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China suddenly building fleet of special barges suitable for Taiwan landings

H I Sutton

Naval News, January 10, 2025

Anyone wondering what an invasion of Taiwan might look like now has a fresh visual clue. Defence analysts watching Chinese shipyards have noticed an increase in a particular type of vessel. A number of special and unusual barges, at least 3 but likely 5 or more, have been observed in Guangzhou Shipyard in southern China. These have unusually long road bridges extending from their bows. This configuration makes them particularly relevant to any future landing of PRC (People's Republic of China) forces on Taiwanese islands. Naval News has seen multiple sources confirming their construction, and has shared information with naval experts to validate our preliminary analysis. The consensus is that these are most likely for amphibious landings.

<https://www.navalnews.com/naval-news/2025/01/china-suddenly-building-fleet-of-special-barges-suitable-for-taiwan-landings/>

China releases world's most powerful electronic warfare weapon design software – for free

Stephen Chen

South China Morning Post, January 11, 2025

A powerful industrial software that can be used to design electronic warfare weapons has been released for free by Chinese scientists – and test results suggest it outperforms a US product in both speed and memory usage. The electronic warfare equipment used by the People's Liberation Army (PLA) is evolving rapidly. For example, the multi-band antenna used in the new phased array radar has “complex structures such as curved surfaces, multilayer dielectrics, metal conductors and thin dielectric layers”, wrote the project team led by Professor Li Bin from the University of Electronic Science and Technology of China in a paper published in November.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/3292466/china-releases-worlds-most-powerful-electronic-warfare-weapon-design-software-free>

Wang Yi's Africa tour enhances China's strategic embrace

Stephen Ndegwa

CGTN, January 11, 2025

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi's recent visit to Africa once again highlights the enduring depth and dynamism of China-Africa relations. It continues China's tradition of prioritizing Africa as its

foreign minister's first overseas destination each year, a symbolic gesture that has spanned over three decades. And it also goes beyond symbolism. This tour was also rooted in tangible objectives, emphasizing economic cooperation, security collaboration, and diplomatic alignment with African nations.

<https://news.cgtn.com/news/2025-01-11/Wang-Yi-s-Africa-tour-enhances-China-s-strategic-embrace-1A4r8AzvPRC/p.html>

China's trade surplus reaches a record of nearly \$1 trillion

Keith Bradsher

The New York Times, January 12, 2025

China announced that its trade surplus reached almost \$1 trillion last year as its exports swamped the globe, while the country's own businesses and households spent cautiously on imports. When adjusted for inflation, China's trade surplus last year far exceeded any in the world in the past century, even those of export powerhouses like Germany, Japan or the United States. Chinese factories are dominating global manufacturing on a scale not experienced by any country since the United States after World War II. China's General Administration of Customs said the country exported \$3.58 trillion worth of goods and services last year, while importing \$2.59 trillion. The surplus of \$990 billion broke China's previous record, which was \$838 billion in 2022.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/01/12/business/china-trade-surplus.html>

Chinese scientists simulate 'hunting' Starlink satellites in orbit

Stephen Chen

South China Morning Post, January 12, 2025

Starlink is not as invulnerable as previously thought, according to a team of award-winning scientists in China who recently simulated a space operation targeting the giant constellation. Results from the computer simulation showed that China could effectively approach nearly 1,400 Starlink satellites within 12 hours using just 99 Chinese satellites. These could be equipped with lasers, microwaves and other devices to conduct reconnaissance, tracking or other operations. "The potential military application value of the Starlink mega constellation has been highlighted in the Russia-Ukraine conflict. In recent years, the militarisation of space has intensified, posing a significant threat to China's space security. It is particularly important to track and monitor its operational status," wrote the project team led by Wu Yunhua, director of the aerospace control department at Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/3294047/chinese-scientists-simulate-hunting-starlink-satellites-orbit>

China deepens Caribbean ties as Grenada sticks to one-China principle

Nikkei Asia, January 13, 2025

China is ready to deepen its comprehensive cooperative partnership with Caribbean nations, President Xi Jinping said on Monday during a meeting in Beijing with Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell of Grenada, a one-time diplomatic ally of Taiwan. China is willing to keep up assistance to regional countries to aid their economic and social development, the official news agency, Xinhua, cited Xi as saying.

<https://asia.nikkei.com/Politics/International-relations/China-deepens-Caribbean-ties-as-Grenada-sticks-to-one-China-principle>

Chinese Foreign Ministry on remarks of Penpa Tsering, the leader of the “Tibetan government-in-exile” in India, about the earthquake in Tibet

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People’s Republic of China, January 13, 2025

The so-called “Tibetan government-in-exile” is a pure separatist political group and recognized by no country in the world. We are fully aware and vigilant about the group’s separatist nature and political agenda. On the earthquake in Dingri County, Tibet, the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee held a meeting to discuss and decide on next steps for the relief work. Since the earthquake struck, under the strong leadership of the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core, relevant localities and departments have responded swiftly and effectively.

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202501/t20250113_11532514.html

China’s military drills around Taiwan set to increase: analysts

Helen Davidson

Taipei Times, January 14, 2025

China’s military launched a record number of warplane incursions around Taiwan last year as it builds its ability to launch full-scale invasion, something a former chief of Taiwan’s armed forces said Beijing could be capable of within a decade. Analysts said China’s relentless harassment had taken a toll on Taiwan’s resources, but had failed to convince them to capitulate, largely because the threat of invasion was still an empty one, for now.

<https://www.taipeitimes.com/News/feat/archives/2025/01/14/2003830158>

China's energy weapon fires thousands of intense pulses in tests and survives: study

Stephen Chen

South China Morning Post, January 14, 2025

China has overcome a significant technical hurdle in the development of a compact yet extremely powerful directed energy weapon. This high-power microwave (HPM) weapon – which is still in laboratory testing and not ready for immediate deployment in the field – is capable of generating electromagnetic pulses with an intensity comparable to a nuclear explosion, which can disrupt or even destroy electronic components within enemy weapons systems. The US military has announced plans to deploy HPM weapons in the Indo-Pacific region this year, targeting Chinese satellites. These weapons employ traditional dish-shaped antennas and require constant rotation to engage different targets.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/3294077/chinas-energy-weapon-fires-thousands-nuclear-blasts-tests-and-survives-study>

China's Chang'e-6 lunar samples yield ground-breaking discoveries; more fields of research revealed as world embraces 'Chang'e era'

Fan Anqi

Global Times, January 14, 2025

It has been more than half a year since China's epic Chang'e-6 mission brought back to Earth the first-ever samples from the far side of the moon. What discoveries have been made so far? The China Central Television revealed a number of ground-breaking discoveries, including the volcanic activities on the far side of the moon, and the unveiling of ancient magnetic field of that side for the first time. Chinese researchers also noted that in 2025, more lunar soil research projects are underway, including the physical property research of the Chang'e-6 samples and lunar evolution research.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202501/1326872.shtml>

Chinese Foreign Ministry on the Commerce Department of the US issuing new measures on AI export control

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People's Republic of China, January 14, 2025

The US has been overstretching the concept of national security, politicizing and weaponizing trade and tech issues, and abusing export controls to maliciously suppress

China. This has seriously sabotaged market rules and the international economic and trade order, destabilized global industrial and supply chain, and damaged the interests of China, the US and the business community in countries around the world. China firmly opposes the US decision and will take firm measures to safeguard the legitimate and lawful rights and interests of Chinese companies.

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202501/t20250114_11533650.html

China's space station to conduct over 1,000 research projects

The State Council, the People's Republic of China, January 14, 2025

China's space station will conduct more than 1,000 research projects, promote science popularization and enhance international cooperation over the next 10 to 15 years, according to the Technology and Engineering Center for Space Utilization under the Chinese Academy of Sciences. Serving as a national space laboratory, China's space station will organize in-depth interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research collaborations in the coming decade, aiming to produce significant scientific and technological achievements and accelerate their application, Ba Jin, deputy director of the center's application and development division, said.

https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202501/14/content_WS67859b55c6d0868f4e8eec9e.html#:~:text=SHANGHAI%2C%20Jan.,the%20Chinese%20Academy%20of%20Sciences

Chinese and Japanese ruling parties vow closer ties as they hold first talks in 6 years

Alyssa Chen

South China Morning Post, January 14, 2025

The governing parties of China and Japan held their first dialogue in over six years, agreeing to step up exchanges and promote strategic and mutually beneficial ties. At the dialogue in Beijing between China's ruling Communist Party and politicians from Japan's Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and its coalition partner Komeito, the two sides said they would maintain close communication "regardless of the situation of China-Japan relations". "[Both sides will] step up exchanges between political parties, dignitaries and young politicians, enhance mutual understanding and trust, and strengthen the political foundation for the improvement and development of China-Japan relations," the Communist Party's International Department said in a statement.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/diplomacy/article/3294700/communist-party-propaganda-chief-calls-boosting-public-opinion-china-japan-ties>

Chinese researchers develop linear plasma device to advance core materials research for ‘artificial sun’

Global Times, January 14, 2025

A Chinese research team has successfully developed a strong flow linear plasma device named as “Chixiao” to provide a scientific and technological tool for the development of core materials for the research of “artificial sun,” the controlled nuclear fusion experimental devices, Xinhua News Agency reported. According to the research team from Hefei Institutes of Physical Sciences (HFIPS), Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), the parameters of Chixiao were verified on Tuesday to meet design criteria following expert assessment, making China the second country in the world following the Netherlands, to own a device of its kind.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202501/1326851.shtml>

China threat galvanizes Japan military

Wu Che-yu, Chung Li-hua and Shelley Shan

Taipei Times, January 14, 2025

Japan has been stepping up military deployments in the west of the country and on islands off its southwest coast due to the increased military threats from China, the Institute for National Defense and Security Research said in a report. The report, titled The Indo-Pacific Regional Security Situation Assessment Report in 2024, discussed the results of the elections in the Indo-Pacific region last year and how they could affect the region. “Japan has clearly indicated in both its National Security Strategy and Defense White Paper that its security environment is rapidly deteriorating, with the largest threat coming from China,” institute’s assistant research fellow Wang Tsuen-yen wrote.

<https://www.taipeitimes.com/News/taiwan/archives/2025/01/14/2003830175>

Xi says China supports European integration, EU strategic autonomy

CGTN, January 14, 2025

China has always regarded Europe as an important pole in a multipolar world, firmly supported European integration and backed the European Union's (EU) pursuit of strategic autonomy, Chinese President Xi Jinping said. Xi made the remarks during a phone conversation with European Council President Antonio Costa. The history of China-EU relations demonstrates that as long as both sides uphold mutual respect, treat each other as equals and engage in candid dialogue, they can advance cooperation and make significant achievements, Xi said.

<https://news.cgtn.com/news/2025-01-14/President-Xi-Jinping-holds-phone-talks-with-European-Council-president-1A9XtzkWwQo/index.html>

Chinese tech industry insider slams Biden administration's last-minute AI chip rule as 'futile attempt' to stop China's development

Zhang Weilan

Global Times, January 14, 2025

The latest moves by US President Joe Biden's administration to prevent countries like China from accessing the advanced technology such as cutting-edge artificial intelligence (AI) are "futile attempt" that will not impede China's rapid progress in AI or stop the pace of China's technological development, a Chinese tech industry executive said. "Such restrictions do not carry much significance. While they may result in temporary disruptions, they are likely to spur China's pursuit of self-reliance in chip and AI development," Hu Ming, deputy general manager of CCCC (Zhongwei) Big Data Technology Co, told the Global Times.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202501/1326864.shtml>

Chinese Foreign Ministry on the Chinese nuclear weapons

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People's Republic of China, January 15, 2025

As a responsible major country, China is committed to the path of peaceful development and friendly cooperation with all countries in the world. The development of nuclear weapons was a historic choice that China had to make during extraordinary times to respond to nuclear threat, end nuclear monopoly, and prevent a nuclear war. China follows a policy of "no first use" of nuclear weapons and a nuclear strategy that focuses on self-defense. China always keeps its nuclear strength at the minimum level required by national security, and never engages in arms race with anyone.

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202501/t20250115_11534995.html

China makes major breakthroughs in minerals related to strategic emerging industries

Li Peixuan

China Daily, January 15, 2025

Substantial breakthroughs in oil, gas and other minerals have been achieved in China's latest round of strategic mineral exploration, a Ministry of Natural Resources official said. Major discoveries include three large coalbed methane fields in the Ordos Basin, located in central-western China, with proven geological reserves exceeding 500 billion cubic meters, according to Xiong Zili, director of the ministry's Geological Exploration Management Department. These reserves account for nearly 70 percent of the country's previously known coalbed methane resources. China

also identified the world's first large-scale, deep-water shallow-layer gas field, which has added over 100 billion cubic meters of proven natural gas reserves.

<https://epaper.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202501/15/WS6786fb52a3105c25b38f19cf.html>

Scientists create ‘queen of explosives’ with Chinese steamed buns

Stephen Chen

South China Morning Post, January 15, 2025

Chinese scientists have developed a surprisingly simple method to significantly increase the overall performance of the most powerful explosive on the planet. This development not only promises to increase the lethality of conventional warheads in China, but can increase the range of hypersonic missiles by 20 per cent. Known as the “king of explosives”, CL-20 has a destructive power second only to nuclear weapons. But the new processing method has seen its detonation performance improve and its safety benchmark increase up to fourfold, paving the way for a host of new applications, such as missile fuel, according to researchers involved in the study.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/3294159/scientists-create-queen-explosives-chinese-steamed-buns>

What China wants in Panama: more trade, projects and influence

Vivian Wang

The New York Times, January 15, 2025

There was talk of a high-speed rail line that China would build in Panama. A new subway line in Panama City. A modern container port. China has been working to build ties and influence in Panama for years, part of its broader ambition to expand its footprint in Latin America. The effort has had some successes, but also plenty of setbacks. In 2017, China scored a major victory when Panama cut diplomatic ties with Taiwan, the self-governing island that China claims as its territory, and recognized Beijing instead. Panama had been one of the few countries worldwide to recognize Taiwan as a sovereign state.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/01/15/world/asia/china-panama-explained.html>

China, the Philippines hold consultation meeting on South China Sea

CGTN, January 16, 2025

China and the Philippines held the 10th meeting of the Bilateral Consultation Mechanism on the South China Sea (BCM) in Xiamen, southeast China's Fujian Province, the Chinese Foreign

Ministry announced in a statement. The two sides had a candid and constructive exchange of views on the situation in the South China Sea. Both sides reaffirmed the importance of maintaining peace and stability in the South China Sea, believing that this serves the common interests of countries in the region, including China and the Philippines. They agreed to strengthen maritime dialogue and communication and properly handle maritime differences and disagreements.

<https://news.cgtn.com/news/2025-01-16/China-the-Philippines-hold-consultation-meeting-on-South-China-Sea-1AddfPCrEFa/p.html>

Chinese Foreign Ministry on the US Secretary of State Marco Rubio's comments about China and Taiwan

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People's Republic of China, January 16, 2025

China's development is characterized by a distinct historical logic and strong endogenous driving force. There is nothing to hide about our goal, which is to deliver a better life for the people and make greater contribution to the world. We view and handle China-US relations in line with the principles of mutual respect, peaceful coexistence, and win-win cooperation put forward by President Xi Jinping, and resolutely safeguard our own sovereignty, security, and development interests. The US needs to establish a right perception towards China, and stop its illegitimate attacks and smears on China.

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202501/t20250116_11536700.html

North Korea-China ties to remain in state of flux in 2025

Kim Hyun-bin

The Korea Times, January 16, 2025

The Sino-North Korean alliance, historically a cornerstone of Pyongyang's foreign policy, appears to be experiencing unprecedented strain. As North Korea's strategic embrace of Russia deepens, characterized by military cooperation and a growing ideological affinity, Beijing finds itself navigating a precarious balancing act, foreign relations experts said. Professor Park Won-gon of Ewha Womans University emphasized that China's stance of non-intervention in the Ukrainian conflict clashes with North Korea's active military support for Russia. This divergence in strategic approach has inevitably created a rift between the two allies.

https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/nation/2025/01/103_389627.html

China's electronic war gadget turns small drone into flying stadium on radar

Stephen Chen

South China Morning Post, January 17, 2025

While China's sixth-generation fighter jets pierce the skies in their boundary-pushing stealth coating, a team of scientists has been breaking new ground in electronic warfare technology from the opposite direction. Instead of a stealth approach, the Chinese researchers aim to fool radar operators into thinking that a radar reflector – roughly the size of an iPad tablet – is an unidentified flying object (UFO) as big as a sports stadium. The effect – similar to a giant flying saucer suddenly materialising in mid-air – would be reminiscent of a scene from a science fiction film but it is achievable, according to a peer-reviewed paper published on January 8.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/3294661/chinese-military-tests-electronic-war-gadget-turns-drone-giant-ufo>

Facing a flurry of U.S. sanctions, China prepares to hit back

Alexandra Stevenson

The New York Times, January 17, 2025

Days before President-elect Donald J. Trump takes office, China is gearing up for economic battle with the United States. It threatened a widespread investigation into American chipmakers. It zeroed in on one American retailer, accusing it of “inappropriate conduct” that could lead to sanctions usually reserved for weapons sellers. And it got ready to slap duties on imports of industrial plastics. The flurry of retaliatory gestures, all delivered this week, could have far-reaching implications for American companies. They join other measures by China in recent weeks with one objective: putting the incoming Trump administration on notice.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/01/17/business/china-us-trade-sanctions.html>

Chinese FM urges US to stop wrongdoing after cyberattacks revealed targeting Chinese tech firms

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People's Republic of China, January 17, 2025

This report by the National Computer Network Emergency Response Technical Team/Coordination Center of China (CNCERT) brought to light again the attempts by the US

government to conduct cyberattacks and theft of trade secrets and intellectual property targeting China. We express serious concerns about such attempts, and urge the US to immediately stop the malicious activities. China will take necessary measures to safeguard its own cyber security and interests. Cyberspace bears on national security and economic prosperity of all countries. The US should reflect on what it's doing, and stop its political smears. The US should live up to its standards first before asking other countries to do the same, responsibly observe the same international rules respected by other countries, and work with the international community to maintain peace and security in cyberspace.

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202501/t20250117_11538094.html

Donald Trump says he discussed TikTok in first call with Xi Jinping since 2021

Demetri Sevastopulo

Financial Times, January 18, 2025

Donald Trump has held his first call with China's President Xi Jinping since leaving the White House in 2021, with the two leaders discussing the fate of TikTok just before the Supreme Court upheld a law to ban the app in the US. The conversation between the leaders was their first in four years and came just two days before the law is due to take effect, forcing app stores to stop offering it to users. "I just spoke to Chairman Xi Jinping of China. The call was a very good one for both China and the U.S.A.," Trump wrote on his Truth Social media platform. "We discussed balancing Trade, Fentanyl, TikTok, and many other subjects. President Xi and I will do everything possible to make the World more peaceful and safe!"

<https://www.ft.com/content/498536a5-5af1-4ee7-a85c-e1e879bc62e7>

Xi, Trump hold phone talks

Xinhua, January 18, 2025

Chinese President Xi Jinping held a telephone conversation with U.S. President-elect Donald Trump at the latter's request. Xi congratulated Trump on his re-election as U.S. president. He pointed out that both he and Trump attach great importance to interaction with each other, hope that China-U.S. ties will have a good start in the new U.S. presidential term, and stand ready to push China-U.S. relations to make greater progress from a new starting point. Xi stressed that both China and the United States, two great countries, are pursuing their own dreams and are committed to making the lives of their people better.

<https://english.news.cn/20250118/2043a130e182480ab2b0c0672e3dd001/c.html>

China's subsea 'gray zone' tactics

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Taipei Times, January 19, 2025

China's illegal, coercive, aggressive and deceptive activities represent an escalating threat to global democracies. Among these, subsea cable sabotage stands out as a critical challenge, endangering international communication, economic stability and democratic values. The Taiwan Strait has become a focal point for China's "gray zone" tactics, which includes deliberate interference with subsea cables. Early this year, the Xingshun-39, a Tanzania-flagged ship controlled by a Chinese entity, severed critical cables near the northeastern coast of Keelung, hampering vital communication links between Taiwan and the global network.

<https://www.taipetimes.com/News/editorials/archives/2025/01/19/2003830451>

China completes three rocket engine ignition tests in single day

Xinhua, January 19, 2025

China successfully completed three ignition tests for liquid oxygen-kerosene engines, according to the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation (CASC). This marks the first time that the country has conducted three ignition tests on two types of liquid oxygen-kerosene engines within a single day. The tests were carried out by the Academy of Aerospace Propulsion Technology, a subsidiary of CASC, at a facility in the Baolongyu area of Xi'an, the capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province. The tests involved two 120-tonne liquid oxygen-kerosene rocket engines and one 18-tonne liquid oxygen-kerosene rocket engine. The institute noted that this marks a major advancement in the country's testing and verification capabilities for the mass production and delivery of its new-generation launch vehicle engines, which will provide robust support for more frequent launch missions in the future.

<https://english.news.cn/20250119/b2f84b26b6d5478e860ff9556f090daf/c.html>

China runs final tests of hypersonic air-to-air missile in extreme Mars mission tunnel

Stephen Chen

South China Morning Post, January 19, 2025

Chinese hypersonic air-to-air missiles have undergone extreme heat-resistance testing to meet the stringent performance requirements of the PLA Air Force, according to scientists involved in the

project. This is the first official confirmation of the existence of this mysterious weapon, which could pose an unprecedented threat to US military aircraft, including the B-21 stealth bomber that is currently undergoing flight testing. Details of the final evaluations of full-scale missile prototypes were given in a peer-reviewed paper published in Chinese-language journal Equipment Environmental Engineering last month.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/3294958/china-runs-final-tests-hypersonic-air-air-missile-extreme-mars-mission-tunnel>

Biden made a global push to constrain China. What will Trump do?

Edward Wong

The New York Times, January 19, 2025

President-elect Donald J. Trump has already signalled a different approach to China. He invited Xi Jinping, China's leader, to his inauguration. The two spoke by phone on Friday, and Mr. Xi is sending China's vice president, Han Zheng, to the ceremony, a break from China's tradition of having its ambassador in Washington attend. Mr. Trump's signature China policy in his first term was placing tariffs on some Chinese goods. Mr. Biden and his aides kept those while expanding policy along three major prongs: strengthening alliances and creating new security partnerships in the Asia-Pacific region; limiting technology exports to China; and jump-starting industrial policy in the United States.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/01/19/us/politics/biden-trump-china.html>

'We've impeded China': departing official defends US export controls

Demetri Sevastopulo

Financial Times, January 20, 2025

Estevez and Tarun Chhabra, a White House official, have been responsible for policies designed to slow China's semiconductor and AI industries by severing access to critical US technology. In their final week, the commerce department unveiled several significant rules, including a global licensing regime for AI data centre chips that garnered resistance from industry and criticism from the European Commission. Estevez conceded that US policy could do no more than slow China since it had smart engineers, money to invest and government support. But he said Washington had been successful, pointing to statements from Chinese AI groups identifying US export controls as their main obstacle.

<https://www.ft.com/content/8ba7df25-1d91-46f9-a1f7-6814343c7884>

Chinese VP meets US business representatives, urging US companies to contribute more to bilateral ties

Global Times, January 20, 2025

Chinese Vice President Han Zheng said that it is hoped that US companies will continue to invest and take root in China, play an active role as a bridge, and make greater contribution to the steady, sound and sustainable development of China-US relations, the Xinhua News Agency reported. China and the US share extensive common interests and vast space for cooperation, said Han, adding that a good start and stable development of China-US relations align with the common well-being of both peoples and meet the shared expectation of the international community.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202501/1327245.shtml>

Chinese Foreign Ministry on Myanmar's Tatmadaw and ethnic armed organization Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA) holding peace talks

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People's Republic of China, January 20, 2025

In mid-January 2025, with China's mediation and effort to drive progress, the Myanmar government and Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army held the seventh round of peace talks in Kunming, Yunnan. The two sides reached and signed a formal ceasefire agreement, and stopped fighting at 12 a.m. on January 18, 2025, Beijing time. The two sides thanked China for facilitating the results of this round of peace talks. Deescalating tensions in northern Myanmar serves the common interests of all parties in Myanmar and regional countries, and is conducive to ensuring the safety and security, stability and development of the China-Myanmar border area. China and Myanmar are friendly neighbors, and we firmly oppose wars and turbulence in Myanmar.

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/fyrbt/lxjzh/202501/t20250120_11541005.html

China ready to work with U.S. for steady growth of ties: Chinese VP

Xinhua, January 20, 2025

Chinese Vice President Han Zheng said that China is ready to work with the United States to adhere to the strategic guidance of the head-of-state diplomacy and follow through on the important consensus reached between Chinese President Xi Jinping and U.S. President-elect Donald Trump, so as to push for the steady, healthy and sustainable development of bilateral

ties. Han made the remarks during a meeting with U.S. Vice President-elect J.D. Vance. Han is in Washington, D.C. to attend the inauguration ceremony of Trump as Xi's special representative at the invitation of the U.S. side. During his meeting with Vance, Han first conveyed Xi's greetings to Trump and congratulated Vance on his election.

<https://english.news.cn/20250120/8f6ddb0207194a2d9349dca6c0f06ccc/c.html>

Galactic Energy launches five satellites into orbit

Zhao Lei

China Daily, January 20, 2025

Galactic Energy, a private rocket maker based in Beijing, successfully launched a mission on January 20, deploying five satellites into orbit. The company said in a news release that the Ceres-1 rocket lifted off from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in the Inner Mongolia autonomous region. The rocket carried five remote-sensing satellites to a sun-synchronous orbit approximately 535 kilometers above Earth. Remote-sensing satellites are designed to detect and monitor physical characteristics of objects on land or sea by measuring reflected and emitted radiation. The five satellites will gather atmospheric data, including temperature, humidity, and pressure, and capture hyperspectral images of designated areas on Earth.

<https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202501/20/WS678e57d8a310a2ab06ea8217.html>

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