

China Denies Reports of a Bible Ban at Olympics

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Attempting to avert a public relations nightmare, the Beijing Olympics' official media center called the report "an intentional distortion of truth" and said foreigners will be admitted into China so long as their Bible is for personal use.

It added, however, that all texts of the Falun Gong, a spiritual movement considered an illegal cult by Chinese authorities, are strictly forbidden.

Among the many to immediately protest reports out of China placing the Bible on a list of "prohibited objects" at Olympic Village was U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham, who telephoned the Chinese ambassador for an explanation, the AP reported.