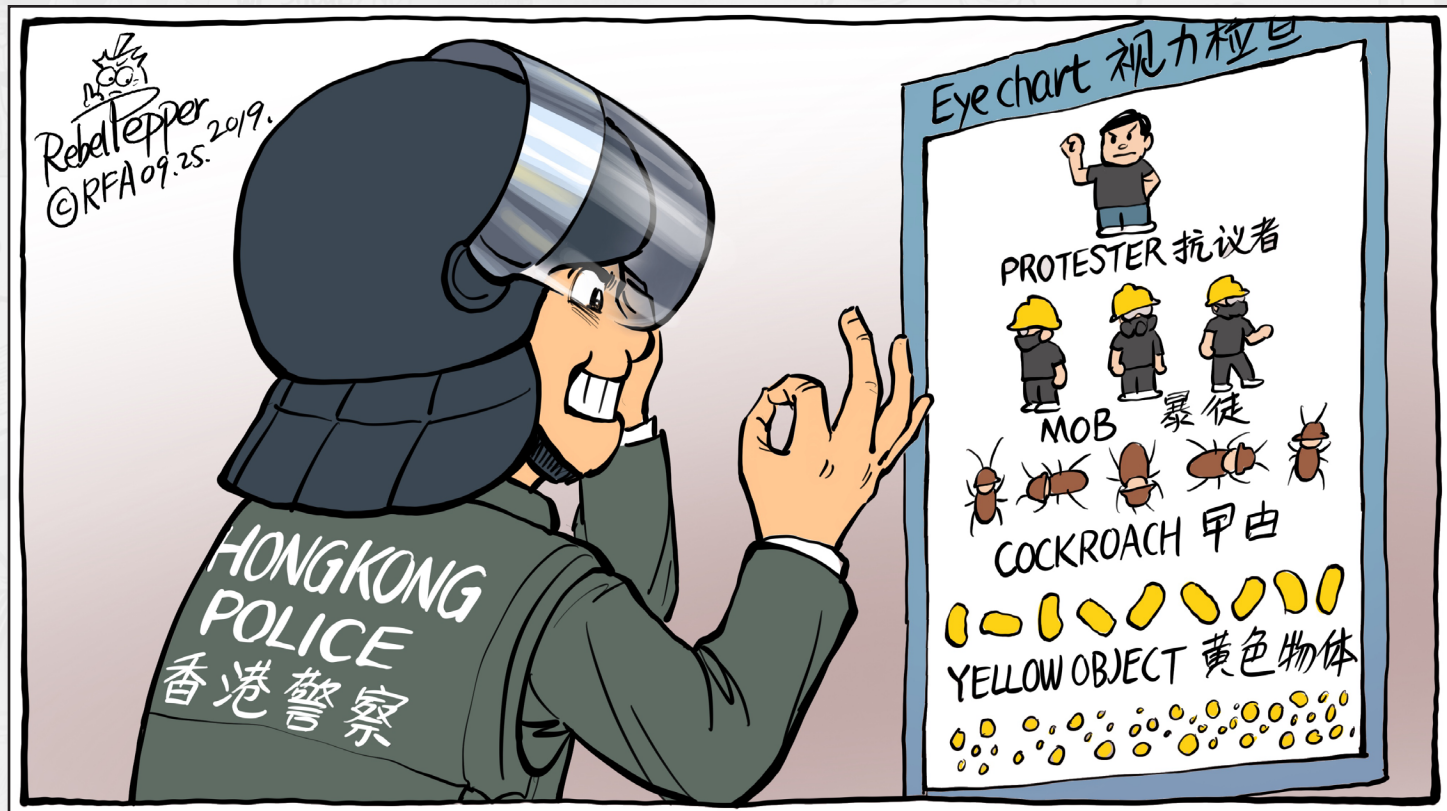
broadcasters have been ordered to cancel rebroadcasts of Houston Rockets' games after a team official tweeted support for pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong.



NBA Says Tweet Supporting Hong Kong Pro-Democracy Protesters “Regrettable”

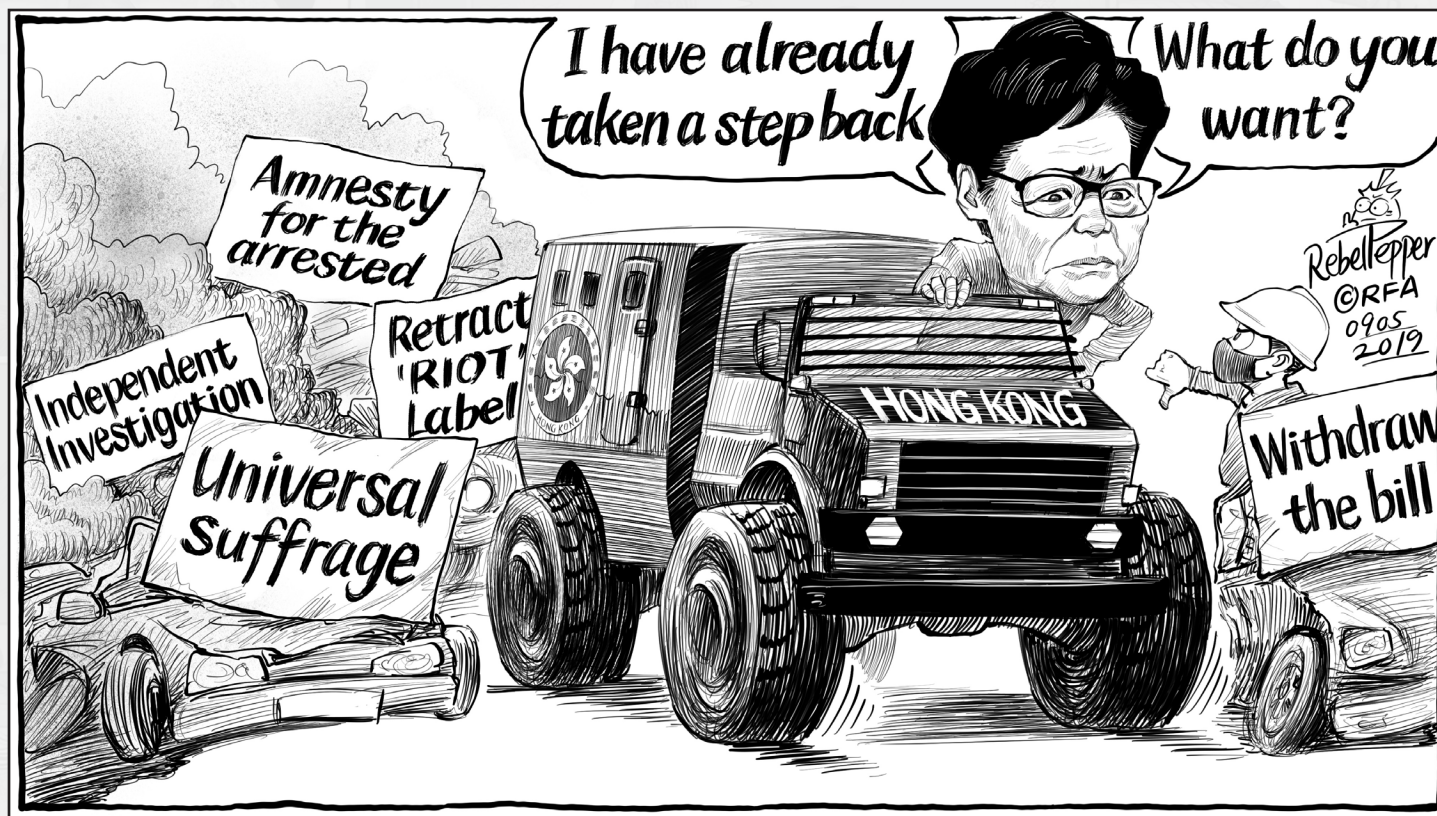
An official for the Houston Rockets basketball team posted, and quickly deleted, a tweet that read, “Fight for Freedom. Stand with Hong Kong.” In response, China’s basketball association said it was suspending its

relationship with the Rockets, and Chinese broadcasters said they would no longer air the team’s games. NBA broadcasts attract a huge audience in China.



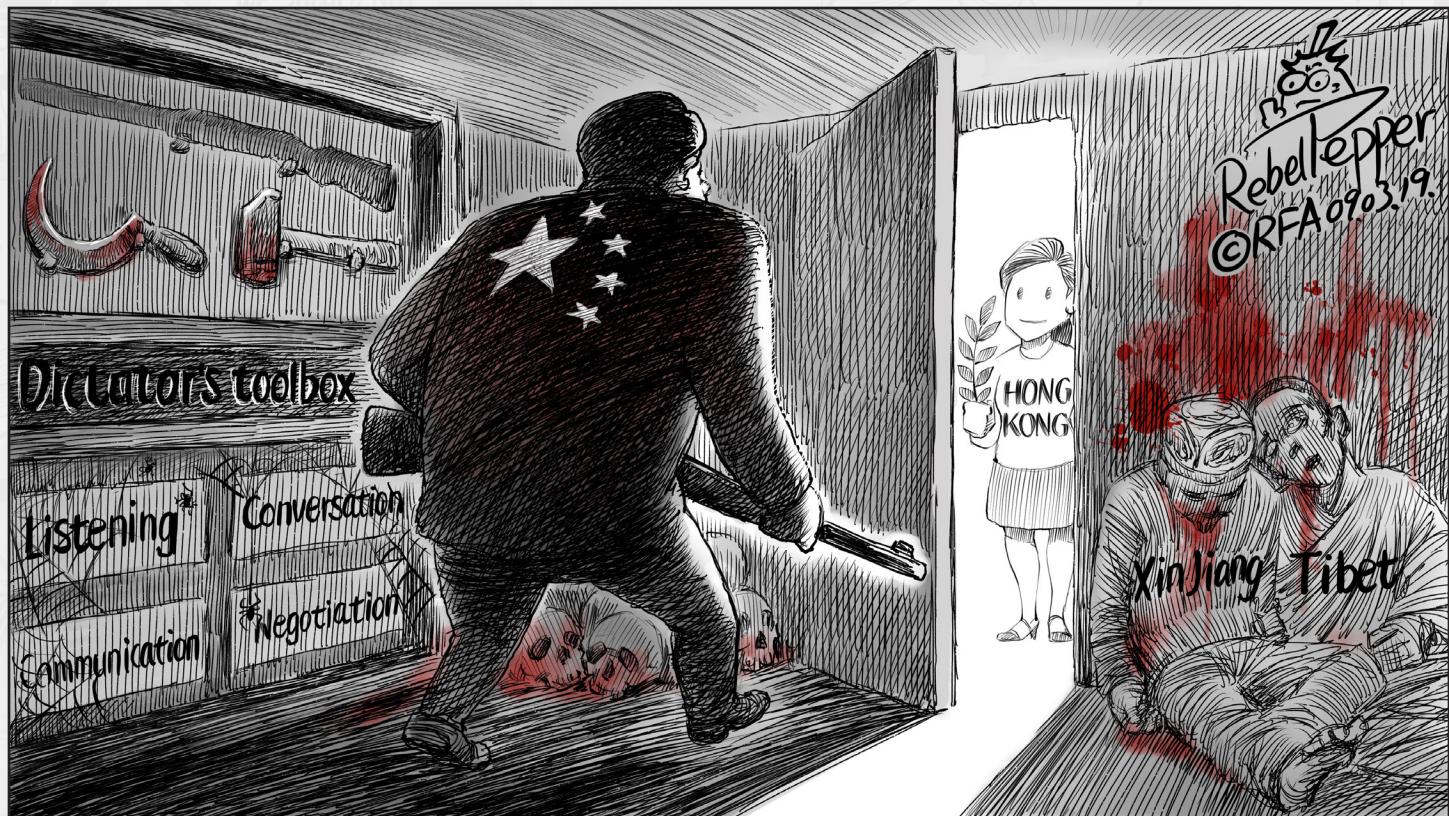
Check Your Eyesight and Your Conscience

Hong Kong police have been accused of demonizing pro-democracy protesters by calling them various names, including a mob, cockroaches and yellow objects.



“What Do You Want?”

Activists say “too little, too late” after Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam withdraws an extradition bill.



Dictator's Toolbox

Beijing has opted to use force, instead of negotiation, when dealing with opposition within China.



Mexico Seizes Huge Fentanyl Shipment from China

U.S. officials say China is the main source of illicit fentanyl. But China says the U.S.

government should do more to reduce demand for the drug.



Soar Like Hong Kong!

China wants its commercial centers to overtake Hong Kong, but stark differences between the cities remain.



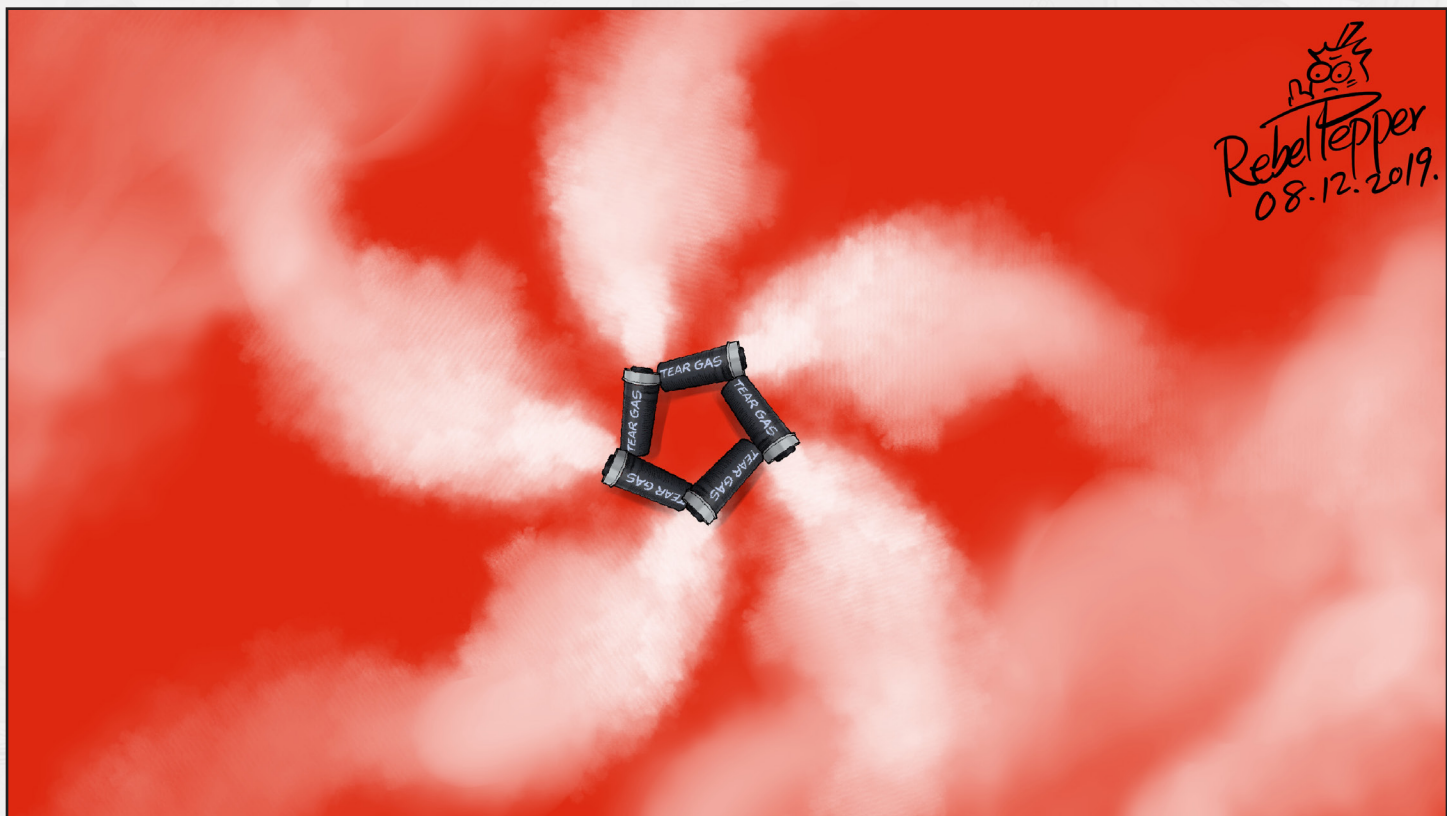
“I Hate My Job”

Chief executive Carrie Lam is under growing pressure as tensions rise in Hong Kong after weekend violence left dozens injured.



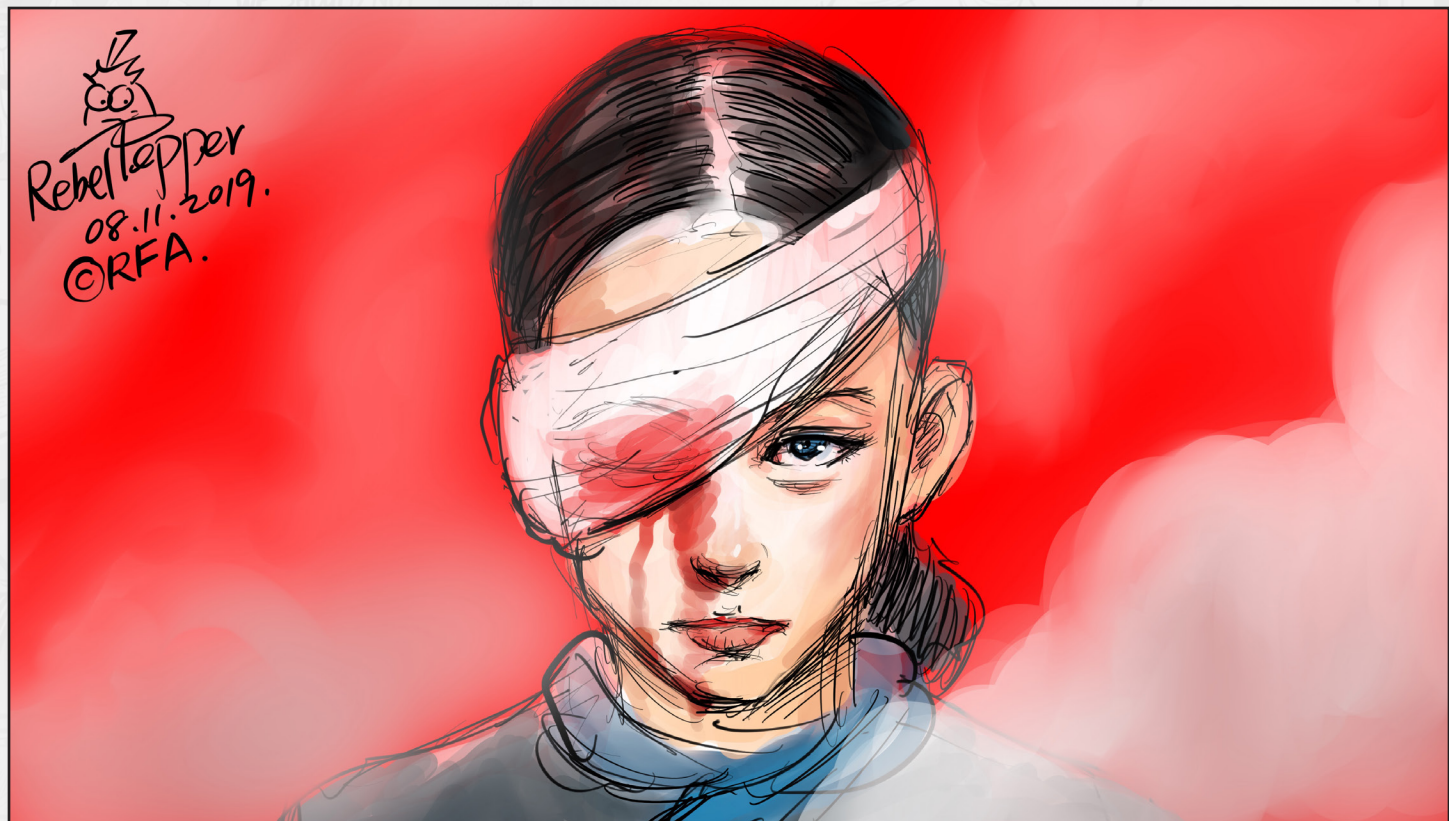
Hongkonger's Love

A young couple shares a moment after finding respite from tear gas and advancing ranks of riot police in Hong Kong's Mei Foo metro station.



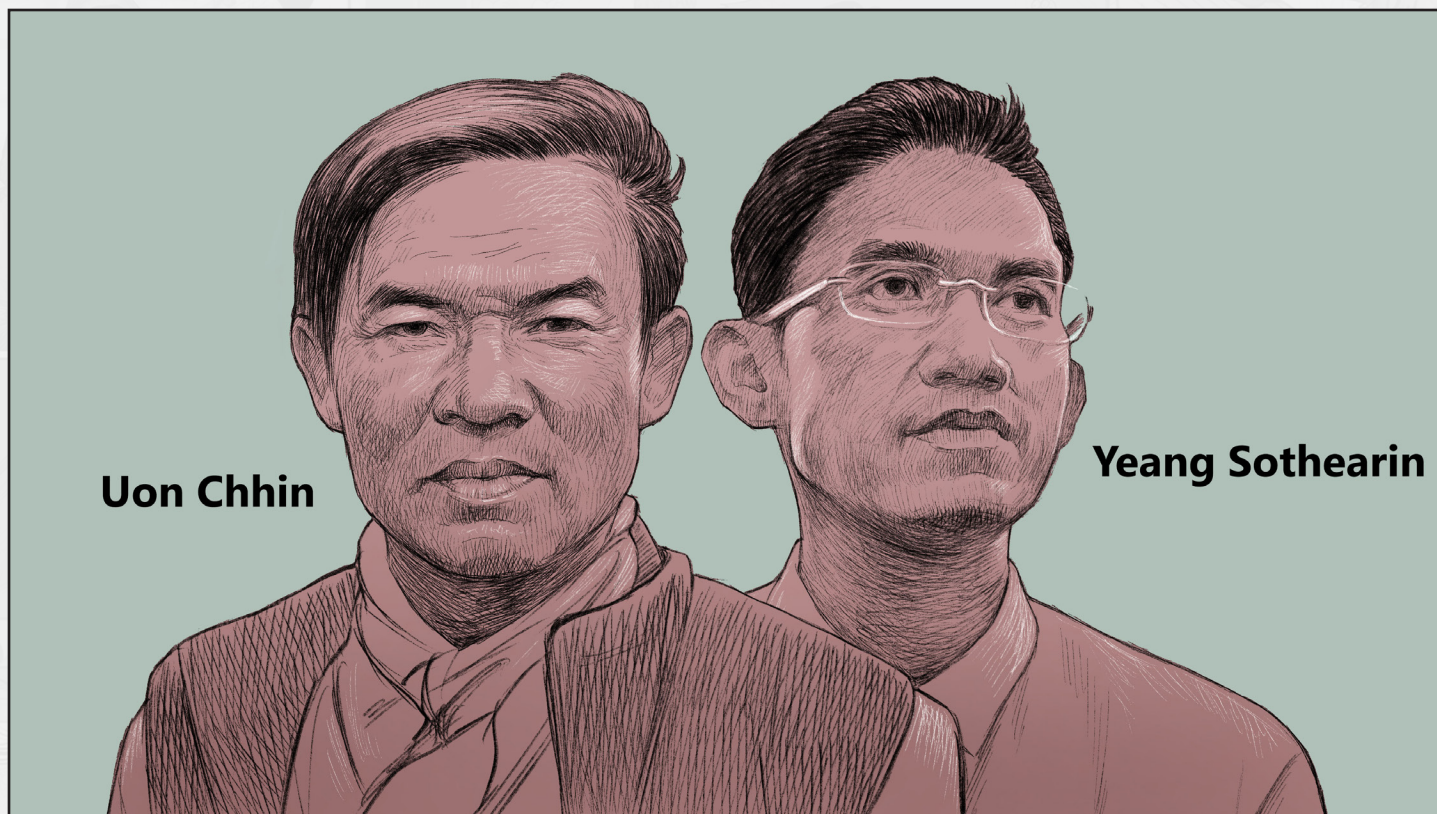
The Hong Kong Special Tear Gas Region

The Hong Kong police launch volleys of tear gas as protests in the city escalate.



Police Bullet Blinds Young Woman

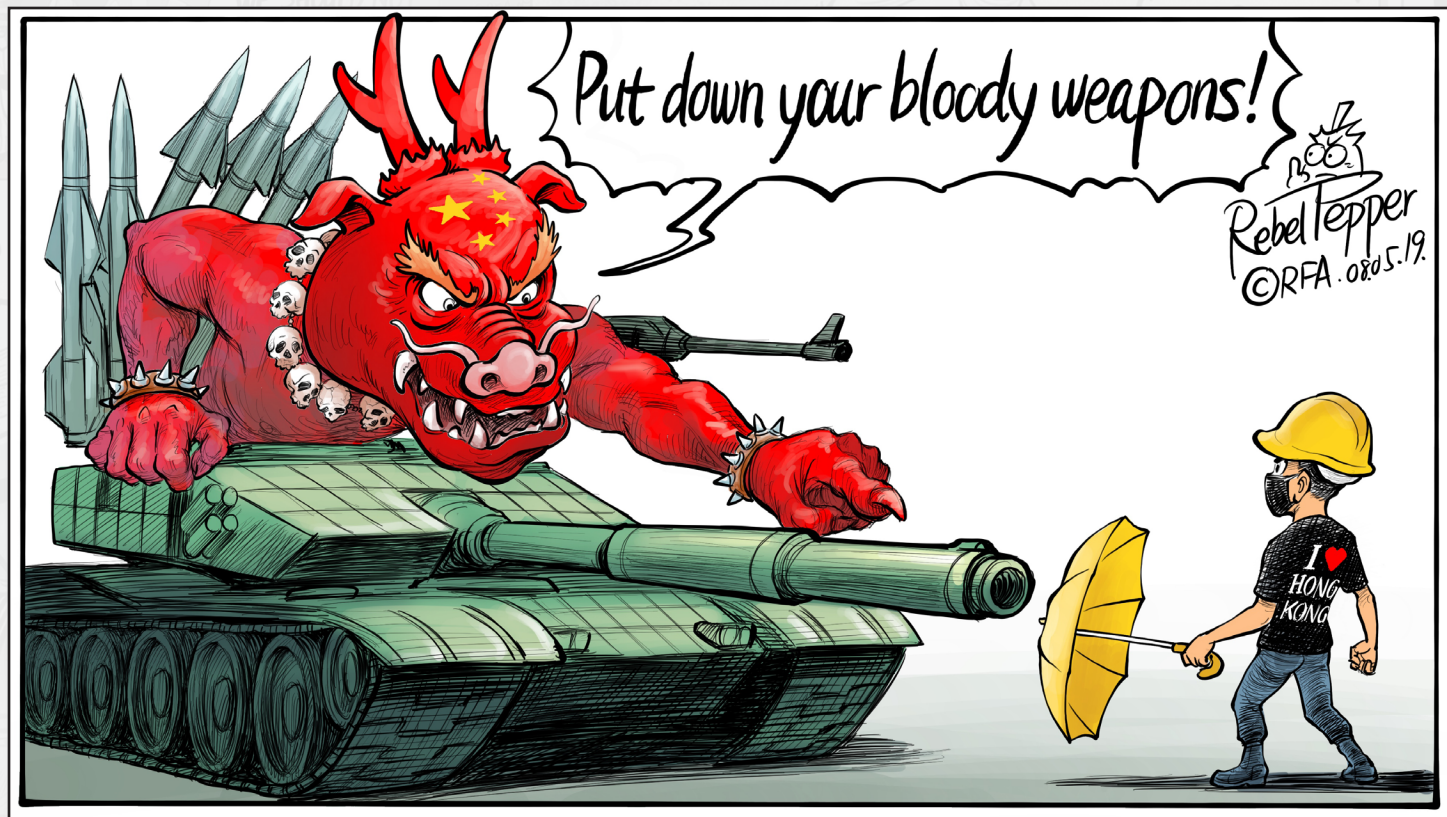
Hong Kong police shot the young protester at close range. Activist Joshua Wong called the incident “totally insane and terrible.”



Former RFA Reporters Stand Trial in Cambodia, Charged With Espionage

Reporters Uon Chhin and Yeang Sothearin have acknowledged that they provided information to RFA after the news organization closed

its Phnom Penh bureau two years ago. But they deny that the material they sent to RFA included “state secrets.”



“Put Down Your Bloody Weapons!”

China’s state-run media issued the warning to pro-democracy protesters in Hong Kong. The demonstrations have been largely peaceful.



Political Crisis In Hong Kong

Hong Kong has been rocked by months of increasingly violent protests.



“We See Nothing”

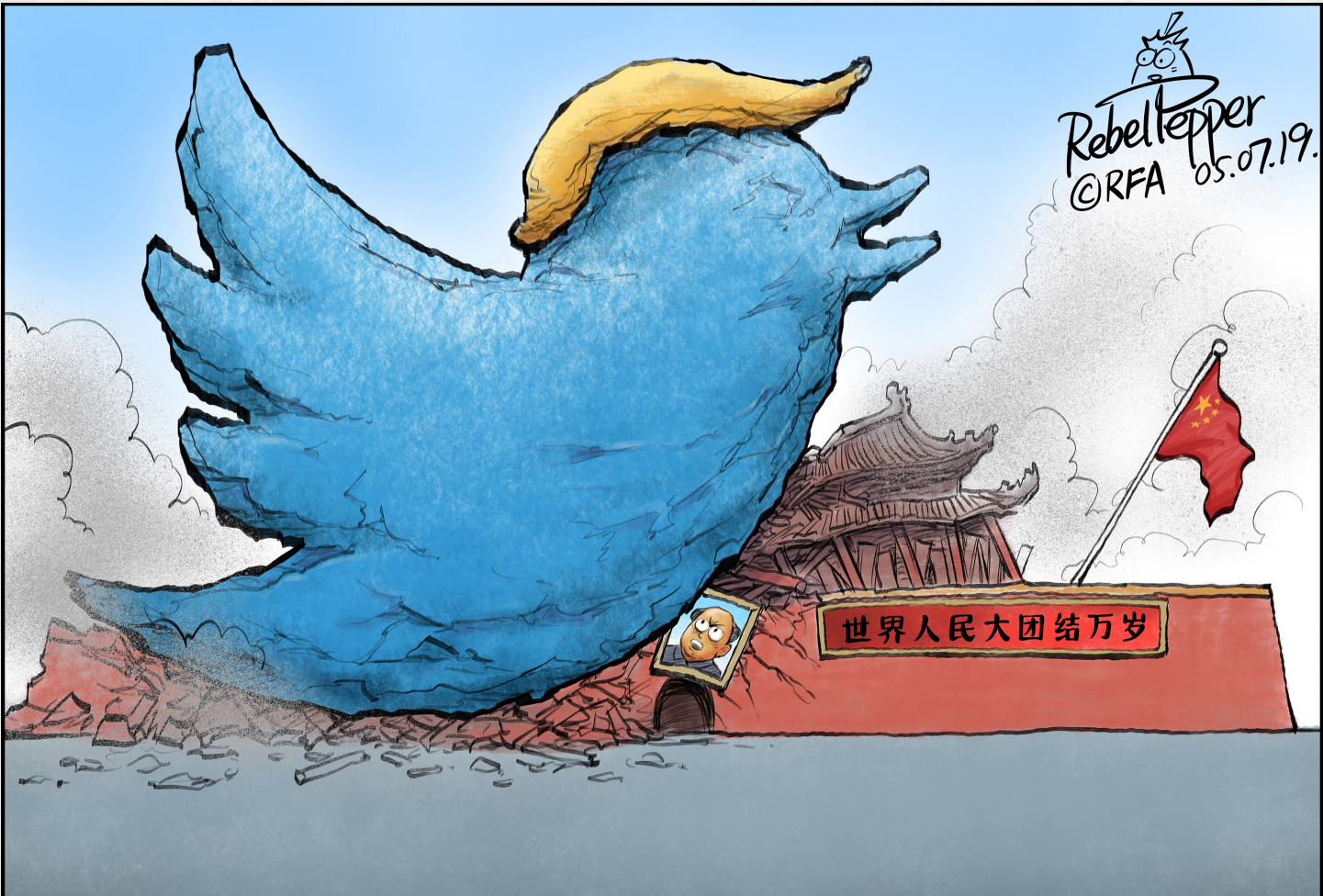
Police make no arrests after pro-China thugs attack passengers at a Hong Kong train station.



Evil is OK

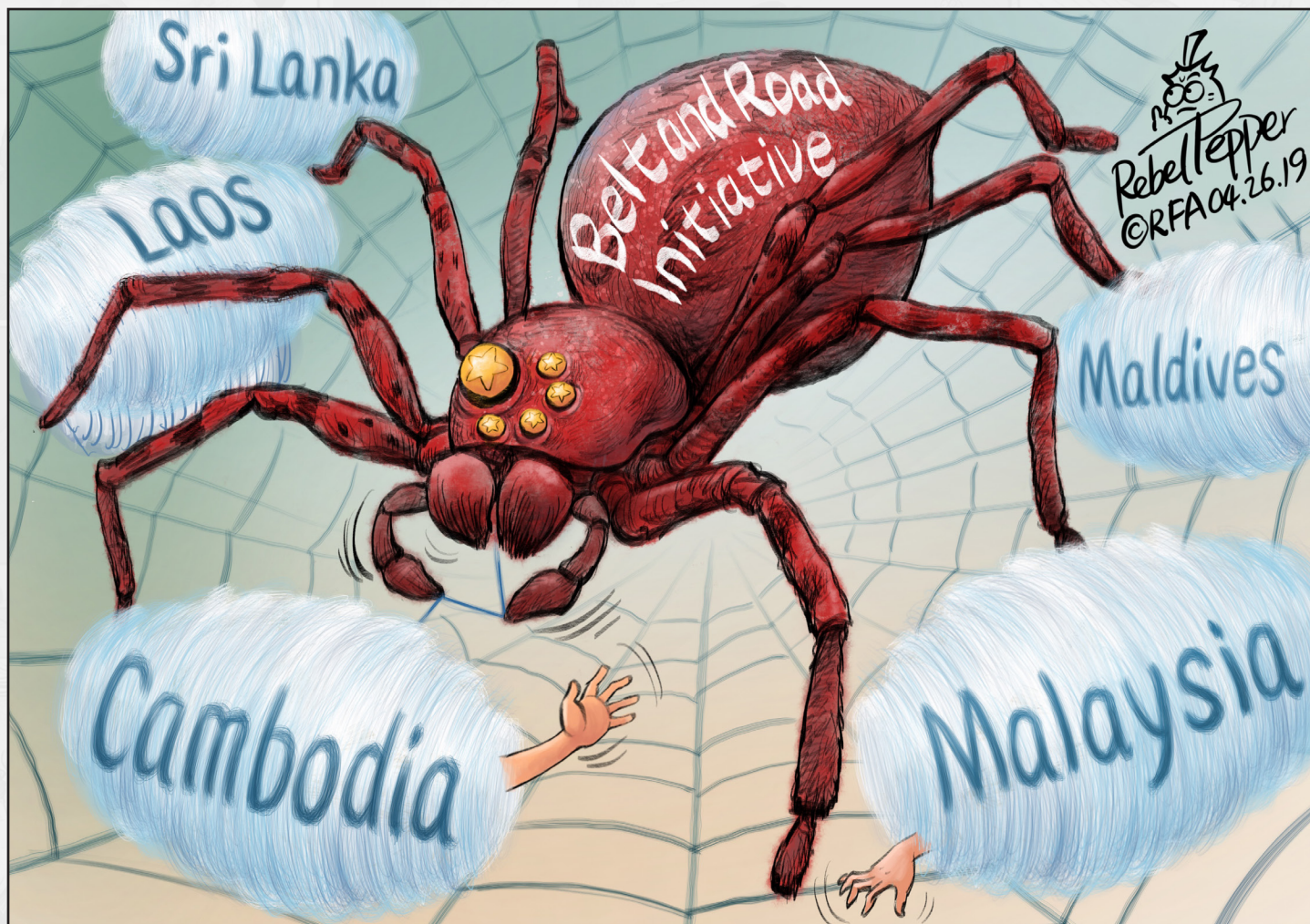
Google confirmed at a U.S. Senate hearing that it had killed a controversial plan for a censored search engine in China. The announcement came

after President Trump said the U.S. government would look into national security concerns related to Google's ties to China.



Trump Tweets Rattle China Trade Talks

President Trump has taken to Twitter over the U.S.-China trade dispute.



China “Belt and Road” Spins Web of Debt

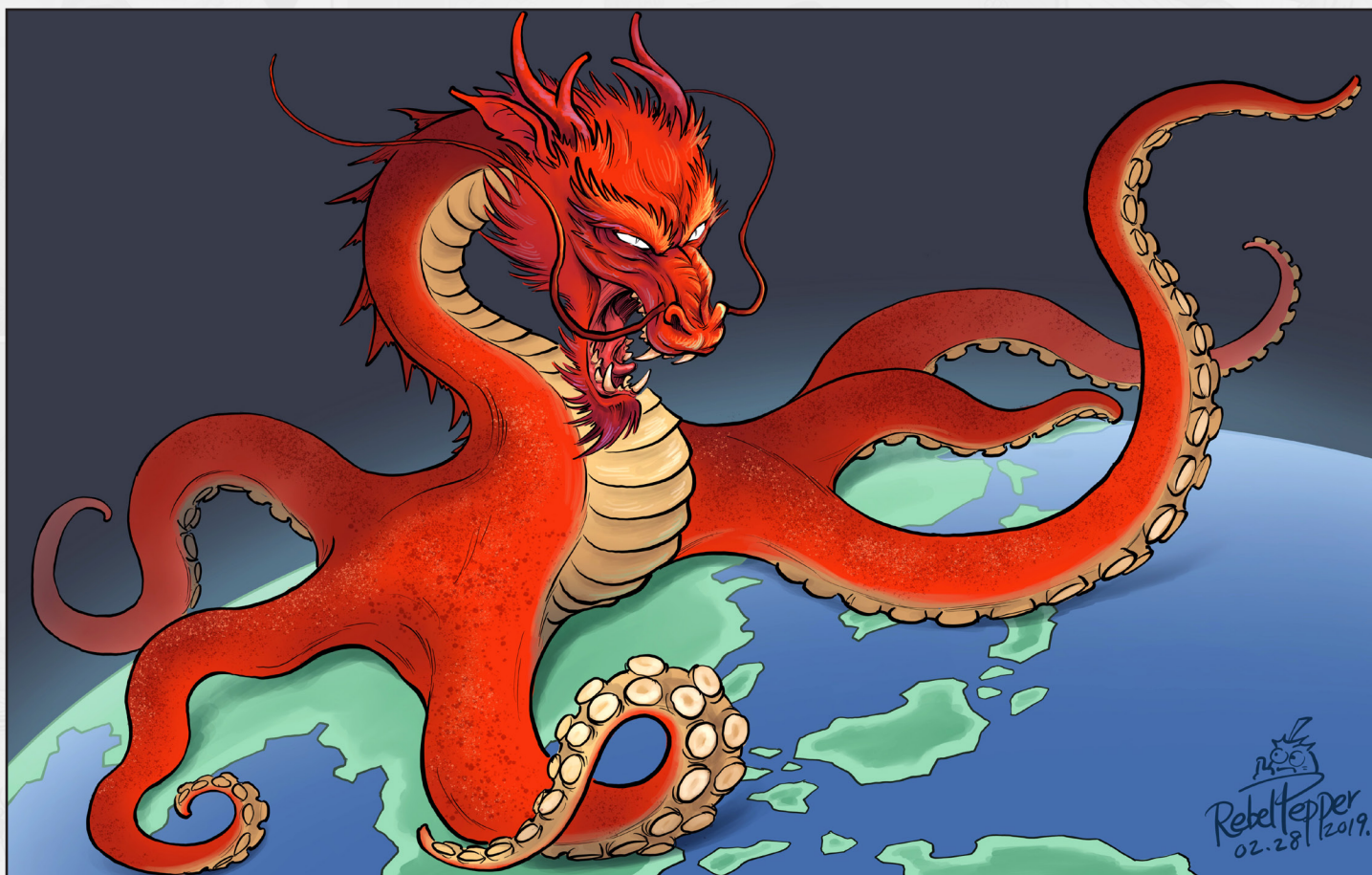
The initiative has sparked fears that China is exporting unsustainable levels of debt. The plan seeks to

create new rail, road, port, and energy infrastructure linking China with Europe, Africa, and other parts of Asia.



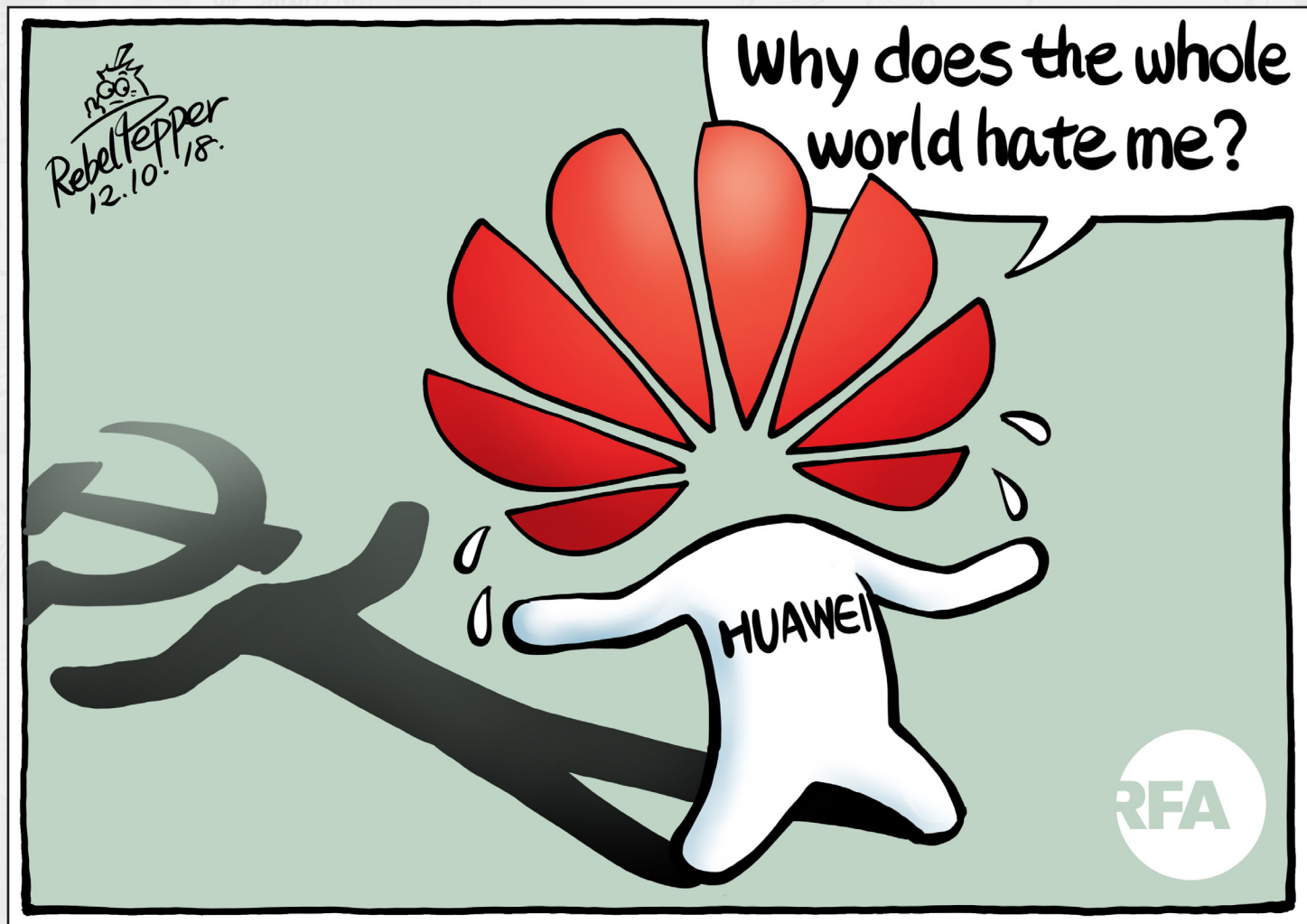
Xi Against the Rhinos

President Xi Jinping faces economic threats on all sides as China opens its annual legislative sessions.



China's Reach

As China rises as an economic and military power, so does its reach beyond its borders.



“Why Does the Whole World Hate Me?”

China has demanded that Canada release Meng Wanzhou, chief financial officer of Chinese telecom giant Huawei Technologies.

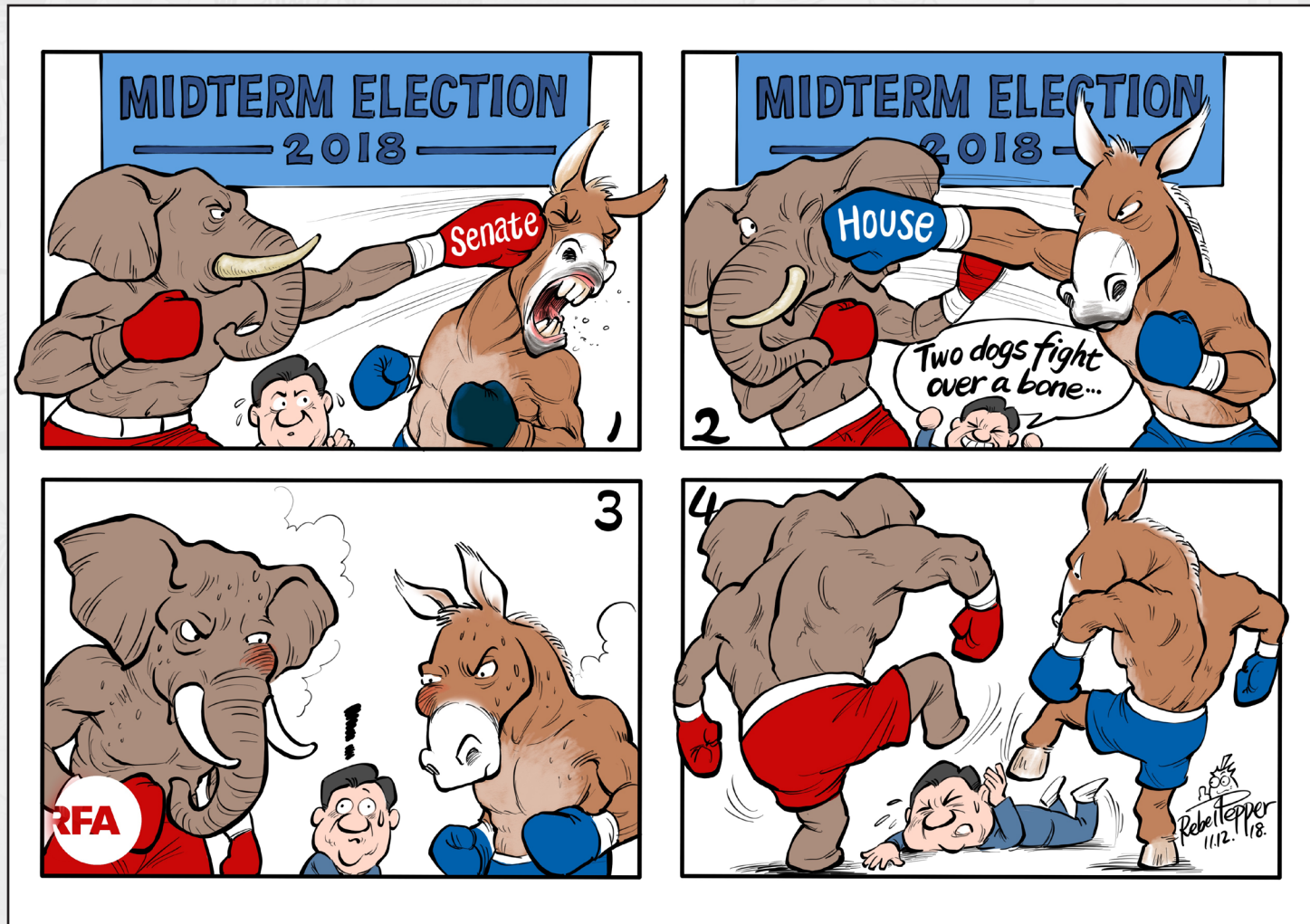
Canadian authorities detained her on suspicion of evading U.S. trade sanctions with Iran.



So Much for “One Country, Two Systems”

A report by a congressional panel, the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, found a steady erosion of Hong

Kong’s autonomy under the leadership of Chinese President Xi Jinping.



Man in the Middle

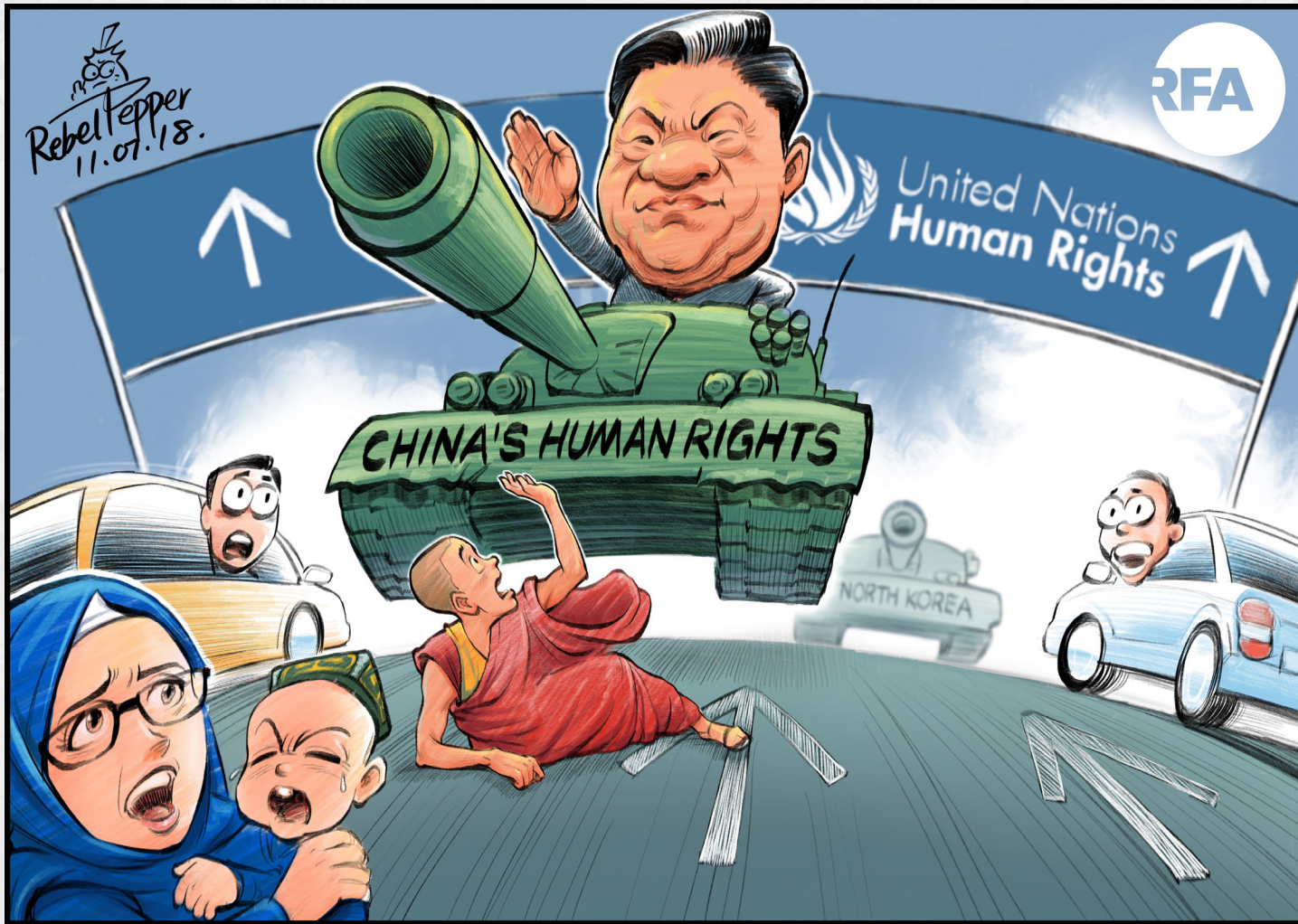
Now that the midterm elections are over, U.S. politicians from both parties may turn their attention to political and economic disputes with President Xi Jinping's China.



A Political Test for China's College Applicants

The College Entrance Examination Bureau in the Chinese megacity Chongqing created a firestorm when it

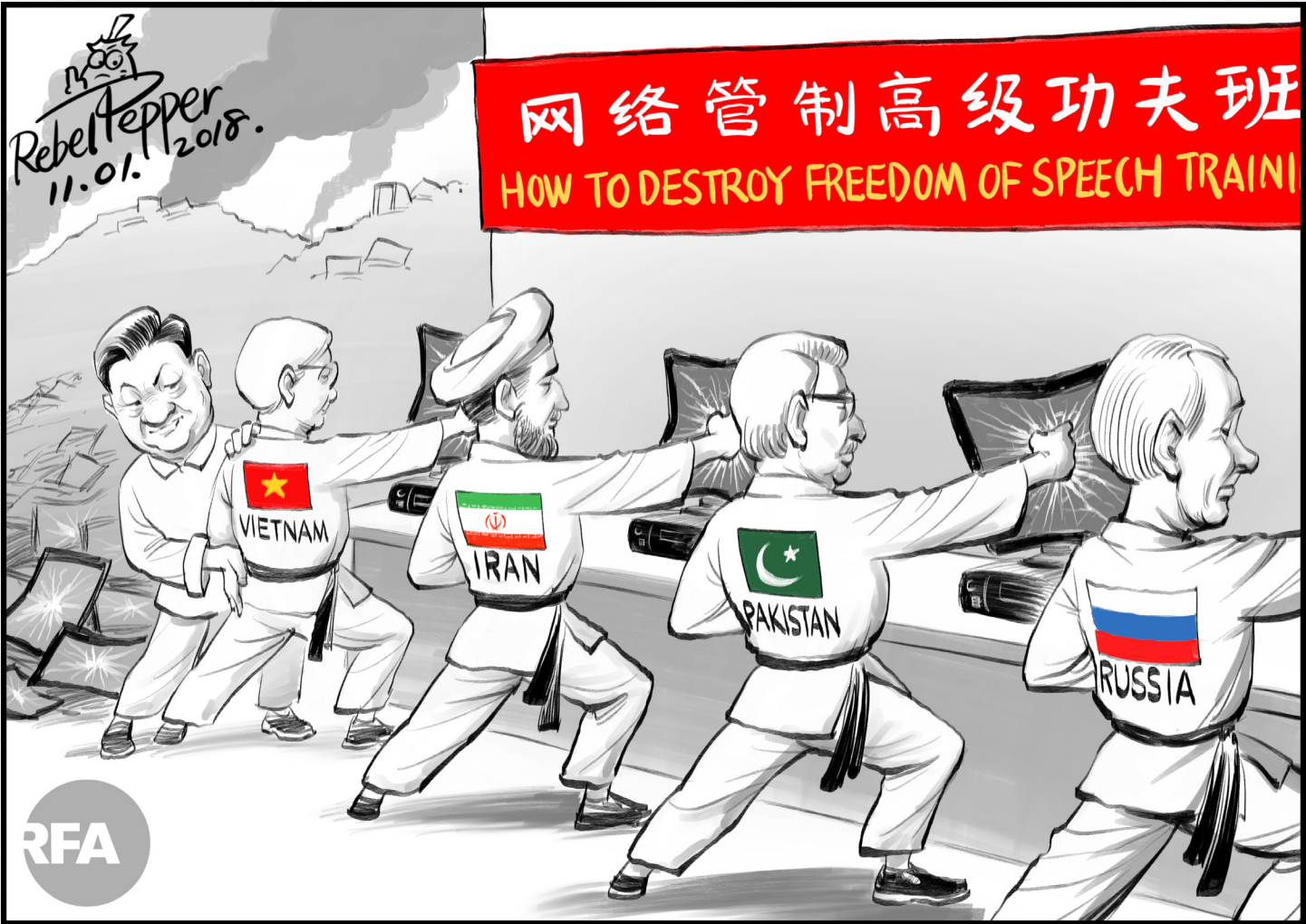
suggested that students who fail a political examination would not be eligible for college admission.



Human Rights with Chinese Characteristics

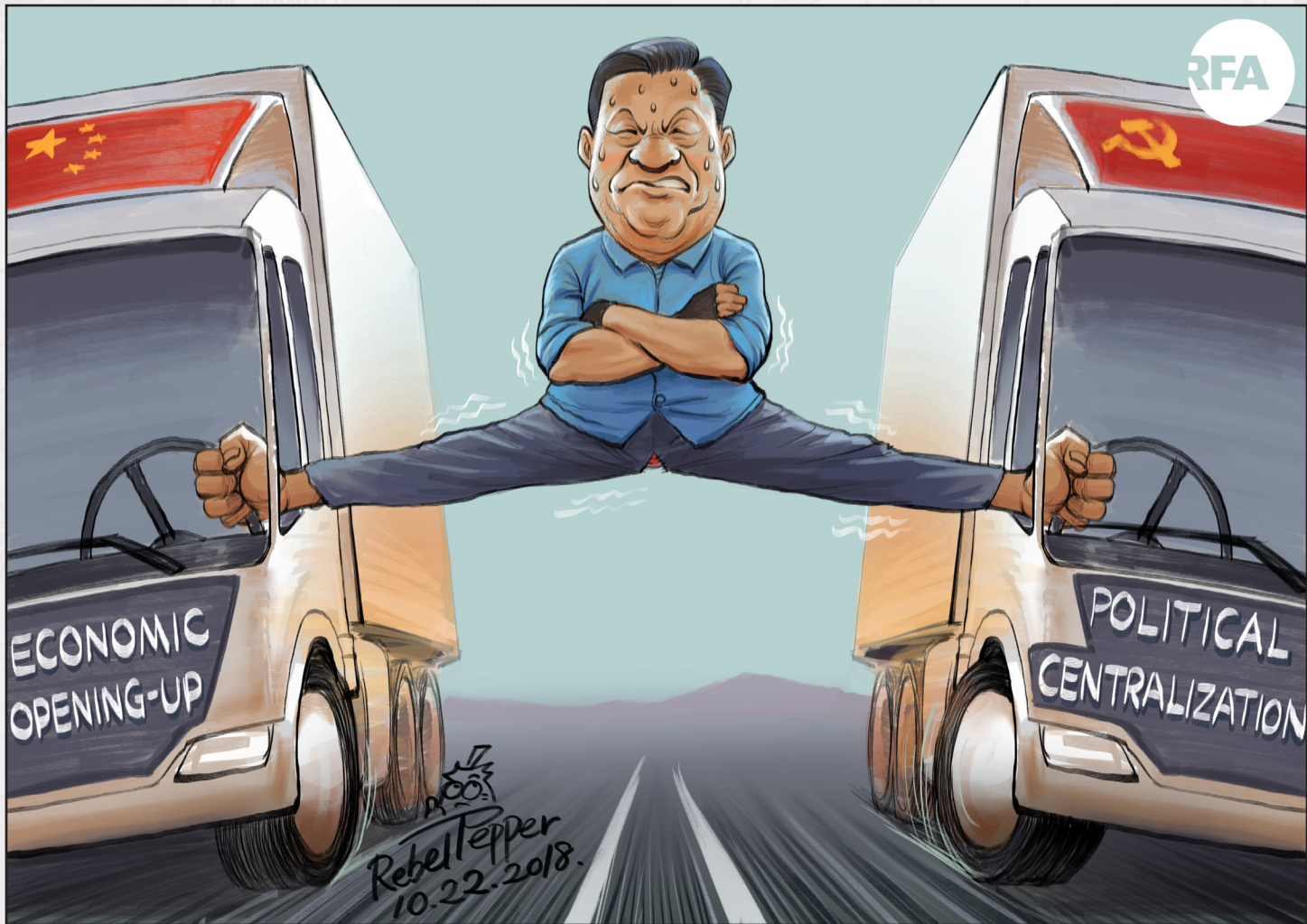
United Nations human rights experts in Geneva are assessing China amid a global outcry over

the mass incarceration of an estimated one million Uyghurs and other minority ethnic Muslims in “re-education camps”.



China Exports Censorship Techniques

The human rights group Freedom House reports that countries are embracing China's model of digital authoritarianism.



Xi Does an Epic Split

Chinese President Xi Jinping is trying to chart a difficult path between economic liberalization and tight political control.



China Calls Uyghur Re-Education Camps “People-Oriented”

Rights groups estimate that as many as 1 million Uyghurs have been held in re-education centers across northwest China's Xinjiang region.



chose engagement with the aim of encouraging greater freedom in China. "But that hope has gone unfulfilled," he said.



Bull in a China Shop

China is celebrating the October 1 National Day, marking the 69th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.



China on Life Support

Severe pollution problems jeopardize China's rapid economic growth and threaten its neighbors...and the rest of the planet.



Police Raid Churches in China's Henan, Part of a Nationwide Crackdown on Christianity

RFA Cartoonist Rebel Pepper channels Leonardo da Vinci for his latest work – a look at China's ongoing repression of Christianity. Police raided four churches in the central

Chinese province of Henan. They cordoned off the area and began tearing crosses down from the walls.



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Google to Launch Censored Search Engine in China

A report from “The Internet” says the U.S. tech giant wants to return to the world’s largest

market for internet users. Google shut down its Chinese search engine in 2010, citing attempts by Chinese authorities to “limit free speech on the web.”



China Urges Women to Have More Babies, Abandoning Decades-Old “One Child” Policy

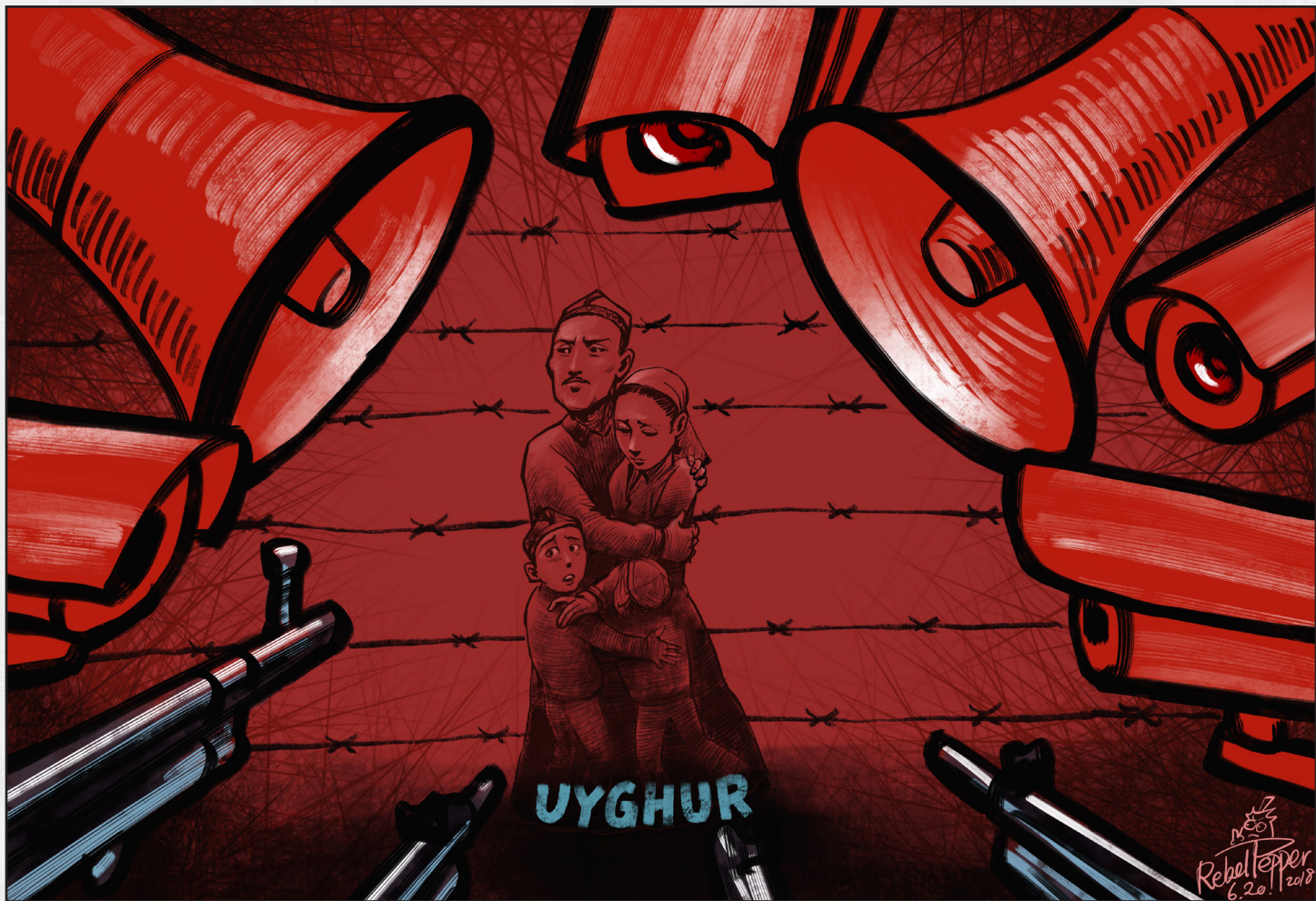
But government efforts to spark a baby boom are failing because many couples are choosing not to have more children.



China-U.S. Trade War

The U.S. and China are baring their teeth as a trade war between the two nations heats up. "In the West, you have the notion that if somebody hits

you on the left cheek, you turn the other cheek," Chinese President Xi Jinping said. "In our culture, we give a tooth for a tooth."



Prisoners in Their Own Homeland

Uyghurs face discrimination, religious repression and cultural suppression under heavy-handed Chinese rule in their homeland in northwestern China.



Not Everybody Wins

U.S. President Trump said he “briefly” raised the issue of human rights during a summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in Singapore. Last

year, Human Rights Watch called North Korea “one of the most repressive authoritarian states in the world.”



U.S. and China Negotiate a Trade Deal

Both sides have threatened to impose tariffs, raising fears of a trade war between the world's two largest economies.

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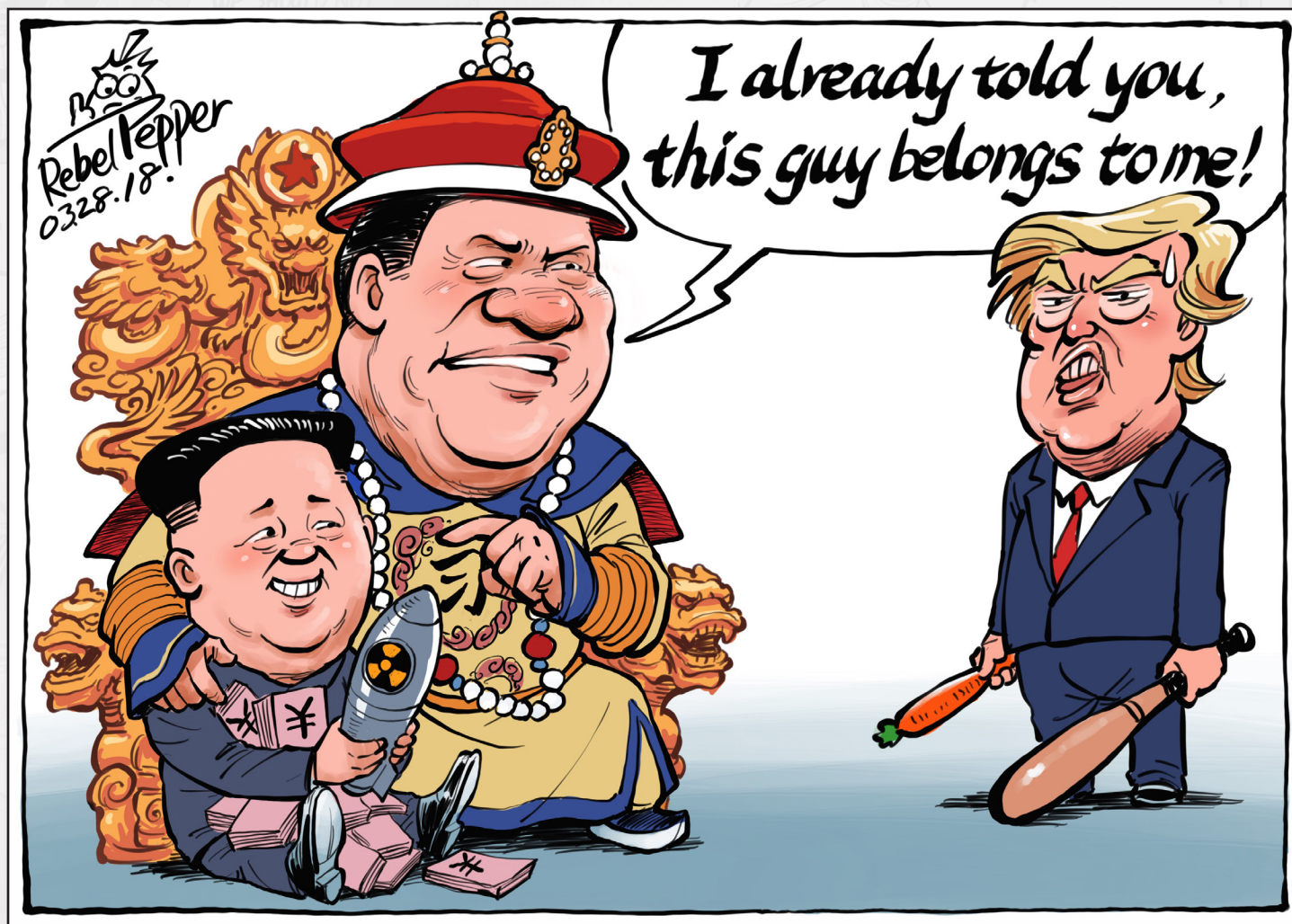
Widow of Nobel Winner is Losing Hope of Leaving China

Liu Xia told a friend that she may “die in my home.” She has been under house arrest since her husband, dissident Liu Xiaobo, won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2010. He died in Chinese custody in July 2017.



Vietnam Stops South China Sea Oil Drilling Under Chinese Pressure

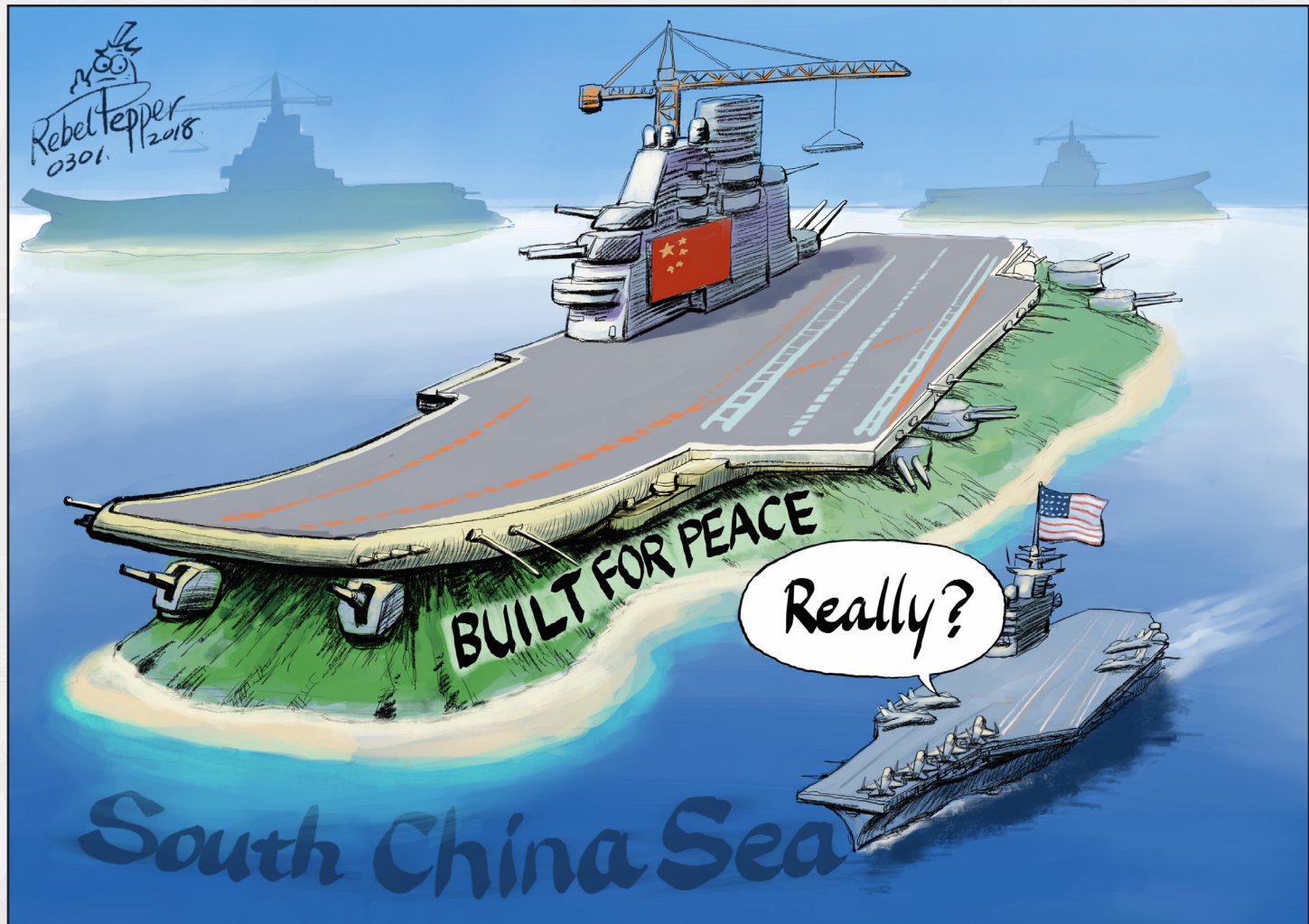
Vietnam's oil drilling project was located near the U-shaped "nine-dash line" that marks the vast area China claims in the sea.



“This Guy Belongs to Me!”

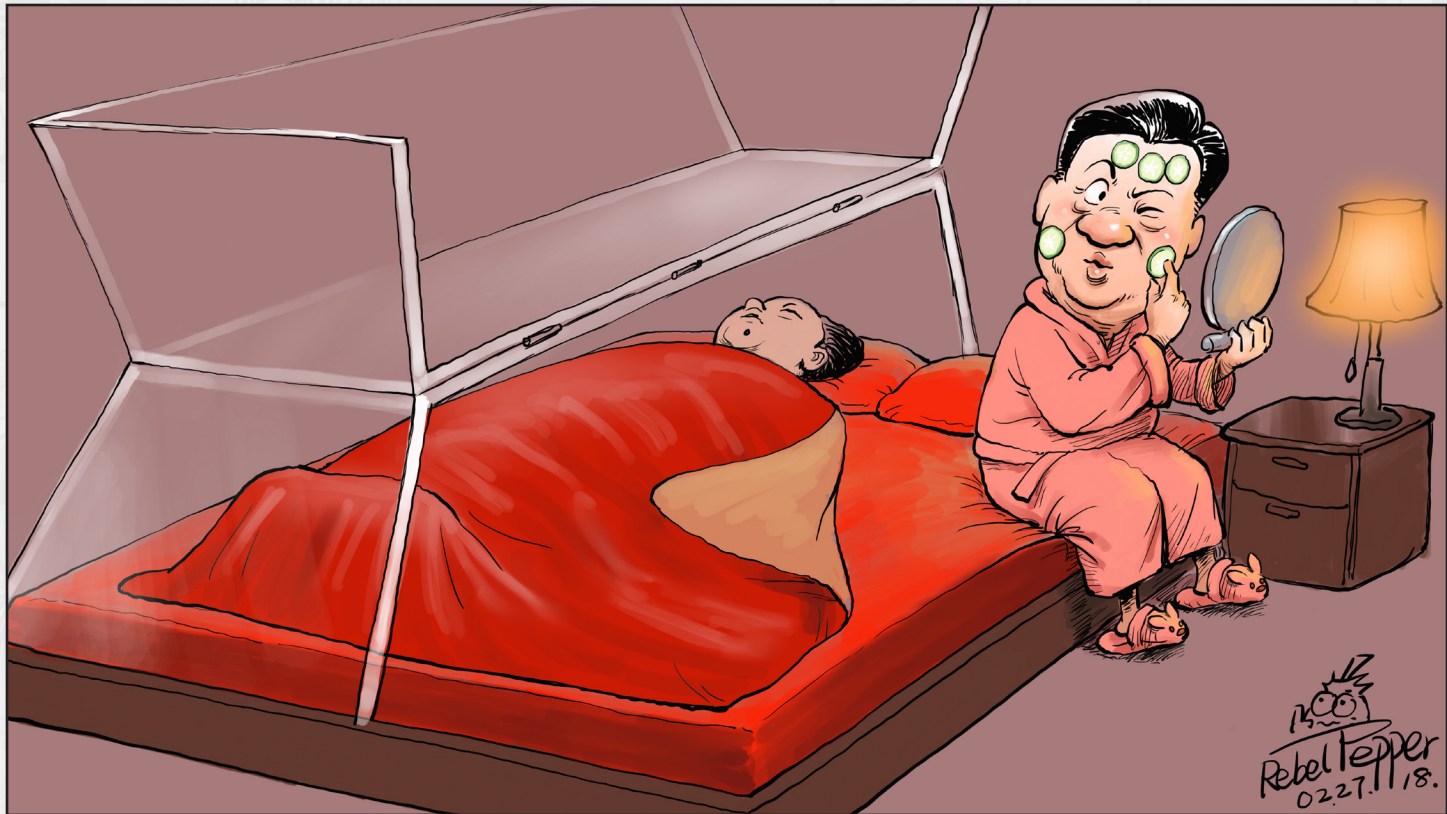
North Korean leader Kim Jong Un meets with Chinese President Xi Jinping during an unofficial visit to Beijing. The meeting came

ahead of a planned meeting between Kim and U.S. President Donald Trump.



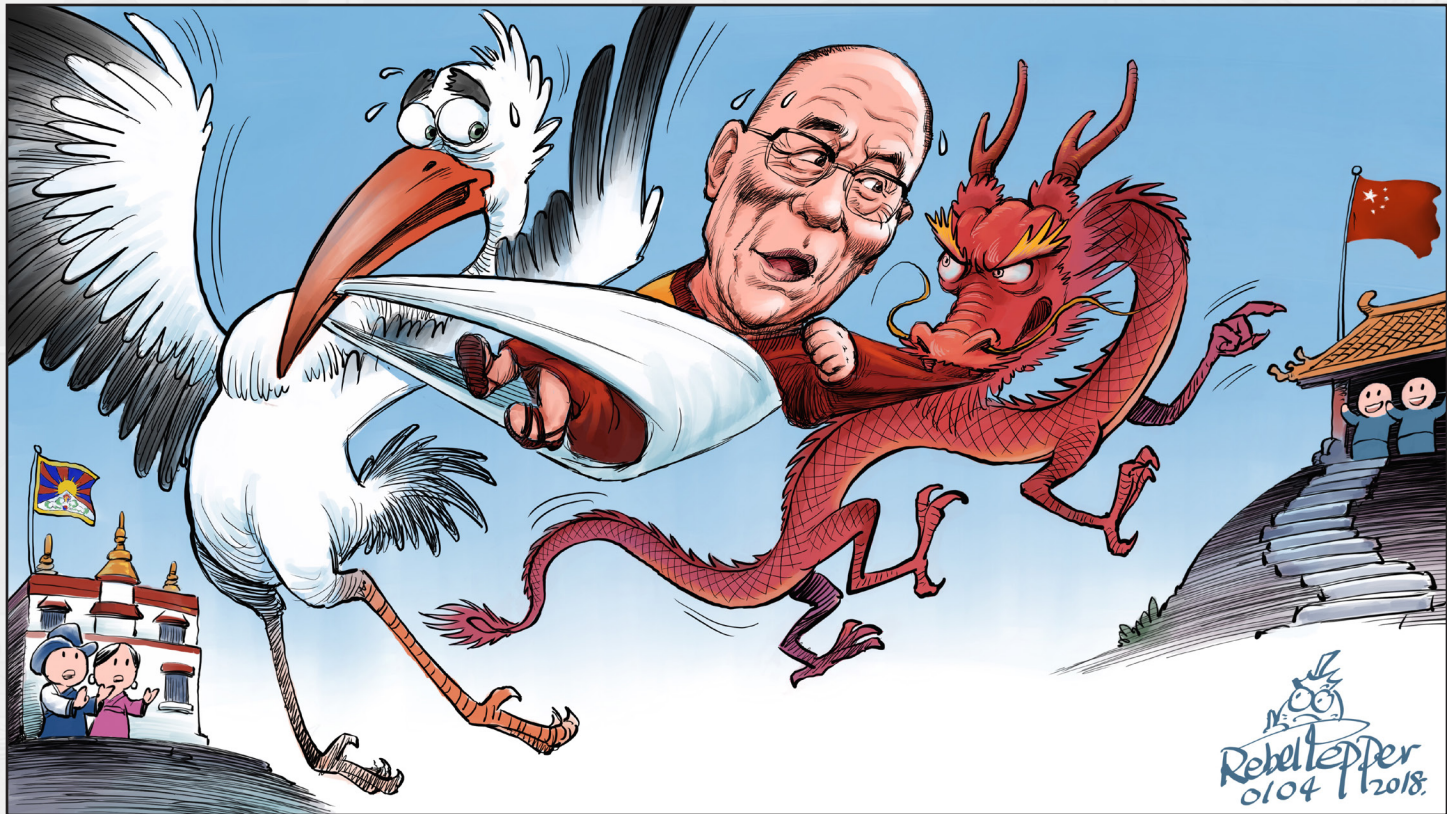
U.S. Aircraft Carrier Makes Historic Visit to Vietnam

The visit comes as China bolsters its military presence in the South China Sea.



Preparing for Eternity

With the removal of presidential term limits, Xi Jinping has become China's most powerful leader since Mao Zedong.



The Struggle Over the Dalai Lama's Reincarnation

China's officially atheist government insists it has authority to choose the next spiritual leader of the Tibetans. But the current Dalai Lama has said his new incarnation will not be found

in territory controlled by China. Reincarnation is the Tibetans' traditional method for identifying future religious leaders.



“My Button’s Biggest!”

In a New Year’s Day speech, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said, “The US should know that the button for nuclear weapons is on my desk.” U.S.

President Donald Trump responded in a tweet that his button is “much bigger & more powerful” than Kim’s.



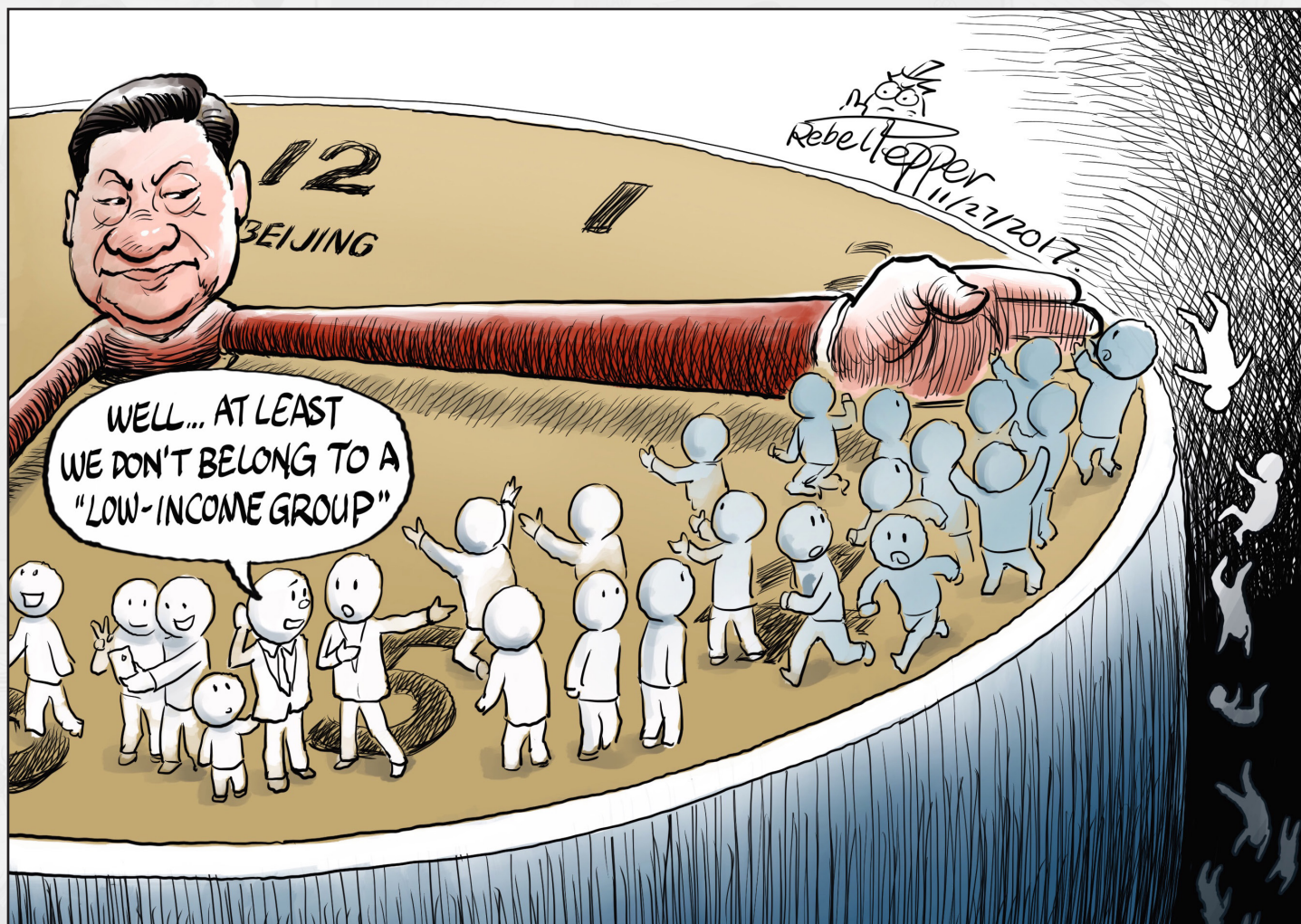
A Chinese University Bans Christmas, Fearing “Corrosive” Western Influence

Shenyang Pharmaceutical University in northeast China criticized young students for being “blindly excited” about Christmas.



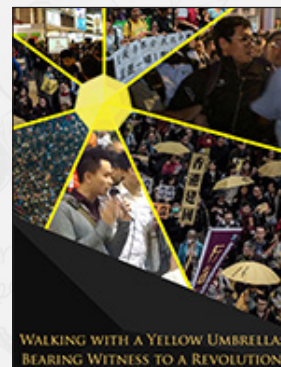
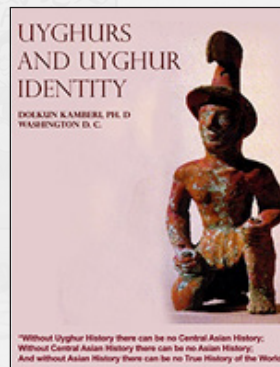
China Hosts World Internet Conference Despite Poor Record on Internet Freedom

For three years in a row, human rights watchdog Freedom House ranks China “the world’s worst abuser of Internet freedom.”



Beijing Calls for Immediate Eviction of "Low-Income" Tenants

Authorities in China's capital have launched a city-wide crackdown on unlicensed rented accommodation, and thousands of low-paid migrant workers are being forced from their homes.



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