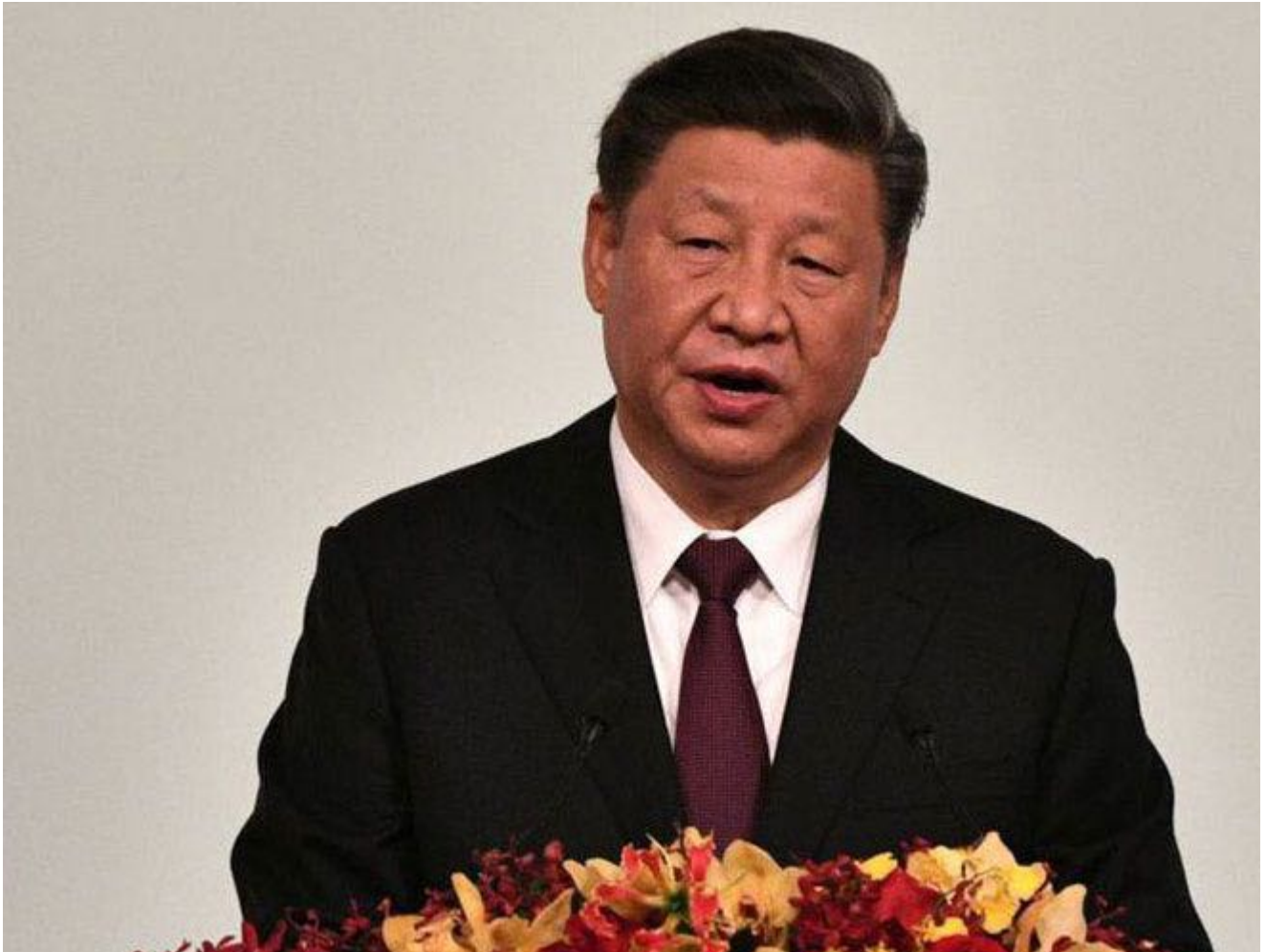


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Xi Jinping stresses public safety as a high priority in China



Beijing, Jan 27 (Prensa Latina) President Xi Jinping said Monday that preserving the safety and health of the population is the highest priority now in China as it struggles to control the deadly coronavirus epidemic that causes pneumonia.

As the head of the Communist Party, he instructed the country's departments and leaders to strengthen their work and unify the citizenry in the face of the current emergency, following the guidelines of the political organization.

He also called on them to take precise decisions on the basis of scientific findings, to remain in their jobs and to mobilize the masses in the national campaign for prevention and epidemiological control.

This is the third time in a week that Xi Jinping has spoken out and given guidance to effectively stop

the advance of the coronavirus 2019nCoV and its consequent pneumonia, as the number of deaths climbed to over 80 people and 2,700 those infected.

The government said the situation is at a critical point because of the strengthening of the pathogen, its ability to mutate and the unknown around its exact origin, which could be in some wild animal.

The scientists continue their research supported by international experts such as German Professor Rolf Hilgenfeld, who brought two inhibitors to study the new strain.

In addition, World Health Organization Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus announced his trip to China to also support efforts to address the epidemic and activated a global network of experts who will provide advice on the issue.

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