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TikTok troubles narrow gap between Beijing and ByteDance founder Zhang Yiming

has long positioned himself as a global internet entrepreneur, eschewing Chinese government involvement, but US demands to sell his crown jewel TikTok are testing the boundaries with Beijing.

A year ago, ByteDance was approached by the Chinese government with offers of help when TikTok, a short-video app with a huge following among young people globally, faced political heat in India, a source familiar with the situation told Reuters. But the company sent only mid-level staff to meet with government officials, signalling that the company wanted to go it alone.

The 38-year-old Zhang, who has trodden a different path to other high-profile Chinese tech tycoons, shifted tack in August when President Donald Trump threatened to ban TikTok in the United States unless it was sold to

Zhang's team sought a meeting on his behalf with China's ambassador in Washington, Cui Tiankai, two sources familiar with

While Zhang was only hoping ByteDance founder Zhang Yiming for an informal chat with Cui to seek advice, his approach was seen as a turning point, government and industry sources told Reuters.

The embassy directed the ByteDance team to the foreign ministry in Beijing. Although no further talks took place, and Cui and Zhang did not speak, the Chinese government interpreted the approach as a signal that ByteDance was open to assistance.

China entered the fray on August 28, by revising a tech export control list that experts said would give them regulatory oversight over any TikTok deal. Reuters could not determine if Beijing's interpretation of Zhang's approach and the Chinese government move were linked.

One of the sources said that by standing up for ByteDance, Beijing wanted to demonstrate to private companies caught in the crossfire of China-US strategic competition that the country is firmly behind them.

"We want to show all other countries that this is what the Chinese government will do if you bully any of our companies,

so don't follow what the US is doing," the source said.

The diplomatic dance taking place around TikTok follows years of acrimony between Washington and Beijing over the role of China's Huawei Technologies, which the US has alleged is effectively a Trojan horse for Chinese espionage

Huawei and Beijing have repeatedly denied any such

with ByteDance, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesman said he was Facebook and Twitter for years

not aware of the specifics of the situation, adding that the United States was over-generalising the concept of national security and abusing its power.

"Not only does it go against market principles and international rules, it is a mockery to the principles of market economy and fair competition that the US prides itself on," he

A senior US administration Asked about its engagement official said China had blocked US tech companies such as

and the United States' actions were designed to protect the private information of its citizens.

"We're just very concerned that, essentially, anything that could be done on that platform would be subject to the Chinese Communist Party's algorithmic attempts to control human behavior worldwide."

The Chinese embassy in Washington did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

ByteDance declined to comment. TikTok has said it would not comply with any request to share user data with the Chinese

authorities. originally China had considered speeding up the launch of an "entity list" to punish foreign companies, groups and individuals deemed harmful to its interests, a government

source with direct knowledge of

the matter said. But this was dropped as a countermeasure to the Trump administration's move to ban transactions with ByteDance and Tencent's WeChat because it would have escalated tensions and was replaced instead by the rules published last week.

Goldman Sachs joins syndicate for Ant IPO of up to \$30b

REUTERS, Hong Kong

Goldman Sachs has joined the growing list of investment banks working on Chinese financial technology firm Ant Group's mammoth initial public offering of up to \$30 billion, two people with direct knowledge of the matter said.

Ant, backed by Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba Group, plans to list simultaneously in Hong Kong and Shanghai, in what sources have said could be the world's largest IPO and come as soon as October.

Wall Street major Goldman Sachs has been hired as a joint lead manager on the Hong Kong leg of the IPO, said the people, who declined to be named as they were not authorised to speak to the media on this subject.

A spokesman for Goldman Sachs, which also acted as a joint lead manager on Alibaba's \$12.9 billion secondary listing in Hong Kong last year, declined to comment.

Ant also declined to comment. The IPO of Ant, already the world's most valuable unicorn - or billion-dollar unlisted tech firm - would be the first simultaneous listing in Hong Kong and Shanghai's year-old STAR Market.

The Hong Kong leg of the IPO is being sponsored by China International Capital Corp (CICC), Citigroup, JPMorgan, and Morgan Stanley. Credit Suisse is working as a joint global co-ordinator.

The top-ranked banks in a Hong Kong IPO are known as sponsors and carry legal liability for the accuracy of the prospectus. Under them are joint global coordinators, and on the bottom rung are joint lead managers.

Ant's STAR Market listing is being led by CICC and China Securities Co. China's largest brokerage, CITIC Securities, is set to get a joint underwriter's role on the mainland tranche, four people with knowledge of the

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Request for Expressions of Interest (Consulting Services-Firms Selection)

Country: Bangladesh

Name of Project: Program for Supporting Rural Bridges (SupRB)

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Assignment Title :

Selection of Firm for Monitoring & Training on Labour Influx, Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) facilities in **Program Area**

The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of Program for Supporting Rural Bridges (SupRB) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for

The main objective of this consultancy services is to promote awareness of safety issues and develop a collaborative relationship between management and workers to identify and resolve health and safety problems and to assist the contractor in managing labor influx through execution of Labour Management Plan (LMP)/Labour Management measures and maintaining a safe working environment.

The Consulting services is expected to commence on around January 2021 and complete with project completion by August 2023. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained from www.lged.gov.bd or can be obtained at the address of the undersigned.

The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) now invites eligible consulting Firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

- General experience of the Firm(s);
- Experience in similar projects of compatible size, complexity and technical specialty in the required area;
- Financial soundness of the Firm; and
- Staffing and logistics of the Firm.

Consultants are requested to submit the following supporting documents in support of the abovementioned criteria:

(a) Registration paper of the Firm(s); (b) JV agreement/letter of intent (if applicable); (c) Firm's brochure; (d) Audited financial reports for last three years; (e) Service experience record (completed within last 10 years) (including nature, total cost, total input in terms of man month, employer, location of service etc.). Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of 'The World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 (Revised November 2017 and August 2018), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other Firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. It is preferable to limit the maximum number of Firms in an association including the Lead Firm within 04 (four). International firms are also encouraged to apply.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours. Expressions of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail) by 08/10/2020 up to 4:00pm (Bangladesh Standard Time).

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Amazon.com bans foreign sales of seeds in US amid mystery packages

Amazon.com Inc said it has banned foreign sales of seeds in the United States after thousands of Americans received unsolicited packages of seeds in their mailboxes, mostly postmarked from China.

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) in July identified more than a dozen plant species ranging from morning glories to mustard in

the bags of unsolicited seeds. It warned Americans not to

According to plant experts, seeds from other parts of the world could be non-native varieties that harm commodity

"Moving forward, we are only permitting the sale of



seeds by sellers who are based in the US," Amazon said in an emailed statement on Saturday.

The company changed its policy on seed sales on Wednesday. The policy change was first reported by the Wall Street Journal. The company added that

sellers who do not follow its guidelines will be subject to action, including potential removal of their accounts.

According to Amazon's

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policy web page, the ban extends to plants and plant The USDA in July said the packages were most likely part

of a "brushing" scam, in which people receive unsolicited items from a seller who then posts false positive customer reviews to boost sales.

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72	দরপত্রের মেয়াদ	৩০শে জুন/২০২১ খ্রিষ্টাব্দ পর্যন্ত। প্রয়োজনে মেয়াদ বৃদ্ধি করা যাবে।

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