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## **China's Victory Day parade heralds a new vision, but old wounds linger**

Peter T. C. Chang

South China Morning Post, September 11, 2025

At China's Victory Day parade last week, President Xi Jinping warned that the world stands at a crossroads – between peace and war. He urged nations to learn from history to prevent a repeat of the catastrophe that engulfed the world eight decades ago. Xi used the SCO summit to launch the Global Governance Initiative, clearly aimed at countering Trump's approach and reaffirming China's commitment to the rule of law as the foundation of international relations. Together with existing initiatives – the Global Development Initiative, Global Security Initiative and Global Civilisation Initiative – the Global Governance Initiative forms a broader framework to build a global governance system grounded in multilateral cooperation, development equity and sovereign equality.

<https://www.scmp.com/opinion/china-opinion/article/3324772/chinas-victory-day-parade-heralds-new-vision-old-wounds-linger>

## **NASA bans Chinese nationals from working on its space programmes**

Yvette Tan

BBC, September 11, 2025

US space agency Nasa has blocked Chinese citizens with valid US visas from its facilities - a move that effectively bars them from working at one of the most respected space research centres. Chinese nationals, who could only work at Nasa as contractors or students contributing to research, found out on 5 September that they had lost all access to Nasa's systems and facilities, Bloomberg reported, citing sources. Nasa then confirmed this, saying Chinese nationals would be restricted from using the agency's "facilities, materials and networks to ensure the security of our work".

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c9wd5qpekkvo>

## **Chinese Foreign Ministry on China's plan to develop a nature reserve in the Scarborough Shoal and subsequent protests from the Philippines**

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

Huangyan Dao has always been China's territory. To establish the Huangyan Dao national nature reserve is within China's sovereign rights, which is aimed at protecting the ecological

environment of the island, and ensuring its ecological diversity, continuity and sustainability. This move is in line with China's domestic laws and international law, and fully shows that China, a responsible major country, is resolved to actively protect the ecological environment and a sustainable planet.

[https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202509/t20250911\\_11706822.html](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202509/t20250911_11706822.html)

## **NASA's restriction on Chinese nationals with US visas working on agency programs reflects growing anxiety; move hardly helps achieve desired goal: expert**

Deng Xiaoci and Fan Anqi

Global Times, September 11, 2025

Amid China's continuous progress in space exploration programs, and against the background of increasing anti-China hysteria in Washington, the US space agency made another irrational move in politicizing science and technology. Amid the continued exaggeration by some US politicians of the so-called "China space threat" rhetoric, NASA has consistently viewed China as a rival and has attempted to suppress and block its space development, observers said.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202509/1343258.shtml>

## **China and Russia are winning the hypersonic missile race**

Sam Skove

Foreign Policy, September 11, 2025

At China's massive military parade this month celebrating the end of World War II in the Pacific, Beijing showcased its line of anti-ship hypersonic missiles—an implicit warning that in a future conflict, the United States could see its \$13 billion aircraft carriers at the bottom of the sea. China is not the only U.S. adversary investing in the weapons. Russia has also made strides in fielding hypersonic missiles, whose high speeds and maneuverability make them the ideal weapon for destroying high-value targets.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2025/09/11/hypersonic-missiles-china-russia-us-military-weapons/>

## **Will the JL-1 missile be China's final word on airborne nuclear deterrence?**

Amber Wang

South China Morning Post, September 11, 2025

The debut of the Jinglei-1 (JL-1) long-range missile means China has a complete air, sea and land nuclear deterrent, one that will improve with the next generation of strategic bombers, according to analysts. The JL-1 is a nuclear-capable air-launched ballistic missile (ALBM) and debuted during Beijing's military parade last week. It appeared alongside land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) and submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs) – the first time that China has publicly displayed a full nuclear triad.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/military/article/3325073/will-jl-1-missile-be-chinas-final-word-airborne-nuclear-deterrence>

## **Chinese Foreign Ministry on Taiwan leader's Europe visit**

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

Taiwan is a province of China and the person you mentioned a local official of that province in charge of foreign affairs. We urge relevant European countries to abide by the one-China principle, and take effective measures at once to stop "Taiwan independence" separatists from visiting Europe. The Taiwan authorities must know that seeking "Taiwan independence" is bound to fail and any attempt to create "two Chinas" or "one China, one Taiwan" will lead nowhere.

[https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202509/t20250912\\_11707735.html](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202509/t20250912_11707735.html)

## **China expels 4 generals from legislature as anti-corruption push rolls through PLA**

William Zheng and Holly Chik

South China Morning Post, September 12, 2025

China's top legislature has expelled four generals, pointing to a widening of the anti-corruption campaign in the military. The Standing Committee of the National People's Congress said that the generals had been dismissed as deputies to the NPC. They are People's Armed Police commander Wang Chunning; rocket force disciplinary chief Wang Zhibin; Zhang Lin, head of the Logistics Support Department under the Central Military Commission; and Gao Daguang, political commissar of the CMC's Joint Logistics Support Force.

[https://www.scmp.com/news/china/military/article/3325393/china-expels-4-generals-legislature-anti-graft-push-rolls-through-pla?module=top\\_story&pgtype=subsection](https://www.scmp.com/news/china/military/article/3325393/china-expels-4-generals-legislature-anti-graft-push-rolls-through-pla?module=top_story&pgtype=subsection)

## **China's Long March-10 carrier rocket passes second static fire test**

Deng Xiaoci

Global Times, September 12, 2025

China successfully organized and carried out the second static fire test of the Long March-10 carrier rocket, the country's new-generation manned launch vehicle, in Wenchang Spacecraft Launch Site in South China's Hainan Province, marking a phased breakthrough in the prototype development of the Long March 10 series carrier rockets, according to the China Manned Space Agency (CMSA). The test lasted for 320 seconds. So far, the two planned static fire tests have been completed. These tests have fully verified the performance of the first-stage seven-engine power system of the rocket and the correctness and reliability of the work procedure design for the recovery phase, the CMSA said in a statement it provided to the Global Times.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202509/1343357.shtml>

## **China adopts the atomic energy law**

CGTN, September 12, 2025

China's lawmakers voted to adopt a new law to ensure the research, development and peaceful utilization of atomic energy. The atomic energy law, passed at a session of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, comprises 62 articles in eight chapters. China supports the peaceful use of atomic energy, encourages international exchanges and cooperation in this regard, and advocates for sharing the achievements of peaceful atomic energy applications, according to the law. It also states that China is fulfilling its obligations as stipulated in the international treaties it has concluded or acceded to.

<https://news.cgtn.com/news/2025-09-12/China-adopts-atomic-energy-law-1GC5wbF3X32/p.html>

## **China tracks US, British warships on Taiwan Strait transit**

Holly Chik

South China Morning Post, September 13, 2025

China has accused the United States and Britain of undermining peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait with their decision to send warships through the waterway, a mission that the two allies described as routine. The People's Liberation Army Eastern Theatre Command said Chinese naval and air forces closely monitored the destroyer USS Higgins and the British frigate HMS Richmond as they transited the strait.

[https://www.scmp.com/news/china/military/article/3325426/china-tracks-us-british-warships-taiwan-strait-transit?module=top\\_story&pgtype=subsection](https://www.scmp.com/news/china/military/article/3325426/china-tracks-us-british-warships-taiwan-strait-transit?module=top_story&pgtype=subsection)

## **AI could cut a submarine's survival chance to 5%: Chinese defence scientists**

Stephen Chen

South China Morning Post, September 14, 2025

A new defence industry study from China suggests that artificial intelligence (AI) could soon make it extremely hard – even nearly impossible – for submarines to survive in a future naval conflict. The research, published in the peer-reviewed journal Electronics Optics & Control and led by senior engineer Meng Hao with the China Helicopter Research and Development Institute in August, unveiled for the first time an advanced AI-driven anti-submarine warfare (ASW) system capable of hunting even the quietest submarines through intelligent, real-time decision-making.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/3325161/ai-could-cut-submarines-survival-chance-5-chinese-defence-scientists>

## **China mulls converting coal-fired power plants to nuclear facilities**

Stephen Chen

South China Morning Post, September 15, 2025

Targeting its overwhelming coal power capacity – enough to run the entire United States – China is investigating plans to convert retiring coal-fired plants into nuclear power stations. Driven by decarbonisation goals and land scarcity, this “Coal to Nuclear” (C2N) strategy would look to use retiring plants’ grid and water access for compact, meltdown-proof reactors, potentially offering a faster path to clean energy than building nuclear sites from scratch.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/3325263/china-mulls-converting-coal-fired-power-plants-nuclear-facilities>

## **Chinese Foreign Ministry on US Secretary of State Rubio's comments about China should stick by the 2016 Arbitral Tribunal's decision on South China Sea**

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

With the joint efforts of China and ASEAN countries, the South China Sea has been generally stable. The U.S. is not a party to the South China Sea issue, but has repeatedly made irresponsible remarks, caused problems and meddled in the maritime issues between countries concerned. The

U.S. has also brought in individual countries to sow discord and fear and disrupt the South China Sea which has otherwise been tranquil all along. The “arbitration” that you mentioned is nothing but a political farce orchestrated by the U.S. masqueraded as a legal process. The so-called “decision” is illegal, null and void, and is not binding.

[https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202509/t20250915\\_11708660.html](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202509/t20250915_11708660.html)

## **China successfully conducts first-stage propulsion system test for Tianlong-3 rocket**

People’s Daily Online, September 16, 2025

This aerial drone photo taken on Sept. 15, 2025, shows a first-stage propulsion system test for the Tianlong-3 liquid carrier rocket conducted on an offshore launch pad at the Haiyang Oriental Aerospace Port in east China's Shandong Province. A first-stage propulsion system test for the Tianlong-3 large liquid-propellant carrier rocket was successfully held here. Independent development of the Tianlong-3 rocket began in March 2022 by Chinese commercial aerospace company Space Pioneer. The rocket is 72 meters in length with a takeoff mass of 600 tonnes. Its first stage is equipped with nine "Tianhuo-12" engines operating in parallel. The rocket has a low-Earth orbit carrying capacity of 17-22 tonnes, and a sun-synchronous orbit capacity of 10-17 tonnes.

<https://en.people.cn/n3/2025/0916/c90000-20366396.html>

## **Defence Ministry spokesperson responds to question on whether aircraft carrier Fujian’s commissioning is imminent**

Global Times, September 16, 2025

When asked to comment about reports that the aircraft carrier Fujian recently conducted sea trials and transited the Taiwan Straits to carry out activities in the South China Sea, and about whether the move indicates that the Fujian’s commissioning is imminent, Chinese Defense Ministry spokesperson Jiang Bin said that China's third aircraft carrier, the Fujian, recently passed through the Taiwan Straits to conduct test and training tasks in relevant waters of the South China Sea. This is a normal arrangement during the construction of the aircraft carrier, which aligns with relevant international law and international practices and is not targeted at any specific country or objective.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202509/1343634.shtml>

## **Chinese Foreign Ministry on Typhoon mid-range missile system being deployed in Japan by the U.S. as part of a joint exercise between the two countries**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People's Republic of China, September 16, 2025

In disregard of China's grave concern, the U.S. and Japan went ahead with the deployment of the Typhon medium-range missile system in Japan under the pretext of joint military exercise. China strongly deplores and firmly opposes the move. The U.S.'s deployment of the Typhon medium-range missile system in Asian countries undermines the legitimate security interests of other countries, fuels the risk of regional arms race and military confrontation and poses a substantial threat to regional strategic security. The U.S. and Japan need to earnestly respect other countries' security concerns and play a positive role for regional peace and stability, not the other way around. China urges the U.S. and Japan to heed the call from regional countries, correct the wrongful move and pull out the Typhon missile system as soon as possible.

[https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202509/t20250916\\_11709475.html](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202509/t20250916_11709475.html)

## **China unveils world-class robot arms for nuclear reactors**

Gong Zhe

CGTN, September 16, 2025

China has built a robot arm trio to do maintenance work for future fusion reactors. Cracking fusion energy would mean cheaper, virtually limitless clean energy and a decarbonized global economy. The trio, described as a "remote-handling test platform," was designed for the country's Comprehensive Research Facility for Fusion Technology (CRAFT) and built under the lead of the Institute of Plasma Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences. It passed the final evaluation. It can operate in extreme environments with intense radiation, powerful magnetic fields and high heat.

<https://news.cgtn.com/news/2025-09-16/Fusion-tech-China-unveils-world-class-robot-arms-for-nuclear-reactors-1GIHrYvBSzC/p.html>

## **China's moment to rewire the world is arriving. What will it do?**

Abishur Prakash

South China Morning Post, September 16, 2025

The situation for China – and the world – is far from black and white. Whatever moves Beijing makes, the US is dancing wildly to a new tune. Others may feel that neither nation has what they



need. For China, it comes down to speed, substance and security. Beijing must move fast, provide real solutions and shield those who take its side. At the core is a fundamental question: where is China taking these countries?

[https://www.scmp.com/opinion/china-opinion/article/3325174/chinas-moment-rewire-world-arriving-what-will-it-do?module=top\\_story&pgtype=subsection](https://www.scmp.com/opinion/china-opinion/article/3325174/chinas-moment-rewire-world-arriving-what-will-it-do?module=top_story&pgtype=subsection)

## **China successfully launches test satellite for satellite internet technology**

Xinhua, September 16, 2025

China successfully sent a test satellite for satellite internet technology into space from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center, located in the country's northwest. The satellite was launched at 0906hrs (Beijing Time) aboard a Long March-2C carrier rocket, with the Yuanzheng-1S (Expedition-1S) upper stage attached to the rocket. The satellite has successfully reached its preset orbit. This was the 595th flight mission of the Long March carrier rocket series.

<https://english.news.cn/20250916/ef34cb2cbc60444685094948fbb4961f/c.html>

## **Beijing says TikTok's US app will use Chinese algorithm**

Ryan McMorrow, Hannah Murphy, Zijing Wu and Demetri Sevastopulo

Financial Times, September 16, 2025

Beijing has said the US spin-off of TikTok to be sold to American investors in a deal orchestrated by President Donald Trump will use parent company ByteDance's Chinese algorithm. Wang Jingtao, deputy head of China's powerful cyber security regulator, on Monday said US and Chinese officials had agreed a framework that included "licensing the algorithm and other intellectual property rights".

<https://www.ft.com/content/550e4680-89e7-4b59-bb5d-2064cd6799c7>

## **US satellite spies on Chinese space station and more. China spies back**

Zhang Tong

South China Morning Post, September 16, 2025

In a notable display of reconnaissance capabilities, a Chinese satellite has observed an American satellite that was itself monitoring China's space station and high-value satellite, a move analysts described as a strategic tit-for-tat in an increasingly contested space domain. China's Jilin-1

satellite constellation, operated by Chang Guang Satellite Technology, seized a favourable orbital window on September 8 to capture four images of the WorldView Legion satellite from distances ranging between 40 and 50km (25 and 31 miles).

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/3325624/us-satellite-spies-chinese-space-station-and-more-china-spies-back?module=inline&pgtype=article>

## **Chinese FM wraps up Europe visit, reinforces understanding**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People's Republic of China, September 16, 2025

The visit deepened bilateral relations. Foreign Minister Wang Yi noted that China stands ready to step up strategic communication with the three countries, deepen China-Austria green cooperation, expand China-Slovenia practical cooperation, advance China-Poland cooperation on the Belt and Road Initiative, and strengthen cultural and people-to-people exchange. China and Poland issued the Fourth Meeting of Poland-China Intergovernmental Committee Joint Conclusions. Foreign Minister Wang Yi noted that China and Europe should be friends rather than rivals, and should cooperate rather than confront each other.

[https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202509/t20250916\\_11709475.html](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202509/t20250916_11709475.html)

## **Chinese Foreign Ministry on Australia-Papua New Guinea security pact**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People's Republic of China, September 17, 2025

Pacific Island Countries (PICs) including Papua New Guinea face top challenges of tackling climate change and accelerating development. China welcomes closer cooperation between PICs and other countries. We actively help PICs grow the economy and deliver better lives for their people. That being said, we believe that cooperation between PICs and any country should put the independence and development of PICs first, uphold openness and inclusiveness, and not target any third party.

[https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202509/t20250917\\_11710263.html](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202509/t20250917_11710263.html)

## **China-aligned TA415 escalates cyberattacks on Taiwanese semiconductor manufacturing, supply chains**

Industrial Cyber, September 17, 2025

New Proofpoint research identified that China-aligned cyber espionage group TA415 has intensified its operations targeting U.S.-China economic relations, particularly within the

semiconductor sector. Between March and June 2025, Proofpoint observed multiple spear-phishing campaigns aimed at Taiwanese semiconductor organizations, including manufacturers, designers, and supply chain entities. The group employed job application lures, delivering malware such as Cobalt Strike and the custom Voldemort backdoor.

<https://industrialcyber.co/ransomware/china-aligned-ta415-escalates-cyberattacks-on-taiwanese-semiconductor-manufacturing-supply-chains/>

## **China bans tech companies from buying Nvidia's AI chips**

Zijing Wu, Cheng Leng and Tim Bradshaw

Financial Times, September 17, 2025

China's internet regulator has banned the country's biggest technology companies from buying Nvidia's artificial intelligence chips, as Beijing steps up efforts to boost its domestic industry and compete with the US. The Cyberspace Administration of China (CAC) told companies, including ByteDance and Alibaba, this week to end their testing and orders of the RTX Pro 6000D, Nvidia's tailor-made product for the country, according to three people with knowledge of the matter. Several companies had indicated they would order tens of thousands of the RTX Pro 6000D, and had started testing and verification work with Nvidia's server suppliers, the people said.

<https://www.ft.com/content/12adf92d-3e34-428a-8d61-c9169511915c>

## **Chinese Embassy accuses NZ spies of harassing its citizens**

RNZ, September 17, 2025

The Chinese Embassy in Wellington has accused New Zealand's spies of harassing Chinese citizens at its airports, claiming one traveller was recently interrogated without cause and had devices seized by security agencies. In a statement published, the embassy said it had lodged a "serious representation" with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) and reserved the right to take further action. It said a Chinese citizen was "subjected to harassment and interrogation without cause by NZ security and intelligence agency personnel" during transit.

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/573308/chinese-embassy-accuses-nz-spies-of-harassing-its-citizens>

## **Takeaways from Chinese Defence Minister Dong Jun's speech at Xiangshan Forum**

Zhao Ziwen

South China Morning Post, September 18, 2025

As China hosts its annual defence conference, the Beijing Xiangshan Forum, Defence Minister Dong Jun outlined the country's priorities and aims. Dong pledged to accelerate talks on a binding Code of Conduct with Asean, criticised "extraregional powers" for using "freedom of navigation" to provoke, and said safeguarding China's maritime rights was a defence of the post-war order and international law. China seeks to deepen military trust and strategic dialogue; strengthen multilateral cooperation via the UN, the Xiangshan Forum and regional platforms; elevate aspirations for cooperation – peacekeeping, counterterrorism, and maritime security; and improve cooperative mechanisms for emerging-domain governance.

[https://www.scmp.com/news/china/military/article/3325931/takeaways-defence-minister-dong-juns-speech-xiangshan-forum?module=top\\_story&pgtype=subsection](https://www.scmp.com/news/china/military/article/3325931/takeaways-defence-minister-dong-juns-speech-xiangshan-forum?module=top_story&pgtype=subsection)

## **Chinese Foreign Ministry on UN Secretary-General António Guterres' statements regarding China's global initiatives being compatible with the UN Charter**

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

We appreciate the statement by Secretary-General António Guterres. China firmly upholds the UN's core position in the international system, practices true multilateralism, and always works as a builder of world peace, a contributor to global development, a defender of the international order and a provider of public goods. President Xi Jinping put forward the Global Development Initiative to focus on solving unbalanced and inadequate development and promote sustainable development across the world; the Global Security Initiative that advocates dialogue rather than confrontation, partnership rather than alliance, and win-win rather than zero-sum, to tackle various risks and challenges; and the Global Civilization Initiative to enhance people-to-people bonds and inclusiveness and mutual learning among civilizations.

[https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202509/t20250918\\_11711074.html](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202509/t20250918_11711074.html)

## **China hardens military stance against U.S. with nuclear weapons and tough talk**

Brian Spegele

The Wall Street Journal, September 18, 2025

China played down its rapidly rising military might for years. In the past few weeks, Beijing has broadcast a steady drumbeat of firepower displays and muscular rhetoric, carrying an unmistakable warning for the U.S. It began on Sept. 3, when Chinese leader Xi Jinping brandished his country's full nuclear triad—the means to deliver nuclear weapons by land, sea and air—together for the first time at an extravagant parade of military hardware and personnel.

<https://www.wsj.com/world/china/china-hardens-military-stance-against-u-s-with-nuclear-weapons-and-tough-talk-eca2ae89>

## **China plans to build a naval 'Great Wall' to fend off thousand-drone swarm attack**

Stephen Chen

South China Morning Post, September 19, 2025

Chinese naval researchers have detailed plans to construct a multilayered defence architecture designed to protect warships from saturation attacks by up to thousands of low-cost drones, responding to what they call an existential threat amplified by accessible commercial technology. The proposed “counter-swarm system”, likened by some experts to a digital-age Great Wall, would integrate satellites, AI-powered sensors and radical new weapons – including hypersonic missiles, lasers and microwave beams showcased in Beijing's recent military parade – to detect, disrupt and destroy drone fleets before they reach their targets.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/3325299/china-plans-build-naval-great-wall-fend-thousand-drone-swarm-attack>

## **The Race is on to make rare earth magnets outside China**

Keith Bradsher

The New York Times, September 19, 2025

Nearly six months ago, China sent an unmistakable message about its grip on critical supply chains. Its leaders suspended exports of powerful rare earth magnets that many industries around

the world can't live without. But the scramble since April has served only to underline the lead that China has after three decades of heavy investment, and how hard it will be for the rest of the world to catch up quickly. China has used its chokehold on rare earth magnet supplies to gain leverage in trade negotiations with President Trump and with the European Union.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/09/19/business/china-rare-earths-magnets.html>

## **The meaning of China's military parade**

Zhang Gaosheng

China-US Focus, September 19, 2025

The parade, which served as both a strategic warning to would-be aggressors and an implicit commitment to peace, conveyed a clear message to the world about historical justice, the current state of the postwar international order and the future direction of world peace and development.

<https://www.chinausfocus.com/peace-security/the-meaning-of-chinas-military-parade>

## **China conducts tethered balloon experiment, offering new insights into Qinghai-Tibet Plateau ecosystem**

Xinhua, September 19, 2025

Chinese scientists recently carried out the "Jimu-1" tethered balloon atmospheric observation experiment in Lulang, Nyingchi, southwest China's Xizang Autonomous Region, which is expected to provide a new perspective for unraveling the mysteries of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau ecosystem. The tethered balloon was equipped with 16 types of scientific payloads with a total weight of approximately 200 kilograms. It successfully ascended to an altitude of 5,500 meters. Through coordinated multi-payload observations, the experiment achieved a technological leap from single-point sampling to three-dimensional monitoring, according to the Aerospace Information Research Institute (AIR) of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the major developer of the tethered balloon.

<https://english.news.cn/20250920/c49b0ea7793145f0b2c815d9a2c39bae/c.html>

## **Donald Trump and Xi Jinping to meet in South Korea as US president hails TikTok deal**

Demetri Sevastopulo, Lauren Fedor and Joe Leahy

Financial Times, September 19, 2025

Donald Trump said he would meet Xi Jinping in South Korea next month and travel to China for a summit early next year, as the two leaders agreed their first meeting since 2019. In a post on Truth Social after a call between the leaders on Friday, Trump said he and Xi had approved a deal that would enable TikTok to continue operating in the US. Congress last year passed a law requiring ByteDance, the Chinese owner of TikTok, to divest the app to avoid a nationwide ban. China's Xinhua news agency said the call was "positive" but did not confirm that the leaders had struck a deal on TikTok, referring to "consultations between the two teams to properly resolve the TikTok issue".

<https://www.ft.com/content/9fc9e921-5dbb-4464-a89f-55273b0ac84e>

## **Exquisite details of China's J-20 stealth fighter jet revealed in first public ground display**

Liu Xuanzun and Guo Yuandan

Global Times, September 19, 2025

On the opening day of the 2025 Air Force Aviation Open Event and Changchun Airshow, a J-20 stealth fighter jet, after completing its flight performance, was displayed statically on the ground for the first time, allowing on-site spectators to marvel at the exquisite craftsmanship of this Chinese domestically produced stealth fighter jet. The J-20 features a lift-body design with canards and strake wings. During the static display, it showcased its fully movable canards and vertical tails, which not only give the J-20 a high lift-to-drag ratio but also excellent maneuverability and controllability.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202509/1343957.shtml>

## **Chinese Foreign Ministry on Premier Li Qiang's visit to the US to attend the 80th session of the UN General Assembly**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People's Republic of China, September 19, 2025

China firmly supports the UN in playing a central role in global affairs. Earlier this month, President Xi Jinping put forward the Global Governance Initiative, presenting China's solution for

strengthening and improving global governance. Premier Li Qiang, in the upcoming multilateral and bilateral events, will elaborate on how China views the current international landscape, major global issues and the work of the UN, and share in detail China's domestic and foreign policies as well as the Global Governance Initiative and other important visions and proposals.

[https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202509/t20250919\\_11711962.html](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202509/t20250919_11711962.html)

## **How deadly is CJ-1000, world's first hypersonic plane killer? PLA war game gives hint**

Stephen Chen

South China Morning Post, September 19, 2025

Amid the roar of China's military parade on September 3, a few trucks rolled through Tiananmen Square with camouflaged loads tagged "CJ-1000". The trucks were hauling surface-launched hypersonic cruise missiles also known as Long Sword-1000s – weapons designed for ultra-long-range strikes on "system-node targets on the ground, at sea or in the air", according to Chinese state media. China has not officially disclosed the detailed specifications of the CJ-1000. Though a new weapon must pass many rounds of field tests before entering service, no test results have yet been published by the authorities.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/3326010/how-deadly-cj-1000-worlds-first-hypersonic-plane-killer-pla-war-game-gives-hint>

## **Parliament vulnerable to 'foreign actors' after China spying charges dropped, Commons speaker says**

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The UK parliament has been left vulnerable to "foreign actors" after charges against two men suspected of spying for China were dropped, the speaker of the House of Commons has warned. Christopher Cash, 30, and Christopher Berry, 33, had denied accusations of providing information prejudicial to the interests of the state in breach of the Official Secrets Act between December 2021 and February 2023. Cash worked as a parliamentary researcher and was director of the China Research Group. He was closely linked to then senior Tories, including the former security minister Tom Tugendhat and Alicia Kearns.

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2025/sep/20/parliament-vulnerable-to-foreign-actors-after-china-spying-charges-dropped-commons-speaker-says>



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