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## **PLA deploys advanced hardware in combat drills around Taiwan**

Zhao Lei

China Daily, April 1, 2025

The Eastern Theater Command of the People's Liberation Army has deployed multiple types of advanced hardware in its ongoing inter-service combat exercises around Taiwan Island. According to a video clip published by the command, the Type 054A guided-missile frigate, DF-15B short-range ballistic missile system, H-6K strategic bomber, Y-20 strategic airlifter and J-10C fighter jet have been used in the operation. A H-6K bomber, which was featured in the clip, carried what appeared to be a new type of hypersonic strike missile. This is the first time the new weapon has been deployed publicly in a Taiwan-related military operation.

<https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202504/01/WS67eb90c9a3101d4e4dc2c1aa.html>

## **China discovers major oilfield in South China Sea**

The State Council, the People's Republic of China, April 1, 2025

The China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) announced that it has discovered a major oilfield in the eastern South China Sea, with proven reserves exceeding 100 million tonnes. The newly discovered Huizhou 19-6 oilfield marks a breakthrough in China's offshore oil exploration, as it is the country's first large-scale integrated clastic oilfield discovered in deep to ultra-deep layers, CNOOC said.

[https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202504/01/content\\_WS67eb40a8c6d0868f4e8f15d5.html](https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202504/01/content_WS67eb40a8c6d0868f4e8f15d5.html)

## **China launches internet technology test satellites with Long March 2D**

Andrew Jones

Space News, April 1, 2025

China conducted a new launch for a nebulous series of internet technology test satellites. A Long March 2D rocket lifted off at 12:00 a.m. (0400 UTC) April 1 from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in the Gobi Desert. The Shanghai Academy of Spaceflight Technology (SAST), a state-owned rocket maker, announced the success of the launch, revealing the payload to be a satellite Internet technology test satellite (wexing hulianwang jishu shiyan weixing). The satellite will be used mainly for technical tests and verification for direct-to-cell satellite broadband and space-ground network integration, according to SAST. It did not provide further details nor images of the satellite.

<https://spacenews.com/china-launches-internet-technology-test-satellites-with-long-march-2d/>

## **Chinese Foreign Ministry on 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between China and India**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People's Republic of China, April 1, 2025

Both China and India are ancient civilizations, major developing countries and important members of the Global South, and both are in a crucial stage of modernization. The historical course of our bilateral relations shows that being partners of mutual success and a cooperative pas de deux of the dragon and the elephant is the right choice for both sides and fully meets the fundamental interests of the two countries and two peoples. Under the strategic guidance of the leaders of our two countries, China stands ready to work with India to view and handle the bilateral relations with a strategic and long-term perspective, and take this occasion of the 75th anniversary of diplomatic ties as an opportunity to enhance strategic mutual trust, step up exchanges and cooperation in various fields, deepen communication and coordination in major international affairs, jointly maintain peace and tranquility in the border areas and advance China-India relations on the track of sound and stable development.

[https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202504/t20250401\\_11585896.html](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202504/t20250401_11585896.html)

## **What's behind the PLA's exercises around Taiwan?**

Zheng Jian

CGTN, April 1, 2025

On April 1, the Eastern Theater Command of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) launched joint military exercises around Taiwan Island without prior warning. Tactically, the move was indeed unannounced, but strategically, every exercise by the Eastern Theater Command serves as a warning. Compared to past actions, the Eastern Theater Command's current joint military exercises have distinctive features: No prior warning, Joint blockade and control, Closer proximity, Open-ended timing, and Drills-to-combat readiness.

<https://news.cgtn.com/news/2025-04-01/What-s-behind-the-PLA-s-exercises-around-Taiwan--1CdyKAuZuPS/p.html>

## **Are Beijing's hypersonic anti-ship missiles in Taiwan Strait a warning for US?**

Liu Zhen and Enoch Wong

South China Morning Post, April 2, 2025

The People's Liberation Army appears to have deployed its new hypersonic anti-ship missiles during drills around Taiwan, in what analysts said was a signal to the US against any potential

interference amid the rising tensions. Two YJ-21 missiles – also known as Eagle Strike-21 – were visible on board an H-6K strategic bomber seen taking off from an unidentified airfield in a video posted on the PLA Eastern Theatre Command's official social media account. The YJ-21 hypersonic missile – which has a conical warhead similar to the Russian Kh-47 Kinzhal – has an estimated range of 1,000km to 1,500km (621-932 miles) with an average speed of Mach 6 and a terminal velocity of Mach 10.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/military/article/3304842/are-beijings-hypersonic-anti-ship-missiles-taiwan-strait-warning-us?module=inline&pgtype=article>

## **US inaction is ceding the global nuclear market to China and Russia**

Sarah Sobalvarro

Wilson Centre, April 2, 2025

As the US, Russia and China engage in a highly visible competition in developing advanced weapons systems, behind the scenes another contest is quietly taking place: the race to export civil nuclear reactors. Russia and China have both established programs to export nuclear reactors to countries with little to no nuclear infrastructure. These programs foster long-term dependencies on the exporters, and in turn present strategic security challenges for Western nations. The US must act to counter this influence in the nuclear market and maintain leadership in nuclear energy.

<https://www.wilsoncentre.org/article/us-inaction-ceding-global-nuclear-market-china-and-russia>

## **Chinese military launches "Strait Thunder 2025A" exercise in middle and southern sea areas of Taiwan Strait**

Ministry of National Defence of the People's Republic of China, April 2, 2025

"The Chinese PLA Eastern Theatre Command (ETC) carried out military exercise code-named 'Strait Thunder 2025A' in the middle and southern sea areas of the Taiwan Strait on April 2," said Army Senior Colonel Shi Yi, spokesperson for the Chinese PLA ETC, in a written statement. According to him, the exercise mainly focused on such training subjects as identification and verification, warning and expulsion, and interception and detention, in a bid to test the troops' capabilities in regional control, joint blockade, and precision strike.

[http://eng.mod.gov.cn/xb/News\\_213114/TopStories/16378460.html#:~:text=BEIJING%2C%20April%202%20%2D%2D%20%22The,a%20written%20statement%20on%20Wednesday.](http://eng.mod.gov.cn/xb/News_213114/TopStories/16378460.html#:~:text=BEIJING%2C%20April%202%20%2D%2D%20%22The,a%20written%20statement%20on%20Wednesday.)

## **China-Thailand 2025 joint naval training concludes in south China**

Xinhua, April 2, 2025

Joint naval training between China and Thailand, code-named Blue Strike-2025, concluded in Zhanjiang, south China's Guangdong Province. The eight-day joint exercise, themed "maritime counterterrorism and disaster relief," involved naval vessels and marine units from both sides. The training covered a range of subjects, including joint maritime strike operations, maritime search and rescue. In addition, the two sides held discussions, exchange activities, mutual visits, and cultural and sports events. This marks the sixth instance of such joint training organized by China and Thailand. Through the training, the two navies have improved their combat capabilities and collaboration, laying a solid foundation for deepening military cooperation and strengthening friendship and mutual trust.

<https://english.news.cn/20250402/b59b714f201041cab3aa6ae5cb4a4537/c.html>

## **On way to harnessing nuclear fusion, Chinese HL-3 reactor hits ‘dual 100 million degrees’**

Ling Xin

South China Morning Post, April 2, 2025

China has announced a milestone in the development of its next-generation “artificial sun”, marking another step towards harnessing controlled nuclear fusion. For the first time, the Huanliu-3 (HL-3) tokamak reactor in Chengdu has achieved a plasma state with ion temperatures of 117 million degrees Celsius and electron temperatures of 160 million degrees, edging closer to the extreme conditions required to ignite fusion – the same process that powers the Sun, according to researchers.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/3304878/way-harnessing-nuclear-fusion-chinese-hl-3-reactor-hits-dual-100-million-degrees?module=inline&pgtype=article>

## **Chinese Foreign Ministry on US’ decision to sale F-16 jets to the Philippines**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People’s Republic of China, April 2, 2025

We’ve made clear more than once our position on military and security cooperation between the Philippines and the U.S. Defence or security cooperation between the Philippines and other countries should not target any third party or harm their interest, still less threaten regional peace and security or escalate tensions in the region. Who exactly is fueling the flames? Who exactly is instigating military confrontation? Who exactly is turning Asia into a “powder keg?” Regional countries are not blind.

[https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202504/t20250402\\_11587335.html](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202504/t20250402_11587335.html)

## **Russian President Putin meets with visiting Chinese FM**

China Daily, April 2, 2025

Russian President Vladimir Putin met with visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi who is in Moscow on a three-day official visit. During the meeting, Putin conveyed his sincere greetings to Chinese President Xi Jinping and expressed satisfaction over the effective implementation of the consensus reached between the two countries' heads of state. He noted that Russia-China relations continue to develop at a high level, with practical cooperation deepening in various fields and the ongoing "Russia-China Year of Culture" generating enthusiastic public support, further solidifying the foundation of bilateral friendship.

<https://www.chinadailyhk.com/hk/article/608459>

## **Capitalising on PLA Vulnerabilities: Taiwan's Opportunities for Enhanced Defence**

Holmes Liao

The Diplomat, April 2, 2025

The recently released 2025 Annual Threat Assessment (ATA) states that The People's Liberation Army (PLA) probably is making steady but uneven progress on capabilities it would use in an attempt to seize Taiwan and deter — and if necessary, defeat — U.S. military intervention. Over the past few decades, the world has seen the military balance shift in China's favour. Yet, Taiwan is not without its opportunities. By employing a net assessment approach and sound strategic planning, Taiwan can focus on areas where the PLA remains vulnerable — such as command and control, electronic warfare, missile defence, and cyber warfare — and strategically enhance its own defence.

<https://thediplomat.com/2025/04/capitalizing-on-pla-vulnerabilities-taiwans-opportunities-for-enhanced-defence/>

## **China voices opposition to Japan's semiconductor export controls**

China Daily, April 3, 2025

China voiced firm opposition after the Japanese government announced export controls on semiconductor-related items, vowing to take necessary measures to safeguard its legitimate rights and interests. As the two countries are highly complementary and closely integrated in the semiconductor field, Japan's export control measures will severely disrupt regular business exchanges and undermine the interests of enterprises in both countries, said a spokesperson with

the Commerce Ministry. China hopes Japan will make rational decisions and correct its wrongdoings to protect the rights and interests of enterprises from all countries and keep the global semiconductor industrial and supply chains stable, said the spokesperson.

<https://www.chinadailyhk.com/hk/article/608622>

## **Donald Trump's trade onslaught imperils chance of China 'grand bargain'**

Financial Times, April 3, 2025

Donald Trump's latest tariff attack on China could imperil any possible "grand bargain" between Washington and Beijing and drive a hard decoupling between the world's two largest economies, analysts said. Levies on Chinese exports are set to rise to more than 60 per cent after the US president announced "reciprocal" tariffs of 34 per cent. These come on top of existing tariffs, including levies totalling 20 per cent that Trump has imposed since re-entering the White House.

<https://www.ft.com/content/bc586df0-1c53-4341-9de9-78d0438964de>

## **Chinese Foreign Ministry on US' alleged role in cyber-attacks on China**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People's Republic of China, April 3, 2025

The Cyber Threat Report of the 9th Asian Winter Games Harbin, 2025, issued by the National Computer Virus Emergency Response Centre and the National Engineering Laboratory for Computer Virus Prevention Technology shows once again that China is one of the major victims of cyber attacks globally, and the U.S. and its individual allies are the main source of cyber attacks targeting China during the 2025 Asian Winter Games. China urges the U.S. to adopt a responsible attitude and take a harder look at itself, rather than vilifying others. China will continue to do what is necessary to protect its cyber security.

[https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202504/t20250403\\_11588149.html](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202504/t20250403_11588149.html)

## **PLA puts US military on notice over 'dangerous' activities near China**

Liu Zhen

South China Morning Post, April 3, 2025

The People's Liberation Army will respond to any "dangerous provocations" by the US military in the waters and airspace near China, the Chinese navy said after a bilateral maritime security meeting in Shanghai. The reconnaissance, survey, and high-intensity drills conducted by US warships and aircraft near China were "highly likely to cause misjudgment, jeopardising China's

sovereignty and military security”, the PLA Navy said, wrapping up a two-day China-US working group meeting on maritime security.

[https://www.scmp.com/news/article/3305130/pla-puts-us-military-notice-over-dangerous-activities-near-china?module=top\\_story&pgtype=subsection](https://www.scmp.com/news/article/3305130/pla-puts-us-military-notice-over-dangerous-activities-near-china?module=top_story&pgtype=subsection)

## **Chinese no-first-use: a strategic signalling device, diplomatic tool, and dogmatic reality**

Benjamin Hautecouverture

Foundation for Strategic Research, April 4, 2025

A founding argument of China’s nuclear policy, the No-First-Use (NFU) principle has been the subject of intense debate in the global strategic community and within the institutional framework of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) review process in recent years. It has to be said that this historic pillar of Chinese nuclear thinking is still not well understood by the public in the West, or even in Russia. At the same time, there is a number of concordant indications that China’s arsenal is increasing, albeit in very opaque proportions. This article attempts to place NFU in the context of its doctrinal development to understand the role it has played in Chinese strategic nuclear thinking over the last sixty years and to assess the extent to which it is still a factor of strategic stability today.

<https://www.frstrategie.org/en/publications/notes/chinese-no-first-use-strategic-signaling-device-diplomatic-tool-and-dogmatic-reality-2025>

## **China’s deep sea space station: could South China Sea be the next Persian Gulf?**

Stephen Chen

South China Morning Post, April 4, 2025

Hidden deep beneath the South China Sea lies a realm as alien as it is vital: a frigid, lightless world where methane seeps from the ocean floor, sustaining an ecosystem of ghostly tubeworms, clams and microbial mats. Here, 2,000 metres (6,560 feet) down, China is building the world’s first long-term undersea outpost to unlock the secrets of a resource that could dwarf the Persian Gulf’s oil reserves – flammable ice.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/3304205/chinas-deep-sea-space-station-could-south-china-sea-be-next-persian-gulf>



## **Nuclear Weapons and China's National Security: Consistency, Evolvment and Risk Management**

Qiyang Niu

Journal for Peace and Nuclear Disarmament, Taylor and Francis, April 4, 2025

Since its first nuclear test in 1964 and despite geopolitical changes later on, China has maintained that its nuclear weapons serve defensive purposes. However, China's evolving threat perceptions shaped by security incidents, regional proliferation and policy shifts of other nuclear weapon states have influenced debates over the approach of its nuclear modernization, likely culminating in a significant acceleration of China's strategic capabilities. The analysis underscores the lack of substantive China-US nuclear dialogues, the persistence of mutual misperceptions and the need for effective risk reduction mechanisms.

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/25751654.2025.2488183#abstract>

## **Taiwan's top security official arrives in US for secret talks**

Demetri Sevastopulo

Financial Times, April 5, 2025

Taiwan's top national security official is in the Washington area for secret talks with the Trump administration as China increases military pressure on its island neighbour. Joseph Wu, Taiwan's national security adviser and former foreign minister, is leading a delegation for a meeting known as the "special channel". The talks were set for Friday and mark Donald Trump's first use of the forum since he returned as US president in January. Wu and his team arrived in the Washington area this week as China's military and coastguard started large-scale exercises around Taiwan. The People's Liberation Army has conducted increasingly sophisticated exercises around the island in recent years, heightening US concerns about its stance on Taiwan.

<https://www.ft.com/content/8b18ff26-703e-4ace-b362-8ad862799e19>

## **China flexes military muscles with rare, large-scale missile test in Gobi Desert**

Stephen Chen

South China Morning Post, April 5, 2025

In a quiet demonstration of its technological prowess, China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) has conducted a missile defence test in the Gobi Desert where as many as 16 ballistic missiles were fired on a single target to test a cutting-edge radar system's ability to thwart saturation attacks. The

unprecedented scale of the test – rare even among global military powers – signals Beijing's growing confidence in its capacity to counter advanced threats and project dominance in an increasingly tense geopolitical landscape.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/3305072/china-flexes-military-muscles-rare-large-scale-missile-test-gobi-desert>

## **Shenzhou-19 crew continues key in-orbit scientific tasks, carries out experimental verification of pipeline inspection robot**

Shen Sheng

Global Times, April 6, 2025

The Shenzhou-19 crew aboard China's Tiangong Space Station is continuing to methodically carry out space science experiments, technical tests, and emergency rescue training after successfully completing their third extravehicular activity (EVA), the China Central Television reported. Last week, the crew completed several tasks related to the universal extravehicular testing of components and devices, including the transfer of equipment into the cabin, sample retrieval, assembly testing, and a second EVA. The parameters and in-orbit characteristic data obtained from this project will be integrated with ground-based validation data for comprehensive analysis.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202504/1331547.shtml>

## **Korea to thoroughly respond to China's export controls on key rare earth elements**

The Korea Times, April 7, 2025

Korea's industry ministry said it will thoroughly respond to China's export controls on key rare earth elements to secure a stable supply. Last week, Beijing said it will impose export controls on seven rare earth elements, including gadolinium and yttrium, in response to the United States' reciprocal tariff imposition. The ministry said China has not levied bans on such elements but tightened controls on them. It said the country has stable reserves of the elements but will work with the private sector not to suffer any supply shortage of the elements in the future.

<https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/amp/foreignaffairs/20250407/south-korea-to-thoroughly-respond-to-chinas-export-controls-on-key-rare-earth-elements>

## **China's FM responds to sampling results of Fukushima's nuclear-contaminated water and imports of Japanese aquatic products**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People's Republic of China, April 7, 2025

Chinese research institutions have completed tests and analysis of China's independent sampling in February this year, including that of seawater and marine life in the nearby waters of the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power station. No abnormality was seen in the activity concentration of radionuclides including tritium, caesium-134, caesium-137 and strontium-90. Later on, these relevant test data will be submitted to the IAEA for information gathering and release. China's opposition to Japan's discharge of the nuclear-contaminated water has never changed. We will continue to work with the international community and professional agencies including the IAEA to urge Japan to honor its commitments and ensure that the discharge of Fukushima nuclear-contaminated water always remains under international oversight.

[https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202504/t20250407\\_11589637.html](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202504/t20250407_11589637.html)

## **Chinese Foreign Ministry on the alleged Filipino espionage arrests**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People's Republic of China, April 7, 2025

Competent authorities have released detailed information on the espionage activities conducted by the Philippine nationals in China. China's judicial and relevant authorities handle the case based on facts and in strict accordance with the law, and will protect the lawful rights and interests of the personnel involved.

[https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202504/t20250407\\_11589637.html](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202504/t20250407_11589637.html)

## **Taiwan's military simulates worst-case scenario: PLA drill turns into attack**

Lawrence Chung

South China Morning Post, April 7, 2025

Taiwan's military has kicked off an unprecedented 14-day tabletop exercise simulating its worst-case scenario: the People's Liberation Army turning a drill into a full-scale assault on the island. The computer-assisted war game started on the weekend and will run until April 18. It comes amid fears that one of Beijing's increasingly frequent and large-scale military operations around Taiwan could escalate into a real attack that would be too sudden for the island's forces to counter.

[https://www.scmp.com/news/china/politics/article/3305546/taiwans-military-simulates-worst-case-scenario-pla-drill-turns-attack?module=top\\_story&pgtype=subsection](https://www.scmp.com/news/china/politics/article/3305546/taiwans-military-simulates-worst-case-scenario-pla-drill-turns-attack?module=top_story&pgtype=subsection)

## **Philippine vessel repelled after making provocations near Huangyan Dao**

Xinhua, April 8, 2025

A Philippine vessel that repeatedly harassed a China Coast Guard ship patrolling waters near Huangyan Dao was driven away from the area. The Philippine ship made multiple dangerous maneuvers, crossing close to the bow of the Chinese ship in an apparent act of provocation, according to coast guard authorities, who said the Philippine side had seriously disrupted China's law enforcement operations. The China Coast Guard responded promptly and professionally, the authorities added, vowing efforts to resolutely counter any infringement and provocation by Philippine vessels to safeguard China's sovereignty and maritime rights and interests.

<https://english.news.cn/20250408/3e7bffb064a4158a9202510fb9247e9/c.html>

## **Chinese FM vows to ‘continue to take resolute and strong measures’ as US threatens 50% tariff on China**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People's Republic of China, April 8, 2025

America's abuse of tariffs severely infringes on the legitimate rights and interests of other countries, violates the WTO rules, undermines the rules-based multilateral trading system, and impact the stability of the global economic order. It's a typical move of unilateralism, protectionism and economic bullying, which is widely opposed by the international community. China deplores and rejects it. China will take necessary measures to firmly safeguard its legitimate and lawful rights and interests. If the U.S. decides not to care about the interests of the U.S. itself, China and the rest of the world, and is determined to fight a tariff and trade war, China's response will continue to the end.

[https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202504/t20250408\\_11590199.html](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202504/t20250408_11590199.html)

## **How China views South Korea's nuclear debate**

Sungmin Cho

Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), April 8, 2025

If South Korea develops nuclear weapons, China may take extreme measures to prevent it, potentially including missile strikes. Beijing would make such a decision not because it has a preexisting plan to do so, but precisely because it does not—Chinese leaders would be caught off guard and react swiftly. Chinese analysts tend to underestimate both the South Korean public's desire to develop nuclear weapons and the strategic impact of public opinion.

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/how-china-views-south-koreas-nuclear-debate>

## **Attempts to choke chip supply to China backfiring**

Daniel Barenblatt

China Daily, April 8, 2025

The United States has a small problem with China. In fact, it's smaller than small — a tiny matter a mere 2 billionths of a meter long or 2 nanometers — to be exact. That is the width of each of the billions of transistors packed into the centimeter-sized "next generation" of microchips that are already being produced on a limited basis in the US and China's Taiwan region. For the administrations of US President Donald Trump and his predecessor Joe Biden, these have been a persistent source of immense anxiety, relating as they do to China's desire to manufacture its own such ultra-diminutive circuitry. Now, the new US administration's Department of Commerce has expanded Biden's bans to include dozens of new companies, claiming, as usual, national security concerns. US semiconductor giant Nvidia and other Silicon Valley chipmakers — their profits already eroded from Biden-era lockouts of chip trade with China — immediately complained of the further losses in revenue awaiting them.

<https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202504/08/WS67f47588a3104d9fd381e027.html>

## **Chinese Foreign Ministry on the claims that Chinese intelligence is using deceptive methods to target current and former U.S. government employees for recruitment**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People's Republic of China, April 9, 2025

The U.S. has never stopped its espionage activities against China. It has also long been conducting massive surveillance and secret theft against its allies. The U.S. on the one hand blatantly carries out spying activities worldwide, yet on the other hand makes unwarranted accusation of spying threat against other countries. China firmly opposes this irresponsible move.

[https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202504/t20250409\\_11590839.html](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202504/t20250409_11590839.html)

## **Philippines' relying on foreign support to make trouble in South China Sea will backfire: defence spokesperson**

Xinhua, April 9, 2025

A Chinese military spokesperson warned the Philippines that its act of relying on foreign support to make trouble in the South China Sea will backfire. Zhang Xiaogang, spokesperson for the Ministry of National Defence, made the remarks when responding to a media inquiry concerning the recent moves of the Philippines to hype up the so-called "China threat" and conduct a joint

patrol in the South China Sea together with the United States and Japan as well as the U.S. approval of F-16 fighter jet sales to the Philippines.

<https://english.news.cn/20250409/a48b5e733e5a4052b370c52eaa864f5f/c.html>

## **China's military buildup threatens Indo-Pacific region security**

David Vergun

US Department of Defence, April 9, 2025

China is undertaking an unprecedented military buildup, developing a large and advanced arsenal of nuclear, conventional, cyber and space capabilities, said John Noh, performing the duties of assistant secretary of defence for Indo-Pacific security affairs, who testified at a House Armed Services Committee hearing in Washington. China aims to dominate the Indo-Pacific region and displace the United States as the world's most powerful nation, Noh said, noting Chinese President Xi Jinping has ordered the People's Liberation Army to be ready to invade Taiwan by 2027. Noh said to counter this growing threat, the U.S. must reestablish deterrence in the Indo-Pacific region with combat-credible military forces, rebalance burden sharing with allies and partners and invest in the U.S. defence industrial base.

<https://www.defence.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/4150802/chinas-military-buildup-threatens-indo-pacific-region-security/>

## **South China's first academy focusing on training talent for nuclear industry launched**

Chen Qingrui

Global Times, April 10, 2025

Nine entities, including universities and enterprises in the nuclear power industry, have jointly established Nuclear Power Operation & Maintenance Industry Academy in Yangjiang, South China's Guangdong Province, China General Nuclear Power Group (CGN) told the Global Times. As the first industrial college in South China that focuses on training nuclear power operation and maintenance personnel, the academy aims to promote the training of talents in the nuclear energy industry and provide strong intellectual support for the integrated development of the clean energy industry, said CGN, owner of Yangjiang Nuclear Power Co - a co-founding member of the academy.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202504/1331805.shtml>

## **Chinese Foreign Ministry on the claims that Chinese citizens have been recruited by the Russian army**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People's Republic of China, April 10, 2025

China did not start the Ukraine crisis, nor is China a party to it. We firmly support and actively strive for peaceful settlement of the crisis. The Chinese government always asks Chinese nationals to stay away from areas of armed conflict, avoid any form of involvement in armed conflict, and in particular avoid participation in any party's military operations. We call on the relevant party to be right and sober about China's role rather than make irresponsible remarks.

[https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202504/t20250410\\_11592730.html](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202504/t20250410_11592730.html)

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