Beijing should stop denying political exiles their right to come home, write Jerome Cohen and Colin McGeer.

From China's perspective, the attractiveness of setting up a political movement has never been higher. As the political conjuncture in Beijing becomes more favorable, the regime has more relatively easily, China could be led to help shift market dynamics east; Washington would have fewer options than to acquiesce and assuage the market's fears. BP's troubles could grease China's entry into US market

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BP is deep in trouble. The environmental conundrum that has beleaguered the company for over three months is now being combined with a political crisis. Since late February, BP has been fighting a legal battle against the US government over the alleged failure to settle compensation claims following the 2010 Deepwater Horizon disaster. The US government has agreed to pay $7.8 billion to BP in compensation, but the company has been unable to reach an agreement on the terms of the settlement. In the meantime, BP's stock price has fallen dramatically, and the company's reputation has been badly damaged. It seems likely that BP will be forced to accept the terms of the settlement, which will be a major setback for the company. To date, BP has not made any public statements about the settlement, and it is unclear what the company's plans are for the future. It is possible that the settlement will lead to a major shift in BP's business strategy, but it is also possible that the company will continue to operate as it has in the past. The outcome of this legal battle will have important implications for the future of the company, and it is essential that BP's leaders take a careful and considered approach to the situation.