

# Chinese FM slams Pelosi's visit to Taiwan

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Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi has commented on U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to China's Taiwan region, saying it will only make the international community more aware of the United States' hegemonic bullying and strengthen the consensus of adhering to the one-China policy.

Wang made the comments during his recent contacts with foreign ministers of Mongolia, the Republic of Korea and Nepal.

Emphasizing that Pelosi's visit to Taiwan has been proved to be a sheer political provocation, Wang said this is a serious violation of the commitments

made by the U.S. side and a serious violation of China's sovereignty.

"China will, of course, take necessary and resolute countermeasures to safeguard its sovereignty and territorial integrity, uphold the basic norms governing international relations on non-interference in other countries' internal affairs and truly maintain peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait," Wang said.

Calling the visit a complete political farce, he said Pelosi's performance will only make the Chinese people more united and resolute in advancing the great cause of national reunification.

Wang warned against three dangerous trends as the situation



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develops. He said that, firstly, it is necessary to be prepared for the United States gathering some accomplices to pour fuel on the fire, enhancing regional military deployments, further escalating the situation and attempting to create a new and bigger crisis.

Secondly, said Wang, we must be wary of "Taiwan independence" forces misjudging the situation, continuing to collude with external forces, and heading further along the path of splitting the country.

Thirdly, he said we must be wary of politicians in some countries ignoring right and wrong, getting caught up in the hype and following suit for political

gain. This will seriously undermine the political foundation for relations between China and these countries, and will seriously undermine the UN Charter and the post-World War II international system.

"We are willing to, together with friends from all countries who love peace and uphold justice, resolutely oppose all words and deeds that interfere in China's internal affairs and resist all risky moves that undermine peace across the Taiwan Strait, and jointly safeguard the one-China principle, defend the purposes and principles of the UN Charter and safeguard regional stability and world peace," Wang said.

## Safeguarding National Sovereignty and Territorial Integrity is Totally Understandable and Reasonable

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Recently, the United States and some of its allies have criticized China's countermeasures against the visit of the US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to Taiwan, claiming with disdain that China's activities in and around the Taiwan Strait are a significant escalation in its efforts to change the status quo and they are provocative and irresponsible. I would like to stress that the US's and some Western countries' mischaracterization of those events does not cover up one obvious fact: it is the US that is seeking to change the status quo in the Taiwan Strait and causing the situation to escalate; it is the US that has made wanton provocations; and it is the US that has acted irresponsibly.

Every cause has its effect. The context and the events that led to the tensions in the Taiwan Strait are crystal-clear. The US is the unprovoked provocateur and creator of the crisis. The US has long used Taiwan to contain China: it constantly distorts, obscures and hollows out the one-China principle, steps up its official exchanges with Taiwan, and emboldens "Taiwan independence" separatist activities. Nancy Pelosi herself pushed these moves to a climax: In total disregard of the firm opposition

and repeated representations of the Chinese side and actually with the connivance and arrangement of the US government, she went ahead with the visit to China's Taiwan region. This reckless move seriously undermined China's sovereignty, seriously interfered in China's internal affairs, seriously violated the commitments made by the US side, and seriously jeopardized peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait.

China has acted in legitimate self-defense only after the US made this egregious provocation. The host of measures China is taking and will take are necessary, timely countermeasures that are defensive in nature which have gone through serious consideration and careful assessment, and they're aimed at protecting China's sovereignty and security. They are consistent with international law and domestic laws. They are a warning to the provocateurs and also aimed at protecting regional stability and peace in the Taiwan Strait. On such an issue concerning China's sovereignty and territorial integrity, China's countermeasures are justified, necessary and proportionate, and there is nothing excessive about them.

China's legitimate measures have won broad support from the international community including Bahrain. More than 170 countries in the world have voiced their strong support for China to uphold its sovereignty and the one-China principle. They overwhelmingly outnumber the US

and its few supporters. If the US acts wantonly and arbitrarily on the Taiwan question, neither the Chinese people, nor people elsewhere in the world will say yes to this.

The Chinese people are always peace-loving. Since modern times, the Chinese people had suffered from the aggression of foreign powers and the ravages of wars, who more deeply understand the cruelty of war and the value of peace. To this day, China still suffers from the crude interference in its internal affairs by the US and some of its partners, which undermines China's sovereignty and security. However, today's world is not the world over 120 years ago. Today's China is not the old China over 120 years ago. The days when "the Western aggressors could take over one country only by setting up some cannons on the Eastern coast" are long gone. No country has the right to singlehandedly handle international affairs, control others' destiny and monopolize development edges, still less should it lord oneself over all others or seeking hegemony and bullying. The Time have its own direction, and the world has its own axioms. The Chinese people will never allow foreign powers to bully, oppress or enslave us. The position of the Chinese government and people on the Taiwan question is consistent, and it is the unchanging and firm will of over 1.4 billion Chinese people to resolutely safeguard national sovereignty and territorial integrity.

## White paper on Taiwan question to pool strength for national reunification, rejuvenation

A white paper, titled "The Taiwan Question and China's Reunification in the New Era," will give a significant boost to efforts to pool strength for national reunification and rejuvenation.

The white paper, published by the Taiwan Affairs Office of the State Council and the State Council Information Office on Wednesday, comprehensively elaborates on the position, principles and policies of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the Chinese government on advancing and realizing national reunification in the new era.

It bears great significance in strengthening the trend of opposing "Taiwan independence" and advancing national reunification, resolutely curbing separatist activities and interference from external forces, and firmly safeguarding national sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Resolving the Taiwan question and realizing China's complete reunification is a shared aspiration of all the sons and daughters of the Chinese nation. The CPC, the Chinese government, and the Chinese people have striven for decades to achieve this goal.

Since the 18th National Congress of the CPC in 2012, the CPC and the Chinese government have adopted new and innovative measures in relation to Taiwan. They have continued to chart the course of cross-

Straits relations, safeguard peace and stability across the Taiwan Straits, and promote progress towards national reunification.

The achievements in advancing the peaceful development of cross-Straits relations and peaceful national reunification in the new era have once again demonstrated that the CPC has always been the backbone of the Chinese nation, exercising strong leadership in realizing national rejuvenation and reunification.

However, in recent years the Taiwan authorities, led by the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), have redoubled their efforts to divide the country, and some external forces have tried to exploit Taiwan to contain China, prevent China from achieving complete reunification, and halt the process of national rejuvenation.

The actions of the DPP authorities in advocating "Taiwan independence" have resulted in tensions in cross-Straits relations, endangering peace and stability in the Taiwan Straits. They are obstacles that must be eliminated in the process of advancing peaceful reunification.

External interference is another obstacle to China's reunification. Still lost in delusions of hegemony and trapped in a Cold War mindset, some forces in the United States insist on perceiving and portraying China as a major strategic adversary and a serious long-term threat. They do their utmost to undermine and

pressurize China, exploiting Taiwan as a convenient tool.

It is the sacred right of every sovereign state to safeguard national unity and territorial integrity. It goes without saying that the Chinese government is entitled to take all measures necessary to settle the Taiwan question and achieve national reunification, free of external interference.

China is firmly committed to peaceful development. At the same time, it will not flinch in the face of external interference, nor will it tolerate any infringement upon its sovereignty, security and development interests. Relying on external forces will achieve nothing for Taiwan's separatists, and using Taiwan to contain China is doomed to fail. "We will work with the greatest sincerity and exert our utmost efforts to achieve peaceful reunification," the white paper says. "But we will not renounce the use of force," it adds, stressing that the use of force would be the last resort taken under compelling circumstances.

National reunification is an essential step toward national rejuvenation. The future of Taiwan lies in China's reunification, and the wellbeing of the people of Taiwan hinges on the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, an endeavor that bears on the future and destiny of the people on both sides of the Taiwan Straits.



General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, the Minister of Interior, yesterday praised the heads of community centres and members of Husseinyia processions, officers, non-commissioned officers and servicemen for their commitment and cooperation in the successful organisation of this year's Ashura season. Chief of Public Security Chief, governors, and top security officials were present at the meeting that thanked HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for facilitating all requirements. Shaikh Rashid thanked the governors for constant communication and field visits during the season.



Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, received yesterday, Dr Eric Trager, Professional Staff Member of the US Senate's Armed Services Committee. They discussed the historical relations between Bahrain and the United States of America, as well as their mutual commitment to continued joint coordination to achieve common interests.