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## Q&A: Witnessing the Aftermath of Tiananmen



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"Newsweek, along with many other news organizations, had rented a room in the Beijing Hotel, a high-rise building that looked over Tiananmen Square, to watch the protests. After the crackdown, we couldn't get back to that hotel – authorities had cordoned off the street to mop up the blood and make sure no protesters could regroup. When the street finally opened several days later, my colleague Melinda Liu and I went back to the hotel to check out, and the hotel tried to charge us for the days we couldn't reach it. My colleague asked for a discount as access to the hotel was dicey "due to what happened in Tiananmen Square." In retort, the man behind the counter said, "Nothing happened in Tiananmen Square.\*\*\*"

Human Rights Watch deputy executive director for external relations, Carroll Bogert, who covered the Tiananmen protests as a reporter for *Newsweek*, talks about how China has been shaped by the horrific events of those days 25 years ago.

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African Union peacekeepers from the Republic of Congo (Brazzaville) have been implicated in the enforced disappearance of at least 11 people in the Central African Republic. The African Union needs to say what happened to the group that was detained and taken by the Congolese peacekeepers.

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Jayshree Bajoria  
*The Wall Street Journal*

"It is not actually snooping." This was the Indian foreign minister's response to the U.S. mass surveillance programs that also targeted India.

One year ago, Edward Snowden released data revealing that the U.S. National Security Agency had spied on the Indian embassy in Washington and its mission to the United Nations. The NSA has been conducting mass surveillance and collecting data worldwide and India was the fifth most-tracked country; 6.3 billion pieces of intelligence were gathered from India.

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by Eva Cossé  
*EU Observer*

Political analysts, the media, political parties and even Prime Minister Antonis Samaras have been trying to figure out the shocking rise of the far-right, anti-immigrant Golden Dawn party in Greece. Golden Dawn became Greece's third most important political party, with nearly 10 percent of the vote in the European elections. But to someone monitoring intolerance and discrimination in Greece, the results didn't come as a surprise.

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