

## China to write anti-terrorism law

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BEIJING -- China is preparing to enact an anti-terrorism law, indicating it is taking a serious view of a problem it has faced for years in its northwest regions.

The China Daily reported Thursday the law will help fight terrorism threats both at home and abroad.

Discussing the draft law, Zhao Bingzhi, president of the criminal law research committee of the China Law Society, was quoted as saying, "China has been very active in the establishment of an anti-terrorism legal framework and authorities are busy drafting a separate law to better fight terrorism."

The Standing Committee of the National People's Congress may include an anti-terrorism law in its next five-year plan, which starts next year, the report said.

The China Daily said that in January, police in Northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region killed 18 terror suspects and arrested 17 others. The incident happened during a raid on a training camp run by the East Turkestan Islamic Movement, which is believed to be linked to al-Qaida, the report said. The group has been linked to more than 200 violent incidents.

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