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Chinese defence ministry criticizes Hegseth's speech at Shangri-La Dialogue

Ministry of National Defence of the People's Republic of China, June 1, 2025

China's Ministry of National Defence expressed strong dissatisfaction and firm opposition to the United States defence chief's speech at the Shangri-La Dialogue, which it said was filled with hegemonic logic and seriously provoked China's sovereign rights and interests while distorting China's policy positions. The ministry's spokesman Zhang Xiaogang made these remarks in a statement responding to the US defence secretary Pete Hegseth's speech at the high-profile security summit. The senior US official, in his speech, urged Asia-Pacific countries to increase their military spending to five percent of GDP to counter perceived threats from China in the region, including in the South China Sea and the Taiwan Strait. Zhang said the US is accustomed to using the Shangri-La Dialogue to create disputes, incite confrontation, and seek its own interests.

http://eng.mod.gov.cn/xb/News_213114/TopStories/16389317.html

Chinese spying on Dutch industries 'intensifying': Dutch defence minister

The Economic Times, June 1, 2025

Chinese efforts to spy on the Dutch are intensifying, with the focus on semiconductors, Dutch Defence Minister Ruben Brekelmans said. "The semiconductor industry, which we are technologically leading, or technology advanced, of course, to get that intellectual property - that's interesting to China," Brekelmans said in an interview on the sidelines of the Shangri-La Dialogue security meeting in Singapore. The Dutch military intelligence agency said in its annual report in April last year that Chinese spies have targeted the Dutch semiconductor, aerospace and maritime industries to try to strengthen China's armed forces.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/tech/technology/chinese-spying-on-dutch-industries-intensifying-dutch-defence-minister/articleshow/121547498.cms?from=mdr>

Did China take a back seat by not having its defence minister attend this year's Shangri-La Dialogue?

Yew Lun Tian

The Straits Times, June 1, 2025

Almost everyone was talking about China at the Shangri-La Dialogue this weekend. The main question: Why did Beijing opt not to send its defence minister? For the large part of the three-day security forum held at the Shangri-La Hotel in Singapore, China was not around to push back against the criticisms levelled against it. But it appears that this was a calculated loss that Beijing is prepared to accept. US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth mentioned China about 20 times in his speech on May 31, as he urged other countries in the Indo-Pacific to increase their

defence expenditure, buy more American arms and buffer themselves against the “threat” posed by China.

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/did-china-take-a-back-seat-by-not-having-its-defence-minister-attend-the-meeting>

How dependent is America’s arsenal on China’s critical mineral supply?

Seong Hyeon Choi

South China Morning Post, June 2, 2025

The US defence sector is dependent on critical minerals for its advanced weapon systems, but it has relied on China to meet its demands. As Beijing tightens export restrictions, there is a growing risk to the Pentagon’s military readiness and supply chain security. China dominates the global supply of rare earths, including more than 90 per cent of the world’s processing and refining. It also has an edge in most other critical minerals, such as refined gallium, of which it controls 98.8 per cent of the output.

https://www.scmp.com/news/china/military/article/3312731/how-dependent-americas-arsenal-chinas-critical-mineral-supply?module=top_story&pgtype=subsection

UK, French scientists receiving Chang'e-5 lunar samples hail China's open attitude for global sharing

Fan Anqi

Global Times, June 2, 2025

In 2020, China's Chang'e-5 mission retrieved samples from the Moon weighing about 1,731 grams, the first such return in nearly 50 years. In November 2023, the China National Space Administration (CNSA) opened applications for international researchers to borrow Chang'e-5 lunar samples, and it announced in April this year that scientists from institutions in France, Germany, Japan, Pakistan, the UK and the US have been granted access, according to Xinhua News Agency.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202506/1335266.shtml>

Shangri-La Dialogue: China warns against out-of-region interference in South China Sea

CGTN, June 2, 2025

China is pushing back against what it sees as rising military provocations in the Asia-Pacific at the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore. From the South China Sea to regional defence

partnerships, Beijing is urging dialogue over confrontation. The role of extra-regional partners supporting maritime security, transparency, and adherence to international law in the South China Sea is not constructive. That's the message the Chinese delegation has sent at the Shangri-La Dialogue.

<https://news.cgtn.com/news/2025-06-02/VHJhbnNjcmlwdDg0NzM0/index.html>

Taiwan ready to test kamikaze sea drone designed to ‘support coastal assault operations’

Lawrence Chung

South China Morning Post, June 3, 2025

Taiwan is planning to test a home-made kamikaze sea drone later this month as it seeks to boost its naval defences in the face of growing pressure from mainland China. The vessel – developed under the code name “Kuai Chi Project” by the National Chung-Shan Institute of Science and Technology (NCSIST), Taiwan’s top weapons developer – will undergo combat capability evaluations later this month before further tests later this year, a military source said. “If all goes according to plan, the boat will proceed to live combat testing during a precision missile drill in southern Taiwan this August,” the source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

https://www.scmp.com/news/china/military/article/3312794/taiwan-ready-test-kamikaze-sea-drone-designed-support-coastal-assault-operations?module=top_story&pgtype=subsection

Chinese Foreign Ministry on the meeting held between the defence ministers of the U.S., Japan and Australia and between them and the Philippines on the sidelines of Shanri-La Dialogue

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, People’s Republic of China, June 3, 2025

The U.S., together with Japan, Australia, and the Philippines, brazenly spread the false accusation of “China threat” at the Shangri-La Dialogue and sought to use the East China Sea issue and the South China Sea issue to sow discord and incite confrontation between regional countries. China strongly deplores and firmly opposes it, and has made serious protests. Bloc politics and confrontation are products of the Cold War mentality. They are incompatible with the trend of the times, and not welcomed by regional countries. Bloc politics and confrontation will not solve any problem, still less intimidate China.

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202506/t20250603_11639655.html

US Indo-Pacific commander calls PLA operations in Taiwan Strait ‘rehearsals’, not just exercises

Bochen Han

South China Morning Post, June 3, 2025

The top US commander in the Pacific said that Beijing was on a “dangerous course” and its operations around Taiwan were not mere exercises, but “rehearsals”. “We face a profoundly consequential time in the Indo-Pacific. China is on a dangerous course,” said Admiral Samuel Paparo, head of US Indo-Pacific Command, in a special address to an AI expo hosted by the Special Competitive Studies Project think tank. “Their aggressive manoeuvres around Taiwan are not just exercises. They are rehearsals,” he continued, without explicitly referencing a potential takeover of Taiwan.

https://www.scmp.com/news/china/military/article/3312807/us-indo-pacific-commander-calls-pla-operations-taiwan-strait-rehearsals-not-just-exercises?module=top_story&pgtype=subsection

MSS alerts public to espionage dangers after phishing attacks on critical institutions uncovered

Global Times, June 4, 2025

China's Ministry of State Security (MSS) warned the public about growing espionage-related cyber threats targeting key government agencies, research institutes and infrastructure, disclosing three recent cyberattack cases linked to foreign intelligence agencies, highlighting significant lapses in cybersecurity awareness and data protection. In recent years, foreign intelligence agencies have intensified cyber-based espionage efforts, posing growing threats to China's national security, the MSS said in a statement released on its official WeChat account.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202506/1335381.shtml>

Chinese Foreign Ministry on the Pakistani government and the Afghan interim government’s announcement of the elevation of the rank of their missions in Islamabad and Kabul from chargé d’affaires to ambassador

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, People’s Republic of China, June 4, 2025

China welcomes the announcement of the Pakistani government and the Afghan interim government to elevate their diplomatic ties to the ambassadorial level. We believe this will help the two countries increase trust and cooperation and work jointly for the region’s peace and stability. This is also an important and positive move of the two sides to implement the outcomes of the informal foreign ministers’ meeting between China, Afghanistan and Pakistan in May. China

stands ready to continue to play a constructive role in the improvement of Pakistan-Afghanistan relations. China will work with Pakistan, Afghanistan and other regional countries to uphold the peace, stability and development of the region and stay committed to the building of a community with a shared future with neighbors.

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202506/t20250604_11640779.html

China is working on an ultra-fast torpedo powered by AI for submarine warfare

Stephen Chen

South China Morning Post, June 4, 2025

In the recent Chinese blockbuster Operation Leviathan, an American nuclear submarine uses hi-tech acoustic holograms to bamboozle Chinese torpedoes and their human operators. Months after the film hit cinema screens, military researchers in China revealed they were working on an artificial intelligence system designed to cut through exactly this type of underwater deception. In a peer-reviewed paper published in Chinese-language journal Command Control & Simulation in April, the team from the PLA Navy Armament Department and China State Shipbuilding Corporation said their system had unprecedented accuracy for torpedoes travelling at high speeds.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/3312861/china-working-ultra-fast-torpedo-powered-ai-submarine-warfare>

Chinese couple charged with attempt to smuggle noxious fungus into US

Stefania Palma

Financial Times, June 4, 2025

The justice department has charged two Chinese nationals with a conspiracy to smuggle a “potential agroterrorism weapon” into the US. Federal prosecutors accused a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Michigan and her boyfriend of seeking to bring a noxious fungus into the US to research it in the college laboratory, according to a criminal complaint announced. The alleged conduct was “of the gravest national security concerns”, Jerome Gorgon, interim US attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, said in a statement. The case is the latest by the US targeting Chinese nationals as Washington continues to focus on national security risks stemming from Beijing.

<https://www.ft.com/content/9ea35e39-1d97-4b9e-9a9a-4518487a1893>

Indonesia assesses purchasing Chinese J-10 fighter jets: media reports

Liu Xuanzun and Liang Rui

Global Times, June 5, 2025

According to media reports, Indonesia is assessing purchasing China's J-10 fighter jets, taking into account the aircraft's recent combat success. A Chinese military affairs expert said the J-10 is an outstanding warplane that can attract many potential buyers, especially after having proved its effectiveness in real battle. Indonesia said China has offered to sell it J-10 jets, Bloomberg reported. The government is examining whether the planes widely used by China's air force meet operational requirements and can be integrated into Indonesia's existing systems, Deputy Defence Minister Donny Ermawan Taufanto was quoted in the report as saying during a public discussion in Jakarta.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202506/1335496.shtml>

EU businesses lobby China for rare earths 'fast-track' channel

Joe Leahy, Ryan McMorro, Eleanor Olcott and Edward White

Financial Times, June 5, 2025

EU businesses are lobbying Beijing to set up a special channel to fast-track Chinese approval of rare earth export licences for "reliable" companies, as China's strict controls on shipments of the critical minerals threaten supply chains worldwide. The proposal was made at a meeting between European companies and China's ministry of commerce officials, according to three people briefed on the matter, and comes as European officials warn that their factories are at risk of shutdowns owing to the Chinese measures that were originally aimed at the US.

<https://www.ft.com/content/1781f5d1-01b5-4607-9f6b-242904355c0a>

Iran orders material from China for hundreds of ballistic missiles

Laurence Norman

The Wall Street Journal, June 5, 2025

Iran has ordered thousands of tons of ballistic-missile ingredients from China, people familiar with the transaction said, seeking to rebuild its military prowess as it discusses the future of its nuclear program with the U.S. Shipments of ammonium perchlorate are expected to reach Iran in coming months and could fuel hundreds of ballistic missiles, the people said. Some of the material would likely be sent to militias in the region aligned with Iran, including Houthis in Yemen, one of the people said.

<https://www.wsj.com/world/iran-orders-material-from-china-for-hundreds-of-ballistic-missiles-1e874701>

China's overlooked premier is slowly building up power

Neil Thomas

Foreign Policy, June 5, 2025

While many people assume Chinese politics has been a one-man show since Xi Jinping became general secretary of the Communist Party in November 2012, the truth is more complicated. Recent signals suggest a subtle shift in power dynamics. Although Xi has clearly consolidated his authority as China's paramount leader, he now appears to be delegating key aspects of governance—particularly in economic policymaking—to his deputy, Premier Li Qiang. This marks a counterintuitive turn. Xi initially tightened his grip by sidelining Li Qiang's predecessor, Li Keqiang, who had once been a rival for the top job.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2025/06/05/li-qiang-china-premier-economy/>

World first: how Chinese plane radar tracks moving targets without breaking radio silence

Stephen Chen

South China Morning Post, June 6, 2025

Two unassuming Cessna-208 Caravan aircraft flew in formation, separated by hundreds of metres in altitude. One emitted radar signals; the other, flying lower, remained utterly silent, passively gathering echoes. Far ahead below, three vehicles raced across undulating terrain, dense with vegetation and scattered structures – a scene designed to hide moving targets in a storm of background clutter. Radar screens showed only snowlike noise, as traditional filtering methods struggled. Then, a technological miracle unfolded.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/3313291/world-first-how-chinese-plane-radar-tracks-moving-targets-without-breaking-radio-silence>

Tianwen 2 probe makes steady progress

Zhao Lei

China Daily, June 6, 2025

China's Tianwen 2 asteroid sampling mission was proceeding well, with the robotic probe already over 3 million kilometers away from Earth, according to the China National Space Administration. The administration said in a brief news release that the Tianwen 2 spacecraft has been traveling in a transfer trajectory toward its destination, an asteroid called 2016 HO3, for more than eight days,

and has been in a good condition. The administration also published a picture taken by the spacecraft of its flexible circular solar arrays, which are designed to meet the power demand of the decade-long expedition.

<https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202506/06/WS68430c72a310a04af22c3aba.html>

New university under mysterious PLA force to offer training in AI, unmanned operations

Phoebe Zhang

South China Morning Post, June 6, 2025

A new university under the Chinese military's mysterious Information Support Force plans to offer training in artificial intelligence (AI), unmanned operations and other key technology, according to its first public enrolment notice. The People's Liberation Army (PLA) Information Support Force Engineering University in the central city of Wuhan will offer 10 undergraduate majors in information and intelligent technology, according to a Thursday report by state broadcaster CCTV. It added that students who have taken the college entrance exam and passed political evaluations may apply this month.

https://www.scmp.com/news/china/military/article/3313389/new-university-under-mysterious-pla-force-offer-training-ai-unmanned-operations?module=top_story&pgtype=subsection

US suspends licenses to ship nuclear plant parts to China, sources say

Karen Freifeld and Fanny Potkin

Reuters, June 7, 2025

The U.S. in recent days suspended licenses for nuclear equipment suppliers to sell to China's power plants, according to four people familiar with the matter, as the two countries engage in a damaging trade war. The suspensions were sent to companies by the U.S. Department of Commerce, the people said, and affect export licenses for parts and equipment used with nuclear power plants. Nuclear equipment suppliers are among a wide range of companies whose sales have been restricted over the past two weeks as the U.S.-China trade war shifted from negotiating tariffs to throttling each other's supply chains.

<https://www.reuters.com/business/aerospace-defence/us-suspends-licenses-ship-nuclear-plant-parts-china-sources-say-2025-06-06/>

Secret Russian intelligence document shows deep suspicion of China

Jacob Judah, Paul Sonne and Anton Troianovski

The New York Times, June 7, 2025

In public, President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia says his country's growing friendship with China is unshakable — a strategic military and economic collaboration that has entered a golden era. But in the corridors of Lubyanka, the headquarters of Russia's domestic security agency, known as the F.S.B., a secretive intelligence unit refers to the Chinese as "the enemy." This unit, which has not previously been disclosed, has warned that China is a serious threat to Russian security. Its officers say that Beijing is increasingly trying to recruit Russian spies and get its hands on sensitive military technology, at times by luring disaffected Russian scientists.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/06/07/world/europe/china-russia-spies-documents-putin-war.html>

China discloses chilling details of monstrous DF-5B missiles with nukes 200 times destructive than Hiroshima bomb, capable of striking the entire US

The Economic Times, June 7, 2025

In a rare disclosure, China's state broadcaster, CCTV, has released key specifications of the DF-5B intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), a powerful silo-based weapon capable of delivering nuclear strikes across the continental United States. The release comes at a time of geopolitical and economic tensions between China and the West, particularly the US, over issues ranging from Taiwan to military expansion in the South China Sea. With a range of 12,000 kilometres and a warhead yield up to 4 megatons, the DF-5B represents a significant component of China's growing nuclear deterrence posture.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/international/us/china-discloses-chilling-details-of-monstrous-df-5b-missiles-with-nukes-200-times-destructive-than-hiroshima-bomb-capable-of-striking-the-entire-us/articleshow/121688953.cms?from=mdr>

China offers HQ-19 air defence missile to Pakistan, rivalling the Russian S-400 used by India

Army Recognition, June 8, 2025

According to information published by the Pakistani Government via its official X account on June 6, 2025, under the leadership of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Pakistan has achieved a significant diplomatic breakthrough with China offering to supply the HQ-19 long-range air

defence missile system. This potential transfer represents a strategic leap for the Pakistani Armed Forces, elevating its missile defence capabilities to levels previously unmatched in South Asia. The HQ-19 is a highly advanced anti-ballistic missile interceptor developed by the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation (CASC).

<https://armyrecognition.com/news/army-news/2025/breaking-news-china-offers-hq-19-air-defense-missile-to-pakistan-rivaling-russian-s-400-used-by-india>

US attacks on science and research a ‘great gift’ to China on artificial intelligence, former OpenAI board member says

Josh Taylor

The Guardian, June 8, 2025

The US administration’s targeting of academic research and international students is a “great gift” to China in the race to compete on artificial intelligence, former OpenAI board member Helen Toner has said. Toner said the United States is concerned about losing the AI race to China and while US chip export controls make it harder for China to get compute power to compete with the US, the country was still making a “serious push” on AI, as highlighted by the surprise success of Chinese generative AI model DeepSeek earlier this year.

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/jun/09/us-attacks-on-science-and-research-a-great-gift-to-china-on-artificial-intelligence-former-openai-board-member-says>

China’s West Sea gambit

The Korea Times, June 9, 2025

China has once again demonstrated its strategic ambitions in East Asia by deploying its newest aircraft carrier, Fujian, into the West Sea off Korea for carrier-based fighter jet operations. While Beijing claims this was a routine exercise, its timing, location and symbolism suggest otherwise. The use of a state-of-the-art aircraft carrier in the Provisional Measures Zone (PMZ) — a legally recognized stretch of international waters not subject to unilateral control — marks a significant escalation in China's effort to turn contested maritime spaces into zones of de facto sovereignty. South Korea’s new administration must respond decisively to this provocation, not only to safeguard national interests but also to preserve the balance of power in Northeast Asia.

<https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/opinion/editorial/20250609/china-slammed-for-infringing-on-koreas-sovereignty-in-west-sea>

Study shows how robots replaced master workers in Chinese military drone factory

Stephen Chen

South China Morning Post, June 9, 2025

In a Beijing defence drone facility, a black carbon-fibre body frame sits on a workstation ready for drilling. The material is light and strong, but a fractional error in angle or positioning could affect stealth performance and lead to the scrapping of the entire part. Master technicians once performed this task – breath held, hands steady – relying on years of muscle memory. Despite their skill, human limitations capped the speed of production and kept costs high. That changed with a breakthrough from the China Academy of Space Technology (CAST) that has transformed the production line and reduced the margin of error for this task to a mere 0.04-0.1mm.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/3313674/study-shows-how-robots-replaced-master-workers-chinese-military-drone-factory>

Chinese Foreign Ministry responds to Japanese claim on aircraft carrier Liaoning's activities near Japan

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

China's military vessels' activities in relevant waters are fully consistent with international law and international practices. China pursues a national defence policy that is defensive in nature. We hope Japan will view those activities objectively and rationally.

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202506/t20250609_11643779.html

China's sixth-gen fighters: fresh photos hint at cruising capacity and drone control

Enoch Wong

South China Morning Post, June 9, 2025

Fresh photographs of China's two sixth-generation fighter jets, the Chengdu J-36 and Shenyang J-50, have revealed more clues about the warplanes, including their potential cruising capacity and ability to work with combat drones, according to defence experts. The latest image of the larger J-36 fighter, which started circulating on social media, offers the closest look at the mysterious jet so far. Peter Layton, a retired Australian air force officer and visiting fellow at Brisbane's Griffith Asia Institute, said the latest image confirmed the J-36's three weapons bays – one large and two smaller – and the dorsal intake for the third engine.

https://www.scmp.com/news/china/military/article/3313556/chinas-sixth-gen-fighters-fresh-photos-hint-cruising-capacity-and-drone-control?module=top_story&pgtype=subsection

How big of a threat is China really?

Daniel DePetrìs

The Korea Times, June 9, 2025

Unlike his predecessor, Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth name-dropped China in his speech to the same security conference multiple times, as if to shame the Asian superpower for running roughshod over the so-called rules-based international order. China, Hegseth warned, was trying to become a hegemon in Asia, where it could dominate its neighbors, exploit the South China Sea's vast natural resources and coerce other countries into accepting Beijing's demands.

<https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/opinion/20250609/how-big-of-a-threat-is-china-really>

Chinese Foreign Ministry on the senior officials' meetings on East Asian cooperation to be held in Malaysia

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

Malaysia will host the ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials' Meeting, East Asia Summit Senior Officials' Meeting and ASEAN Regional Forum Senior Officials' Meeting from June 10 to 11 in Penang as ASEAN's rotating chair. Vice Foreign Minister Sun Weidong will lead a delegation to the meetings. At the meetings, parties are expected to exchange views on advancing cooperation under those mechanisms and international and regional issues of mutual interest with a focus on the meetings' theme "Inclusivity and Sustainability." The discussions will prepare the ground for this year's leaders' meetings and foreign ministers' meetings on East Asian cooperation.

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202506/t20250609_11643779.html

US nuclear power export controls won't stop China, puts American firms at risk: analysts

Frank Chen

South China Morning Post, June 9, 2025

China's nuclear ambitions may face a slight setback from Washington's reported export restrictions on power plant components, but Beijing will press ahead with its construction drive and intensify efforts to develop home-grown technologies as its domestic reactors mature, analysts said. The Trump administration has reportedly suspended licenses for the export of some nuclear power generation equipment to China. "Nuclear power generation is one of the areas in which China has made obvious progress in swapping out imported tech and parts. America's curbs on

chips and chipmaking lithography machines have real teeth, but nuclear does not,” said a researcher with a Shenzhen institute affiliated with the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

<https://www.scmp.com/economy/china-economy/article/3313725/us-nuclear-power-export-controls-wont-stop-china-puts-american-firms-risk-analysts>

AI chipmakers thrive as fortunes diverge in China’s semiconductor sector

Liu Sha

Think China, June 9, 2025

While China’s semiconductor industry experienced a moderate recovery last year, over 40% of companies still saw a decline in net profits. More than half of them experienced decreased net profit margins, indicating a significant divergence in profitability within the sector. China’s two leading foundry giants, Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corporation (SMIC) and Hua Hong Semiconductor, are trapped in the predicament of rising revenues but declining profits.

<https://www.thinkchina.sg/economy/ai-chipmakers-thrive-fortunes-diverge-chinas-semiconductor-sector>

China’s Huawei plays down its chipmaking capabilities

Eleanor Olcott

Financial Times, June 10, 2025

Huawei’s founder said the US was exaggerating the Chinese chipmaker’s capabilities and played down his company’s technology amid trade talks between Beijing and Washington that include discussions of export controls. In a rare interview with China’s state-run People’s Daily on Tuesday, Ren Zhengfei said Huawei’s Ascend chip, the main rival to Nvidia’s products in China, “still lags behind the US by one generation”. He added that the “US has exaggerated Huawei’s capabilities — we’re not that strong yet”.

<https://www.ft.com/content/83ffcfde-9875-44f7-a1af-2b216bb4b4dc>

Chinese Foreign Ministry on the UN General Assembly’s celebration of the International Day for Dialogue Among Civilisations on June 10

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, People’s Republic of China, June 10, 2025

One year ago, the 78th session of the UN General Assembly unanimously adopted the resolution proposed by China and co-sponsored by over 80 countries, and decided to declare June 10 as the

International Day for Dialogue Among Civilisations. This is part of China's efforts to actively advance the Global Civilisation Initiative put forward by President Xi Jinping, and an important contribution to equal-footed exchanges and dialogue among civilisations, and to world peace and development.

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202506/t20250610_11644999.html

China's Liaoning and Shandong aircraft carriers sail beyond second island chain

Liu Zhen

South China Morning Post, June 10, 2025

In an unprecedented show of strength, the Chinese aircraft carriers Liaoning and Shandong have been conducting exercises in the western Pacific Ocean beyond the second island chain. The People's Liberation Army's Navy said it had deployed two carrier groups in the Western Pacific and surrounding waters and conducted exercises to test their "far-sea defences and joint operational capabilities".

https://www.scmp.com/news/china/military/article/3313809/chinas-liaoning-and-shandong-aircraft-carriers-sail-beyond-second-island-chain?module=top_story&pgtype=subsection

Chinese VP lays out proposals on sustainable ocean governance at UN conference

Xinhua, June 10, 2025

Chinese Vice President Han Zheng laid out four proposals on sustainable ocean governance while addressing the general debate at the ongoing third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3) in Nice, France. He stressed that it is a responsibility that all parties should shoulder to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in various fields, including SDG14, which focuses on conserving and sustainably using the oceans, seas, and marine resources.

<https://english.news.cn/20250610/c8035aafbc1148989eaab21e7b8263dd/c.html>

China's rare earth regulations responsible step toward sustainable global supply, security

Global Times, June 10, 2025

China's recent announcement of new regulations to strengthen export control measures on certain rare earth-related items is a measure driven by its domestic industrial sustainable development

needs. The move aligns with international management standards and reflects China's responsibilities as a major country -- and is not, as some claim, a so-called "tactical countermeasure." This step also underscores China's sense of responsibility as a key global supplier of critical minerals and its commitment to advancing shared global development.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202506/1335807.shtml>

Taiwan indicts four suspected spies for China in case reaching presidential office

Reuters, June 10, 2025

Taipei prosecutors indicted four people suspected of spying for China in a case that reached Taiwan's presidential office, seeking jail terms of more than 18 years. Democratically-governed Taiwan says it has faced heightened military and political pressure over the past five years or so from Beijing, which views the island as sovereign Chinese territory, a position Taipei's government rejects. In a statement, Taipei prosecutors said the four, all previously members of the ruling Democratic Progressive Party, had been indicted on espionage and other charges.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/china/taiwan-indicts-four-suspected-spies-china-case-reaching-presidential-office-2025-06-10/>

Nato chief says it must build Indo-Pacific ties to meet China's military challenge

Zhao Ziwen

South China Morning Post, June 10, 2025

Mark Rutte, Nato's secretary general, made his remarks at Chatham House in London, coinciding with the US-China ministerial-level trade negotiations in the city. "What we see at the moment is an enormous build-up in China of their military capabilities," Rutte, the former prime minister of the Netherlands, said. He noted that China "already has the world's largest navy, and this battle force is expected to grow to 435 ships by 2030. "China is also building up its nuclear arsenal, and it aims to have more than 1,000 operational nuclear warheads also by 2030," he added.

https://www.scmp.com/news/china/military/article/3313767/nato-chief-says-it-must-build-indo-pacific-ties-meet-chinas-military-challenge?module=top_story&pgtype=subsection

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