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24 Chinese warplanes around Taiwan in first show of force since poll

January 18, 2024 indiaoftimes.com reported: "More than 20 Chinese warplanes were detected around Taiwan, with 11 crossing a sensitive median line separating the self-ruled island from China, Taipei's defence ministry said Thursday, the first significant show of force since the weekend's presidential election.



The ministry, which releases data daily on the Chinese military presence around Taiwan, said Thursday that 24 warplanes and 5 ships had been detected in the 24 hours leading up to 6 am (2200 GMT).

'11 of the detected aircraft had crossed the median line of the Taiwan Strait or entered Taiwan's southwest and north (air defence identification zone),' the ministry said in a statement.

Democratic Taiwan has its own government, military and currency — but China claims it as its territory and has never renounced the use of force to bring it under its control..."

U.K. Govt Warns: Be Ready for War with China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea in Five Years

January 17, 2024 breitbart.com reported: "The West is no longer post-Cold War and is in a new 'pre-war' era with limited time left to prepare for and deter future conflicts, the UK government warns in a landmark speech on a 'much more troubled world'.

China is watching Western resolve in Ukraine to see whether it loses patience with funding the Kyiv government and its defence, the UK says in an apparent call-to-arms to NATO allies to be ready for a major war on multiple fronts in the near future.

Speaking at Lancaster House on Monday, British Minister of Defence Grant Shapps said the West is facing a 'much more troubled world' and could no longer consider itself post-war, with considerable new investment in military spending needed..."

China's Multi-Pronged Presence Overrunning U.S.

January 16, 2024 snewsmax.com reported: Writing at the Gatestone Institute on Dec. 20, 2023, Lawrence Franklin laid out the extensive scope of China's "Unrestricted Warfare" multi-front war against the United States (U.S.).

We'll recall that the Chinese Communist Party (CCP)'s mouthpiece outlet at Xinhua News literally declared a "people's war" against us in May 2018.

While many at the time reported that as a mere tit-for-tat in the then-ongoing trade war between the U.S. and China, those who've read "Unrestricted Warfare" know it's something far more comprehensive and far more threatening.

We've seen the People's Liberation Army (PLA) regularly harassing U.S. air and naval forces, Taiwan, Japan, the Philippines and other Western allies in the Taiwan Straits, the South China Sea, and beyond.

We've watched the CCP's surveillance balloons lazily traverse Canadian and U.S. territory, passing over important military bases en route.

Thanks to Spain's "Safeguard Defenders," we know about Beijing's "secret police stations."

When then-U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo closed China's Houston consulate in August 2020, the reasons given included espionage and intellectual property theft.

It took an article from Radio Free Asia to explain the more likely reason: the PLA had sent an undercover tech team to Houston to compile a list of Americans who might be persuaded to join in the Antifa/Black Lives Matter (BLM) riots that summer and then send them how-to videos over Tik-Tok.

Confucius Institutes and Thousand Talents programs infiltrate academia and co-opt U.S. professors.

The complete refusal of U.S. academia, Congress, government, media, or public health to forthrightly hold the CCP-PLA to account for their offensive Biological Warfare (BW) program that unleashed the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic on the entire world sends a message of weakness and appeasement to the Beijing regime.

But more recently, another "unrestricted warfare" operation menaces Americans. This one is physical, it's military, and it's here..."

China FM warns Taiwan independence moves will be 'harshly punished' after poll

January 16, 2024 spacewar.com reported: "China's top diplomat warned Sunday that any steps towards Taiwan's independence would be 'harshly punished', after the self-ruled island defied Beijing's warnings and chose pro-sovereignty candidate Lai Ching-te as president.

Voters on the island spurned Beijing's repeated calls not to vote for Lai, delivering a comfortable victory for a man China's ruling Communist Party sees as a dangerous separatist.

Beijing, which claims Taiwan as its territory and has never renounced force to bring it under its control, responded to Lai's victory by saying it would not change the 'inevitable trend of China's reunification'.

'If anyone on the island of Taiwan thinks of going for independence, they will be trying to split apart China's territory, and will certainly be harshly punished by both history and the law,' Wang Yi said in a joint press conference with his Egyptian counterpart Sameh Shoukry in Cairo.

'This is a dead end,' he added.

'No matter what the results of the election are, they cannot change the basic fact that there is only one China and Taiwan is a part of it,' Wang said Sunday..."

North Korea says it test-fired hypersonic missile

January 15, 2024 spacewar.com reported: "North Korea said Monday it had successfully test-fired a new ballistic missile tipped with a hypersonic maneuverable warhead, the latest breakthrough in its pursuit of advanced weaponry to threaten South Korean and US targets.

The launch, Pyongyang's first known weapons test this year and its first ever test of a solid-fuel hypersonic intermediate-range ballistic missile (IRBM), was detected by Seoul's military Sunday afternoon.



A short report in the official *Korean Central News Agency* said that the solid-fuel IRMB was 'loaded with a hypersonic maneuverable controlled warhead.'

The test was meant to verify 'the gliding and maneuvering characteristics' of the warhead and the 'reliability of newly developed multi-stage high-thrust solid-fuel engines,' KCNA said.

KCNA said that Sunday's launch 'never affected the security of any neighbouring country and had nothing to do with the regional situation.'

But it came just days after Pyongyang staged live-fire exercises near the country's tense maritime border with South Korea, which prompted counter-exercises and evacuation orders for some South Korean border islands..."

Taiwan tells China to 'face reality' after election

January 14, 2024 spacewar.com reported: "Taiwan told China on Sunday to "face reality" and respect its election result, after voters defied Beijing's warnings and chose pro-sovereignty candidate Lai Ching-te as president.

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Lai, of the ruling Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), had vowed to defend the island from China's "intimidation" and on Sunday the island's foreign ministry told Beijing to accept the result.

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs calls on the Beijing authorities to respect the election results, face reality and give up suppressing Taiwan in order for positive cross-strait interactions to return to the right track," it said in a statement.

An unofficial US delegation sent by President Joe Biden's administration will arrive in Taipei on Sunday, a move sure to anger Beijing. The delegation, including a former US national security adviser and a former deputy secretary of state will meet "a range of leading political figures" on Monday, the island's de facto US embassy said in a statement. The statement did not say how long the visit would last..."