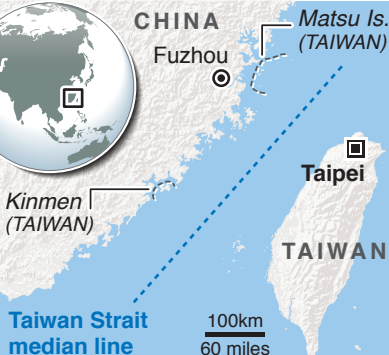


China-Taiwan military strength compared

China spends more on defence than any country except the U.S. and could draw on a huge range of capabilities in any military confrontation with Taiwan



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: Some Western experts predict Taipei could at best aim to slow Chinese attack while waiting for outside help, which could come from U.S.

ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL

1 = 100,000



2,035,000

169,000



RESERVE PERSONNEL

1 = 100,000



510,000

1,657,000



MAIN BATTLE TANKS

1 = 200



4,800

650



ARTILLERY PIECES

1 = 200



9,550

2,093



AIRCRAFT

1 = 100



3,348+

691+



SUBMARINES

1 = 5



59

4



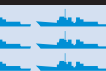
NAVAL SHIPS*

1 = 5



86

26



*Only includes principal surface combatants (aircraft carriers, cruisers, destroyers and frigates)

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