

China Irked by Arrests

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China called an urgent meeting with Russia in Beijing on Thursday, condemning its coast guard days after it fired on Chinese fishing boats and detained dozens of fishermen who had entered its exclusive economic zone off the coast of the Primorye region in the Far East.

"China is strongly dissatisfied with Russia's rough law enforcement and use of military force to seize Chinese fishing boats," Vice Foreign Minister Cheng Guoping told the acting head of Russia's mission in Beijing, according to a statement on the Chinese Foreign Ministry's website.

Cheng demanded that Russia investigate the incident, which left one fisherman missing, the statement said.

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