

China denies using stolen US copter technology

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(AP) — Allegations that China used stolen U.S. technology to develop a modern military attack helicopter were "severe deviations" from the facts, the Chinese Defense Ministry said Thursday.

A division of United Technologies Corp. pleaded guilty in Bridgeport, Connecticut, in June to crimes related to the illegal [export](#) of software that U.S. officials said was used by [China](#) to develop the helicopter. The United States has barred the export of defense articles to China since 1989.

The Defense Ministry said in a website posting that it relied solely on homegrown know-how in developing and manufacturing the helicopter, including its engine.

U.S. attorneys said the subsidiary — Pratt & Whitney Canada Corp. — violated the embargo when it exported controlled [technology](#) to China, knowing it would be used to develop a military attack helicopter.

PWC, another subsidiary, and UTC agreed to pay more than \$75 million in fines in connection with the export violations and for providing misleading information to the U.S. government.

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