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China releases rare footage of DF-100 cruise missile to deter US

Enoch Wong

South China Morning Post, August 11, 2025

China has released rare footage of its mysterious DF-100 supersonic cruise missile in action, shedding new light on the specifications and mobility of the model believed to be a major deterrent for US warships and military bases in the region. The blurred footage marked one of only a few public appearances the missile has made since its 2019 debut. In previous appearances, the missile has been obscured on its launch vehicle, making it difficult to analyse the technical specifications and operating model.

https://www.scmp.com/news/china/military/article/3321469/china-releases-rare-footage-df-100-cruise-missile-deter-us?module=top_story&pgtype=subsection

China has taken necessary measures to protect territorial sovereignty over Huangyan Dao: FM spokesperson

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, People's Republic of China, August 11, 2025

Huangyan Dao has always been China's territory. On August 11, the Philippines sent multiple Coast Guard vessels, official vessels and so-called fishing vessels to intrude into the territorial waters of Huangyan Dao, and in the meanwhile, Philippine military aircraft also intruded into the air space of Huangyan Dao. The Philippines' moves seriously infringed upon China's sovereignty and rights and interests, and seriously harmed peace and stability at sea. These moves are of a malign nature. It is legitimate and lawful for China to do what is necessary to safeguard our territorial sovereignty and maritime rights and interests in accordance with the law.

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202508/t20250811_11688003.html

China's new stealth launcher is aimed at space debris. Can it also be used as a weapon?

Stephen Chen

South China Morning Post, August 11, 2025

Chinese scientists have unveiled a projectile launcher for use in space – a device designed to remove dangerous debris orbiting the Earth but with potential to also be used as a weapon. The compact and stealthy device draws on the principle of gunpowder propulsion dating back to 9th

century China, but brings it into the new space age. It was jointly developed by aerospace engineers in Nanjing, Shanghai and Shenyang and unveiled last month in the peer-reviewed Chinese journal *Acta Aeronautica et Astronautica Sinica*.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/3321437/chinas-new-stealth-launcher-aimed-space-debris-can-it-also-be-used-weapon>

Shenzhou-20 crew unpacks newly-delivered extravehicular spacesuits for China Space Station

Fan Anqi

Global Times, August 11, 2025

The Shenzhou-20 crew, after more than three months in orbit, reported fresh progress on Monday, China Central Television (CCTV) reported. They unpacked new extravehicular spacesuits delivered by the Tianzhou-9 cargo mission, and continued to advance in-orbit experiments. These included collecting throat swabs to study respiratory microbes' effects in space and using mixed-reality glasses for voice/gesture-controlled interaction. Regarded as miniature space stations, spacesuits embody a country's most advanced technologies. China's spacesuits, which supported the world's longest single extravehicular activity, showcase the nation's top-tier achievements in performance, safety and ergonomic design, experts said.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202508/1340614.shtml>

Taiwan unveils 'carrier killer' missile plans in bid to deter mainland Chinese forces

Lawrence Chung

South China Morning Post, August 11, 2025

Taiwan is developing a next-generation anti-ship missile in a move that defence analysts have described as potentially a major boost to the island's ability to deter mainland China's expanding naval power. In a list issued under the Defence Industry Development Act, Taiwan's defence ministry announced a new weapon described as a "long-range subsonic anti-ship cruise missile".

https://www.scmp.com/news/china/military/article/3321483/taiwan-unveils-carrier-killer-missile-plans-bid-deter-mainland-chinese-forces?module=top_story&pgtype=subsection

Joint statement on China-U.S. economic and trade meeting in Stockholm issued

CGTN, August 12, 2025

A joint statement on the China-U.S. economic and trade meeting in Swedish capital Stockholm was issued hours before a trade truce between Washington and Beijing was due to expire on August 12. According to the statement published by Xinhua News Agency, China will continue to suspend its earlier tariff hike for 90 days, starting August 12, while retaining a 10-percent duty. It would also take necessary measures to suspend or remove non-tariff countermeasures against the U.S., the statement added. Around the same time, U.S. President Donald Trump signed an executive order to extend the tariff suspension on China for another 90 days. The halt will be in place until November 10.

<https://news.cgtn.com/news/2025-08-12/Joint-statement-on-China-U-S-Economic-and-Trade-Meeting-in-Stockholm-1FLIshwrFdK/p.html>

China advises firms to avoid Nvidia H20 chips amid security concerns, aims shift towards local alternatives

Riya R Alex

Mint, August 12, 2025

China has advised local companies to refrain from using Nvidia Corp.'s H20 processors, especially for government-related work. This move complicates the chipmaker's efforts to recover billions in lost revenue from China and challenges the Trump administration's efforts to convert those sales into a benefit for the US government. In the last few weeks, Chinese authorities have issued notices to various companies discouraging the use of less advanced semiconductors. The notice was directed against the use of H20 chips for any government or national security-related work by state enterprises or private companies, according to a report by Bloomberg News citing people aware of the development.

<https://www.livemint.com/companies/china-advises-firms-to-avoid-nvidia-h20-chips-amid-security-concerns-aims-shift-towards-local-alternatives-11754976729348.html>

Chinese Foreign Ministry on Czech President Petr Pavel's meeting with the 14th Dalai Lama

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, People's Republic of China, August 12, 2025

In disregard of China's repeated protests and strong opposition, Czech President Petr Pavel went to India to meet with the Dalai Lama. This seriously contravenes the political commitment made

by the Czech government to the Chinese government, and harms China's sovereignty and territorial integrity. China strongly deplores and firmly opposes this, and has lodged serious protests with the Czech side. In light of the severity of Pavel's provocative action, China decides to cease all engagement with him.

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202508/t20250812_11688524.html

Hualong One nuclear tech gains ground

Zheng Xin

China Daily, August 12, 2025

Construction of the No 1 reactor at the Jinqimen nuclear power plant in Ningbo, Zhejiang province, began with the pouring of concrete for the nuclear island, marking a significant step forward for China's Hualong One nuclear technology, said its operator China National Nuclear Corp. The Jinqimen No 1 reactor, designed for a 60-year operational lifespan, is part of a larger project planned to include six 1 million-kilowatt nuclear reactors, it said. Once fully completed, the plant is expected to generate 55 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity annually, equivalent to half of Ningbo's total electricity consumption in 2024. This output is expected to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by approximately 45 million metric tons per year.

<https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202508/12/WS689a9bc2a310724b60021149.html>

Philippine coast guard video shows Chinese ships collide while chasing Philippine boat in disputed waters

Emily Mae Czachor

CBS News, August 12, 2025

A Chinese navy ship collided with another vessel operated by its own country's coast guard, while the latter chased a patrol boat from the Philippines at high speed in the South China Sea, according to officials in Manila. The incident occurred near the Scarborough Shoal, a disputed shoal in contested waters. Video of the collision, which Philippine coast guard spokesperson Jay Tarriela shared to social media in its aftermath, shows a Chinese coast guard vessel tailing the Filipino patrol boat before a navy warship belonging to the Chinese military suddenly cuts in front of it.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/video-chinese-ships-collide-philippine-boat-disputed-waters/>

China is winning the cyberwar

Anne Neuberger

Foreign Affairs, August 13, 2025

American companies are world leaders in technology—be it innovative software, cloud services, artificial intelligence, or cybersecurity products. Yet beginning as many as three years ago, hackers believed to be backed by the Chinese government did something the United States, the tech powerhouse, could not adequately defend against: they gained and maintained access to major U.S. telecommunications networks, copying conversations and building the ability to track the movements of U.S. intelligence officers and law enforcement agents across the country. The attack, dubbed “Salt Typhoon,” constituted a large part of a global campaign against telecoms, and it penetrated systems.

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/china/china-winning-cyberwar-artificial-intelligence>

China launches new group of internet satellites

Xinhua, August 13, 2025

China successfully launched a new group of low Earth orbit satellites from the Wenchang Space Launch Site in the southern island province of Hainan. This satellite group, the eighth of its kind that will constitute an internet constellation, was launched at 1443 hrs (Beijing Time) aboard a Long March-5B carrier rocket, featuring a Yuanzheng-2 (Expedition-2) upper stage at the top of the rocket. The satellites successfully entered their preset orbit. This launch marked the 588th mission of the Long March series carrier rockets.

<https://english.news.cn/20250813/c0963ebfeb7446de981d65b9c2d4b292/c.html>

DPP ‘kneeling to US’ in tariff talks harms Taiwan economy: spokesperson

Feng Fan

Global Times, August 13, 2025

Asked to comment on US imposition of a 20 percent "reciprocal tariff" on the island of Taiwan, higher than the 15 percent rate on Japan and South Korea, and on remarks by Taiwan regional leader Lai Ching-te that the tariff rate could be negotiable with a possible pledge to increase investment in the US by \$400 billion, Zhu Fenglian, a spokesperson for the State Council Taiwan Affairs Office, said that Taiwan residents and industries are deeply disappointed by the DPP authorities' response. Zhu noted that instead of safeguarding the vital interests of the Taiwan people in the face of US bullying through tariff hikes and deliberate manipulation of the NT dollar's

appreciation, the DPP authorities have intensified their kneeling and ingratiating themselves with the US and selling out Taiwan without limits, offering the US massive extortion funds without hesitation.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202508/1340740.shtml>

Chinese military researchers seek to draw electronic warfare lessons from Ukraine jamming

Stephen Chen

South China Morning Post, August 13, 2025

Even though Beijing has not been directly involved in the Ukraine war, a study of Russia's electronic warfare tactics and subsequent American countermeasures offers "crucial implications for addressing challenges in future wars", according to Chinese researchers who closely studied the case. When the war first started, only civilian satellite guidance systems were jammed, but as the Russian invasion ran into stiff resistance, the jamming grew stronger, wrote Xu Ying, a professor of Geodesy and Geomatics at the Shandong University of Science and Technology.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/3321548/chinese-military-researchers-seek-draw-electronic-warfare-lessons-ukraine-jamming>

Chinese Foreign Ministry on accusations of Chinese companies building a network of ports around the world in order to exercise control over global commerce, conduct espionage, and enable far seas missions for the Chinese military

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, People's Republic of China, August 13, 2025

These accusations are just aimed at creating anxiety. We hope the U.S. will stop overstressing the concept of security, stop peddling so-called "China threat," and stop smearing and disrupting China's economic and trade cooperation with other countries.

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202508/t20250813_11689121.html

China's power over rare earths is not as great as it seems

The Economist, August 13, 2025

Rare earths are rare only in the sense that they tend to be found in very low concentrations and are chemically difficult to isolate. Their production, in contrast, is highly concentrated, with Chinese

firms accounting for 69% of the ore dug up, over 90% of the refined minerals produced and nearly all of the manufacture of rare-earth magnets. Is the world hostage to China's near-monopoly and, if so, can it free itself? Rare earths are rare only in the sense that they tend to be found in very low concentrations and are chemically difficult to isolate. Their production, in contrast, is highly concentrated, with Chinese firms accounting for 69% of the ore dug up, over 90% of the refined minerals produced and nearly all of the manufacture of rare-earth magnets.

<https://www.economist.com/interactive/briefing/2025/08/13/chinas-power-over-rare-earths-is-not-as-great-as-it-seems>

Chinese Foreign Ministry on India-China relations

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, People's Republic of China, August 14, 2025

China and India are both major developing countries and important members of the Global South. A cooperative pas de deux of the dragon and the elephant as partners helping each other succeed is the right choice for both sides. China stands ready to work with India to act on the important common understandings reached between leaders of our two countries, consistently increase political mutual trust, expand exchanges and cooperation together, properly handle differences while bearing in mind the bigger picture, and strengthen coordination and cooperation on such multilateral platforms as the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, with a view to promoting the sound and steady development of China-India relations.

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202508/t20250814_11690046.html

Chinese jet accused of 'dangerous' moves near South China Sea's Scarborough Shoal

Liu Zhen

South China Morning Post, August 14, 2025

A Chinese fighter jet allegedly flew close to a Philippine coastguard aircraft near the disputed Scarborough Shoal, while US and PLA naval vessels operated close by amid heightened tensions in the South China Sea. According to the Philippine state-run broadcaster People's Television Network (PTV), a Cessna Caravan operated by the coastguard was performing a "maritime domain awareness flight" when the alleged incident occurred, involving what appeared to be an Su-30.

https://www.scmp.com/news/china/military/article/3321879/chinese-jet-accused-dangerous-moves-near-south-china-seas-scarborough-shoal?module=top_story&pgtype=subsection

China cracks down on foreign companies stockpiling rare earths

Joe Leahy and Ryan McMorrow

Financial Times, August 15, 2025

China has told foreign companies not to hoard rare earths as fears about Beijing's export curbs drive up demand for the metals vital in a range of critical technologies. Beijing is warning buyers they are at risk of greater supply restrictions if they stockpile rare earths and derived products such as magnets used in electric motors, according to two people familiar with the matter. China "is telling companies they cannot go out and build huge inventories in rare earths, or they will face shortages", one of the people said. The other person said Chinese authorities were deliberately limiting approved export volumes to prevent foreign stockpiling. "This will be a leverage point from now on," they said.

<https://www.ft.com/content/9f9e222d-f351-4e0f-be9b-aab309562c6c>

China unveils first high-speed VTOL jet drone that makes every warship an aircraft carrier

Stephen Chen

South China Morning Post, August 15, 2025

In an aviation tech breakthrough that could change naval warfare, Chinese aerospace engineers have unveiled what could be the world's first high-speed vertical take-off and landing (VTOL) drone powered by a jet engine. The sleek, runway-independent uncrewed aircraft can be launched from the decks of ordinary warships – even in rough seas – and transition seamlessly into a fast, long-range cruise flight. The drone, representing a radical departure from conventional drone designs, was developed by a 10-year effort led by associate professors Wang Yaokun and Qiu Yuting with Beihang University, a top aviation research institute in Beijing targeted by US sanctions.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/3321677/china-unveils-first-high-speed-vtol-jet-drone-makes-every-warship-aircraft-carrier>

China's Long March-10 carrier rocket succeeds in first static fire test

Global Times, August 15, 2025

China's Long March-10 carrier rocket, the country's new-generation manned launch vehicle, has successfully completed the first static fire test at the Wenchang Spacecraft Launch Site in the southern island province of Hainan, the China Manned Space Agency (CMSA) has announced.

This marks another important milestone in the country's manned lunar exploration program, following the successful zero-altitude escape test of the manned spacecraft Mengzhou and the comprehensive verification test of the Lanyue lunar lander's landing and ascent capabilities.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202508/1340947.shtml>

Shenzhou-20 astronauts complete third series of extravehicular activities

CGTN, August 15, 2025

The Shenzhou-20 crew aboard China's orbiting space station completed their mission's third series of extravehicular activities on Friday, according to the China Manned Space Agency (CMSA). The astronaut trio -- Chen Dong, Chen Zhongrui and Wang Jie -- worked for approximately six-and-a-half hours and completed all related tasks, assisted by the space station's robotic arm and a ground control team. Chen Dong and Wang Jie, tasked with conducting spacewalk operations, completed the installation of debris protection devices and auxiliary extravehicular facilities, as well as the inspection and maintenance of external equipment, according to the CMSA.

<https://news.cgtn.com/news/2025-08-15/China-s-Shenzhou-20-astronauts-complete-third-EVA-1FRJlvtj17O/p.html>

Chinese scientists detect echo signal from lunar retroreflector NGLR-1 for the first time: media

Global Times, August 15, 2025

The Tianqin laser ranging station of Sun Yat-sen University detected the echo signal from the next generation lunar retroreflector NGLR-1 and confirmed the success of the ranging experiment, marking the first time Chinese scientists have detected this retroreflector, People's Daily reported. In the last century, the US and the Soviet Union placed five laser reflector arrays on the moon for lunar measurements. In 2019, the Tianqin project team completed measurements to all the five retroreflectors. In March of this year, the US deployed the NGLR-1 to the moon, said the report.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202508/1340916.shtml>

Chinese Foreign Ministry on Iran's nuclear question

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, People's Republic of China, August 15, 2025

China stays committed to peacefully resolving the Iranian nuclear issue through political and diplomatic means, opposes invoking Security Council "snapback" sanctions and believes that it does not help parties build trust and bridge differences and is not conducive to the diplomatic effort

for the early resumption of talks. Any moves taken by the Security Council now should help reach new agreements in talks, instead of the opposite. China will uphold an objective and just attitude, continue to promote talks for peace, play a constructive role for bringing the Iranian nuclear issue back on the track of diplomatic negotiations at an early date, earnestly safeguard the international nuclear non-proliferation regime, and promote peace and stability in the Middle East.

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202508/t20250815_11690636.html

Chinese state media calls U.S. a 'surveillance empire' over trackers in chip shipments

Reuters, August 15, 2025

The United States' practice of installing location trackers in chip shipments at risk of diversion to China reflects the "instincts of a surveillance empire," China's state-run media outlet Xinhua said in a commentary. Reuters reported earlier this week that U.S. authorities had secretly placed location tracking devices in targeted shipments of advanced chips to detect diversions to China, which is under U.S. curbs for advanced chip exports. The Xinhua commentary, titled "America turns chip trade into a surveillance game," cited "reports" that Washington had embedded such trackers, accusing the United States of running "the world's most sprawling intelligence apparatus".

<https://www.reuters.com/world/china/chinese-state-media-calls-us-surveillance-empire-over-trackers-chip-shipments-2025-08-15/>

Why this small vacuum tube can be China's big advantage in electronic warfare

Stephen Chen

South China Morning Post, August 15, 2025

In a defence tech laboratory in Beijing, a research team powers up a vacuum tube about the size of a pistol. Inside, a stream of electrons surges through thin coiled wires, amplifying microwave pulses ranging from 8 to 18 gigahertz with more than 500 watts of output – performance metrics that until recently were only achievable in devices much bigger. It is the new heart of China's advanced radar and electronic warfare systems – a miniaturised travelling-wave tube (TWT), and a symbol of how relentless refinement of microscopic details is propelling the country to the forefront of military electronics.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/3322028/why-small-vacuum-tube-can-be-chinas-big-advantage-electronic-warfare>

China's vision of America

Gideon Rachman

Financial Times, August 15, 2025

Wang Huning has been variously described as “China’s crown theorist” and as Xi Jinping’s “ideological tsar”. But he is more than just an influential thinker. As one of just seven members of the Politburo Standing Committee of the Chinese Communist party, he is one of the most powerful people in China. If any one person shapes President Xi Jinping’s thinking on America, it is probably Wang, who wrote an influential book on the US called America Against America, published in 1991, after a six-month stint as a visiting scholar in the US. Given Wang’s eminence now, the book makes for interesting reading. Its argument is that America’s greatest weakness is that it is a deeply divided country. That looks prescient, under current circumstances.

<https://www.ft.com/content/264d3c97-54ee-4af8-9232-15d537d1182a>

Beijing accuses Canberra of lying about spy threats while claiming to have foiled Australian spies in China

Patrick Martin

ABC News, August 16, 2025

China has accused Australia of lying about a "Chinese espionage threat" and claims Beijing's security services have foiled Australia spies operating in the country. The statement came less than two weeks after a Chinese national was charged for allegedly spying for Beijing in Canberra. China's Ministry of State Security issued a lengthy statement on its WeChat messaging channel. It said Australia had deliberately exaggerated the threat of Chinese espionage, and accused some leaders of painting the country as "victims". The ministry referenced a speech made by ASIO chief Mike Burgess earlier this year, in which he said China was a major espionage threat to Australia.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-08-16/china-accuses-australia-of-lying-about-spy-threats/105661402>

China's space station sees first application of large AI model in astronaut operations

Global Times, August 16, 2025

China has applied a professional large AI model for the first time aboard its space station, where it assisted in preparations for astronauts' extravehicular activities and provided intelligent, specialized support for their in-orbit work, CCTV News reported. The AI system, known as

"Wukong AI," was carried to orbit by the Tianzhou-9 cargo spacecraft. Developed on the basis of domestic open-source models, it integrates the requirements of crewed spaceflight missions and combines pre-training with instruction fine-tuning to build a domain-specific large AI model and a knowledge base centered on spaceflight standards, according to CCTV News.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202508/1341015.shtml>

China successfully launches new test satellite

Xinhua, August 17, 2025

China on Sunday sent a new test satellite into space from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in the southwestern province of Sichuan. The Shiyao-28B 02 satellite was launched at 1655 hrs (Beijing Time) aboard a Long March-4C carrier rocket and entered its preset orbit successfully. The satellite will be used mainly for space environment exploration and related technology tests. This is the 589th flight mission of the Long March carrier rocket series.

<https://english.news.cn/20250817/29790c3750104cacb77bf6325fdac535/c.html>

Chinese Foreign Ministry on the independent sovereign identity of Taiwan

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, People's Republic of China, August 18, 2025

Taiwan's restoration to China is an outcome of the WWII victory and part and parcel of the postwar international order. A series of instruments with legal effect under international law, namely the Cairo Declaration, the Potsdam Proclamation, and the Japanese Instrument of Surrender and so on, all affirm China's sovereignty over Taiwan. Taiwan belongs to China. This is a solid fact rooted in history and the law and beyond any doubt. On October 1, 1949, the People's Republic of China (PRC) was founded, and the Central People's Government became the sole legal government representing the whole of China. The change of government took place while China remained unchanged as a subject of international law. China's sovereignty and inherent territory did not change.

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202508/t20250818_11691863.html

Is China hiding its rare earth production plans? US tensions fuel speculation

Alice Li

South China Morning Post, August 18, 2025

China appears to have stopped publishing details of its rare earth mining and refining quotas, in a break from normal practice that could further raise the temperature in the US-China trade war.

Beijing has already issued a first batch of quotas for this year to two rare earth producers, but authorities did not publicly announce the move and key details about the quotas remain unknown, Chinese media outlet Cailian Press reported. It added that China may “no longer disclose specific quota amounts for rare earth mining and refining in the future”, given the rising strategic importance of the industry.

<https://www.scmp.com/economy/china-economy/article/3322245/china-hiding-its-rare-earth-production-plans-us-tensions-fuel-speculation>

Chinese Foreign Ministry on Foreign Minister Wang Yi’s upcoming visit to Pakistan

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, People’s Republic of China, August 19, 2025

This will be Foreign Minister Wang Yi’s second visit to Pakistan in three years, and the latest high-level exchange between China and Pakistan following recent bilateral meetings and visits. During the visit, Foreign Minister Wang Yi will meet with Pakistani leaders and hold the sixth round of the China-Pakistan Foreign Ministers’ Strategic Dialogue with Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar. The two sides will have in-depth communication on bilateral relations and international and regional issues of mutual interest. China and Pakistan are ironclad friends and all-weather strategic cooperative partners. Solid strategic mutual trust and frequent high-level exchanges are distinctive features of bilateral ties.

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202508/t20250819_11692525.html

Chinese Foreign Ministry on the 2025 World Humanoid Robot Games held in Beijing

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, People’s Republic of China, August 19, 2025

Humanoids are stepping out of the labs and into people’s lives. Over the past few months, China has hosted the World Artificial Intelligence Conference, the World Robot Conference and the World Humanoid Robot Games. The events not only showcased the innovations in AI and robotics, but also provided the world with new platforms for exchanges over frontier technologies and conversations on future industries. China believes that only through openness and cooperation can innovation thrive and spur human progress. We are ready to enhance exchanges and cooperation with all countries on innovation to create more possibilities for global development and modernization.

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202508/t20250819_11692525.html

U.S. navy sailor is convicted of spying for China

Neil Vigdor

The New York Times, August 20, 2025

A U.S. Navy sailor was convicted of spying for China while on active duty and using his security clearance to sell sensitive information about the capabilities of American warships, including their vulnerabilities. The sailor, Jinchao Wei, known as Patrick Wei, 25, who was a machinist's mate aboard the Essex, an amphibious assault ship moored at Naval Base San Diego, will face a maximum possible sentence of life in prison at his sentencing, which is set for December 1. A second sailor, who was arrested at the same time as Mr. Wei, was sentenced last year to 27 months in prison after pleading guilty to conspiring with a Chinese intelligence officer and accepting a bribe. In February 2022, a Chinese intelligence officer recruited Mr. Wei on social media, presenting himself as a naval enthusiast who worked for the state-owned China Shipbuilding Industry Corporation, investigators said.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/08/20/us/us-navy-sailor-china-spy-convicted.html>

Chinese Foreign Ministry on the outcomes of Foreign Minister Wang Yi's visit to India

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, People's Republic of China, August 20, 2025

Foreign Minister Wang Yi visited India from August 18 to 20 upon invitation where he met with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, held talks with Minister of External Affairs S. Jaishankar and together with India's National Security Adviser Shri Ajit Doval co-chaired the 24th Round of Talks Between the Special Representatives of China and India on the Boundary Question. During Foreign Minister Wang Yi's visit, the two sides agreed on resuming dialogue mechanisms in various fields, deepening mutually beneficial cooperation, upholding multilateralism, jointly dealing with global challenges and opposing unilateral bullying acts. On the boundary question, the two sides reached new common understandings, agreeing to conduct normalized management and control, maintain peace and tranquility in the border areas, properly address areas of sensitivity, and initiate boundary negotiations in areas where conditions are met.

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202508/t20250820_11693040.html

China military parade to show off hypersonic missiles and autonomous weapons

Kathrin Hille

Financial Times, August 20, 2025

China will show off a range of new hypersonic missiles and uncrewed weapons at a huge military parade early next month, highlighting the People's Liberation Army's increasing capabilities for targeting US naval forces in the Pacific and waging war on Taiwan. The parade on September 3 will include the "debut of hypersonic, anti-missile defence and strategic missiles to exhibit our strong strategic deterrence capabilities", Major General Wu Zeke, deputy director of the operations bureau of the Joint Staff Department of the Central Military Commission, said at a press conference in Beijing. Wu added that the parade would also feature new tanks, autonomous vehicles for ground, naval and air use and electronic warfare equipment such as directed energy weapons and electronic jamming systems.

<https://www.ft.com/content/30feb466-c974-4eee-a805-8135468faff5>

China's Xi makes a rare visit to Tibet to mark 60 years of contested rule there

The Washington Post, August 20, 2025

Chinese leader Xi Jinping made a rare visit to Tibet to mark the 60th anniversary of the consolidation of Beijing's long-contested rule over the Himalayan territory. Xi arrived in Tibet's regional capital of Lhasa, where he "received a warm welcome from people of various ethnic groups" who waved bouquets of flowers and danced "to joyful rhythms," the Xinhua News Agency said. Communist forces occupied Tibet in 1951. In 1965, Mao Zedong's single-party dictatorship established the Tibet autonomous region. Decades of political repression followed, including the demolition of some Buddhist monasteries and the imprisonment of monks.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2025/08/20/china-tibet-xi-jinping-visit-lhasa/f90c988e-7dcc-11f0-971c-6c8e53bd2f21_story.html

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