

China Threat: Sends Navy Ships and Fighter Jets towards Taiwan

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August 9-10, Taipei, Taiwan: **Chinese Communist Party's (CCP's) People's Liberation Army (PLA)** sent 6 navy vessels, drones and 33 war planes towards Taiwan in a show of force. The J-10s and J-16s crossed the midline and crossed into the air space of SouthWest of Taiwan.

Earlier on Wednesday, 25 CPC's aircraft, including J-10 and J-16 fighters and H-6 Bombers, entered Taiwan's air defence zone accompanied by five PLA warships engaged in "combat readiness" patrols in Taiwanese waters and entered the southwestern part of Taiwan's **Air Defence Identification Zone (ADIZ)**.



To defend itself, last month, Taiwan finalized the purchase, from USA, of a \$345 Mn package consisting of portable air defense systems, intelligence and surveillance equipment, firearms and missiles from USA.

Some U.S. lawmakers — in both parties, echoed by former officials and commentators — have been calling for Washington to commit to a firm security guarantee toward Taipei and ditch the longstanding U.S. **Policy of Strategic Ambiguity**, which leaves open the question of whether the United States would come to Taiwan's aid in the event of an attack from China.

To avoid provoking President Xi Jinping, rather than calling for an explicit mutual defense guarantee, Taipei is seeking further security cooperation, economic links and opportunities to join regional trade initiatives.

The people of Taiwan want to retain their independence. They do not want to join China after seeing the way the freedoms of the people of Hong Kong have been whittled down.