

CNN News Highlights — China Drills

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And China's military exercises around Taiwan, which have increased in recent years, could be a way of monitoring Taiwan's responses while _____ their military resources, like an aging fleet of fighter jets. The ruling Chinese Communist Party views Taiwan as part of its territory, even though it's never controlled it, and for a long time has vowed that the island must be unified with the Chinese mainland, including _____ if necessary.

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It's not just happening in Taiwan. There have also been _____ between China's Coast Guard and other Coast Guards, particularly in the Philippines, over _____ there.

Translation

讓我們來看看吧。我們首先來關注美國重要合作夥伴之一——台灣，局勢愈加動盪。台灣總統賴清德訪問了該島的海岸巡防隊，表達了支持，因為與中國的緊張局勢持續升級。這是對中國上週在台灣海峽進行大規模軍事演習的回應。台灣海峽是一條圍繞台灣並將其與中國大陸分隔開的狹窄水域。

中國的軍事演習持續了一天多，涉及戰鬥機、無人機、軍艦和海岸巡防船，模擬對這個自治島嶼的封鎖。分析人士指出，中國的總體策略是保持對台灣的壓力，同時讓例行軍事演習正常化。

而且，中國在台灣周邊的軍事演習在近年來增加，這可能是監測台灣反應的一種方式，同時也在消耗台灣的軍事資源，例如老舊的戰鬥機機隊。中國執政的共產黨一直認為台灣是其領土的一部分，儘管從未統治過台灣，並且長期以來宣稱這座島嶼必須與中國大陸統一，必要時甚至會動用武力。

台灣當局強烈拒絕中國對其領土的主張，並譴責這次演習是北京的無理挑釁。台灣是一個擁有 2400 萬人口的民主國家。美國與台灣保持著強有力的非正式關係，因為台灣是一個領先的民主國家和科技強國，與美國有著深厚的商業和經濟聯繫。CNN 記者 Will Ripley 將報導台灣總統對中國最新軍事行動的應對承諾。

上週五，台灣總統賴清德訪問了該島的海岸巡防隊，感謝他們的服務，並承諾在未來七年內建造 11 艘新的海巡艦艇，顯著加強該島的海岸防禦能力。目前，台北已對中國海岸巡防隊發出警告，強調其在本週模擬台灣封鎖的「聯合利劍-2024B」演習中的關鍵作用。

台北表示，這是中國海岸巡防隊首次對台灣進行全面包圍，包括使用一艘 1.2 萬噸的艦艇，這是台北表示在演習期間在其領海周圍偵測到的 17 艘艦艇之一。他們還指出，中國海岸巡防隊進入了台灣外島馬祖列島附近的限制水域。

今年以來，這並不是中國海岸巡防隊第一次被台北指控在恫嚇該島中扮演越來越大的角色。早在今年二月，中國海岸巡防隊實際上登上了一艘台灣的觀光船，檢查所有人的身份並拘留他們，這讓人們驚恐不已，並在台灣引發了網絡狂潮，關於中國海岸巡防隊的角色，台北長期以來將此稱為灰色地帶戰術，這是一種非軍事但仍然具威脅和強制性的力量，受北京授權進行。

除了在台灣附近的海岸巡防活動，他們還發布了一張宣傳圖，顯示包圍這個自治民主國家的艦艇的航線，航線似乎呈現出一個心形。事實上，中國的宣傳甚至稱台灣為「甜心」，這被一些當地人視為令人不安。

這不僅僅是在台灣發生的事。中國海岸巡防隊還與其他國家的海岸巡防隊，特別是在菲律賓，就有爭議的淺灘發生了對抗。



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Answers

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