## Chinese delegation banned from the Queen's lying in state at Westminster Hall, reports say

A delegation of Chinese officials have reportedly been barred from visiting the historic hall at UK Parliament where Queen Elizabeth II is lying in state.

The Chinese ambassador to the UK has been banned from Parliament for a year after Beijing sanctioned seven British legislators last year for speaking out against China's treatment of its Uyghur minority in the far-west Xinjiang region.

The office of House of Commons Speaker Lindsay Hoyle declined to comment on Friday on the report in Politico of the Chinese delegation being barred from visiting the Queen's coffin at the Houses of Parliament.

In Beijing, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said she had not seen the report, but said that as host of the Queen's funeral, the UK should "follow the diplomatic protocols and proper manners to receive guests".

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