
PHILIPPINES SUMMONS CHINESE ENVOY OVER SANCTIONS AGAINST FORMER SENATOR

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The Philippines' foreign ministry has summoned China's ambassador to Manila over Beijing's imposition of sanctions against former senator Francis Tolentino, the president's office said on Tuesday.

Tolentino, who lost his bid for a second term in the Philippines' midterm elections in May, was banned from mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau over "egregious conduct" detrimental to relations between Manila and Beijing.

Tolentino helped in approving laws last year that defined the country's sea lanes and maritime zones, which China opposed. He also accused the Chinese embassy of contracting a firm that maintains troll farms to sow disinformation.

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