

# Top Chinese Envoy Hits Back at US Demands to Follow White House ‘Rules of the Road’

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*Beijing’s top envoy in Washington has pushed back against US assertions that China should obey “traffic rules” set by the White House and accused the United States of trying to erect another “Berlin Wall” to contain China.*

In his first remarks since [US President Joe Biden’s meeting with President Xi Jinping](#), **Qin Gang**, China’s ambassador to the US, questioned the US’ mandate to assert those rules.

“The US says that its China policy is for defending the ‘rules-based international order’ and ensuring the implementation of ‘rules of the road’,” Qin said at a Brookings Institution event on Thursday, according to a transcript released by the Chinese embassy in Friday.

“But what are the rules? Who made these rules? Who are the traffic police? The US has not made itself clear on these questions.”

Observers said the Qin’s remarks underlined Beijing’s deep discontent with the Biden administration and cast doubt on prospects of a temporary detente, despite the conciliatory tone the two leaders struck on Tuesday.

On Saturday, Chinese **Foreign Minister Wang Yi** also urged Washington to honour its summit [commitments on Taiwan](#) and avoid a new cold war with Beijing.

Wang also denounced Washington’s alliance-based approach to counter China, which he

said would “create barriers and divisions [and] provoke conflicts and confrontations”.

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