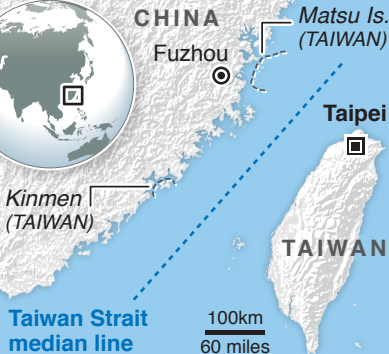


China-Taiwan military confrontation

Taiwan has warned that its armed forces have the right to “self-defence and to counterattack,” after China sent multiple warplanes across the median line between the two Asian neighbours



CHINA: Has claimed Taiwan through its “one China” policy since 1949, and has vowed to bring it under Beijing’s rule, by force if necessary



TAIWAN: Ruling Democratic Progressive Party supports Taiwan’s separate identity from China. Has far smaller but well trained military, mostly supplied by U.S.

TOTAL GROUND FORCE PERSONNEL

♂ = 50,000

 1,030,000

88,000* 

FIGHTER AND BOMBER AIRCRAFT

✈ = 50

 3,150

500 

SUBMARINES

🚢 = 5

 56

2 

MAJOR SURFACE WARSHIPS

🚢 = 5

 84

26 

TANKS

🚗 = 200

 6,300

800 

SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILES

✓ = 20

 600+

12 

*Includes active duty army personnel only

Sources: Financial Times, Reuters, U.S. Department of Defence

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