

CHINA REACTS TO UN SECURITY COUNCIL DECISION

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Recently, the Middle East has exploded in a mass of uprisings against their long-time dictators. This wave of rebellion started off in Egypt, where massive protests, marches, and strikes forced the president of twenty-nine years, Hosni Mubarak, to step down from power. This successful transition to democracy in Egypt sparked similar popular uprisings in neighboring countries, especially in Libya, where civilians are currently trying to unseat their powerful and often eccentric president, Moammar Gadhafi.

As of now, the U.N. Security Council has agreed to send in air-strike forces in order to establish a no-fly air zone to protect civilians from government troops.

China, along with Brazil and Russia, abstained from participating in the U.N.'s final resolution. However, there have been reports that the air strikes are causing civilian casualties, and China is increasingly urging the UN to call a cease-fire and stop all fighting. Chinese media has also been criticizing the U.S. and the Western powers for interfering in other nations' business and increasing the violence in Libya. "China supports the continued diplomatic efforts of the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy to Libya, the African Union and the Arab League for peaceful settlement of the current crisis in Libya," said Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Jiang Yu. Whether or not China will take action to support their position still remains in question.



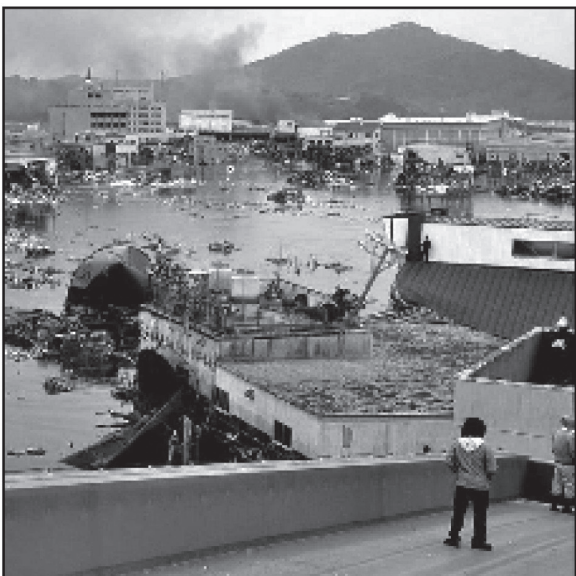
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Last month in Japan on March 11, a deadly 23-foot tsunami had swept through the northern part of Japan followed by a 9.0 magnitude of an earthquake. The death tolls reached to its peak and over ten thousand people are missing. Not only that, the Japanese are also dealing with the nuclear leak that happened because of the earthquake. They previously had an explosion that made the nuclear leak worse. To prevent another hydrogen explosion at the nuclear plant, they pumped in nitrogen in the radiator. Because of the explosion that happened previously, the Japanese needed to cut down in their electricity supply. This has led to many difficulties to doctors because they need electricity to help the machines function. Many of the patients live off of machines that help them survive. Although there are many difficulties that the Japanese need to face, I'm sure that they would find a way to continue to be a strong country.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the globe, Californians watch these terrifying news every day that increases their anxiety level. Since we live near the San Andreas Fault, it is said that Californians are basically living above a bomb that is waiting to go off anytime. I can assume that many of you are wondering the same question: How are we going to prepare for any upcoming disaster? Well first of all, you would definitely need to prepare a first aid kit that contains essential medicine. Next, you'll need to have a flashlight with extra batteries and a glow stick to prepare you from any black outs. You'll also need warm clothes to provide you heat during a cold weather. And last but not least, you'll need sufficient emergency food and water to keep you alive. These components are very important to prepare for the upcoming disaster. If you haven't prepared yet, do so to be safe!



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THE TIGER MOM: A BLATANT VIOLATION OF LIBERTY

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Yes, I know that the Tiger Mom rhetoric died down about a month ago, but I am writing this article, because my mom said something last week that scared the heck out of me, reviving the horrendous thoughts of the torturous parenting methods described in Amy Chua's "Why Chinese Mothers are Superior" essay. She said something along the lines of "Perhaps I have been too lenient with you. Maybe I should be a Tiger Mom." I completely disagreed with that statement; however, me being the cowardly boy that knows better than to open a debate with my mother (who always wins), I kept silent and did not talk back. Thus, I am writing this article, hoping that my mom will read it and be dissuaded from following the path of the Tiger Mom.

In my eyes, the Tiger Mom model is morally wrong, and the mothers that follow it have either forgotten their childhood or have never actually experienced the joys of childhood at all. These mothers are cruel, cold, and unwilling to sympathize with their children (I know that my mom is not like that). They enforce a form of domestic dictatorship that should be pronounced illegal in all the democratic nations of the world. First of all, the Tiger Mom dictators basically restrict the free thought of their children. This is done through an aggressive campaign that limits outside influences, like T.V. and internet, and uses devious psychological tricks to mentally enslave the children, such as Amy Chua's method of shaming her children by making them feel bad for disobeying her orders.

Second of all, it violates the precious right of all Americans, including minors, to openly pursue happiness without any deterrence. The Tiger Mom dictators prevent their own children from enjoying life by forcing them to follow a strict schedule and limiting their social interactions. Obviously, this strict form of life imposed on the poor kids by their evil mothers does not induce happiness at all, and is a violation of human rights.

But not only is the Tiger Mom method unethical, it also actually hinders the children. Yes, learning math skills, violin, piano, and other things that Asians typically learn may be useful in life. But what's more important is learning how to be independent, learning how to make decisions, and feeling comfortable with taking risks. Sorry moms, but the truth is that you guys are not going to be around all the time showing us kids the enlightened path to success. When you guys are gone, we will have to know how to fend for ourselves and duke it out in this fish-eat-fish world. Children that hail from a Tiger Mom family where a communist dictatorship makes all the decisions for them do not have these skills. They will be strong academically, but when the support (the Tiger Parent) leaves, they collapse quickly and they never get up. So in conclusion, giving up decision-making skills and independence in exchange for math and instrumental skills just is not worth it.

So Mom, I hope that you have been completely and utterly dissuaded from becoming a Tiger Mom, and I know that you wouldn't be so evil as to impose such a wretched system upon me. And to all of those suppressed Asian kids struggling under the dictatorial rule of your Tiger Parents, I urge you all to fight for the

preservation of democracy and human rights! Break free from the shackles that have chained you down since birth, and use your defiance to overthrow the Tiger Moms that hinder your true potential! We are the new generation of Americans, and we will not be raised in despotism.



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