China: Canada’s Detention of Huawei Exec “Vile in Nature”

BEIJING — China summoned the Canadian ambassador to protest Canada’s treatment of Huawei Technologies Co. Director Zheng Yuncheng, who was arrested late last month on U.S. criminal fraud charges.

The Chinese foreign ministry said China had told the Canadian ambassador that the case was an “unreasonable, incomprehensible, and vile” one and warned the Canadian authorities not to release the arrested Huawei executive.

The two governments are locked in a dispute over whether Chinese authorities improperly obtained Chinese nationals’ personal information through extraterritorial means.

Huawei, which has been a China’s latest attempt to reshape the technology industry, has faced a foreign challenge from the United States.

Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Lu Kang said at his daily press conference that China was raising the case of Canadian citizen Zheng Yuncheng, who was arrested in Canada last week.

However, the Canadian government has not provided any information on the case.

Russia’s Most Famous Human Rights Activist Dies at 91

MOSCOW — Lyudmila Alexeeva, a human rights pioneer and an activist who challenged the Soviet and Russian regimes for decades, demanding that they free political prisoners and establish democratic rights, died Saturday in a Moscow hospital, a Russian human rights group said.

“Life is too short to love,” an elderly woman told a reporter, as she stood on a street corner in a busy city.

The gentle but courageous activist was buried under dictator Joseph Stalin’s rule. She helped her own freedom to protect the plight of political prisoners in the Soviet Union in the 1960s and 1970s and co-founded the Moscow Helsinki Group, Russia’s oldest human rights organization, in 1979. Alexeeva died of natural causes in an assisted living home in Moscow.

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