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"China's goal is very clear, and that is to compel Taiwan to make concessions on the question of sovereignty under duress. Yet in Hong Kong, where 'one country, two systems' is in effect, the situation has just gotten worse and worse. Democracy and authoritarianism ... cannot coexist in the same country."

—Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen, delivering her New Year's address just ahead of the island's Jan. 11 presidential vote. In which she denounces a new law banning foreign interference in Taiwan's electoral process and argues that Beijing's crackdown on pro-democracy forces in Hong Kong has addressed her ruling party's pro-independence stand.

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