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# Miss World Canada Says China's Censorship is 'An Assault on Humanity'

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For Miss World Canada Anastasia Lin, being a critic of the Chinese government on human rights has meant costing her a chance to compete at this year's global pageant.

Ms. Lin made headlines last week when Chinese authorities blocked her from entering the southern Chinese city of Sanya, where this year's competition is being held.

"I feel like a person's belief and thoughts are the most essential part of a person. By taking it away, it's almost like an assault on humanity, so I want to do my best to stop this kind of abuse," Ms. Lin told the Wall Street Journal in a sit-down interview.

Ms. Lin has written opinion pieces for newspapers, acted in films on topics that are sensitive in China and testified before the U.S. Congress on religious persecution in China.

She is also a follower of Falun Gong, a spiritual group which was outlawed by China's Communist Party in 1999.

Ms. Lin's activism on freedom of speech and religion not only crushed her chances of competing in Miss World, but also strained her relationship with her father.

The Global Times, a nationalist-leaning tabloid published by Communist Party flagship newspaper People's Daily, had a few words for Ms. Lin on Monday.

"Lin has to pay a cost for being tangled with hostile forces against China," read a signed commentary in the paper.

Watch Ms. Lin's full interview with the Wall Street Journal above.

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