China's Sina drops Google search service
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China's largest Internet portal Sina said Tuesday it has replaced Google's search service on its websites with its own technology, further denting the US giant's presence in the Asian nation.

"Our contract (with Google) ended this month and the whole websites are now using our own search technology," Liu Qi, a spokesman for Sina, told AFP, adding the Chinese firm no longer had any cooperative agreements with Google.

China has denied any state involvement in both issues.

The disputes have hurt Google's business in China, with its Internet search market share dropping to 19.6 percent in the fourth quarter last year from 21.6 percent in the previous three months, Chinese Internet research firm Analysys International says.

Its local rival Baidu, meanwhile, represented 75.5 percent of China's online search market in the same period.

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