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Chinese Military Aircraft Detected Around Taiwan and Drone Entered Taiwan's Air Defense Zone

A Chinese BZK-007 reconnaissance drone entered Taiwan's air defense identification zone (ADIZ) on 05 SEP. The BZK-007 is an unmanned aerial vehicle manufactured by Guizhou Aircraft Industry Corporation. While Chinese military drones have entered Taiwan's ADIZ before, this is the first time its flight path was mapped and released by the Taiwanese Ministry of National Defense. Additionally, 16 other Chinese People's Liberation Army aircraft were detected around Taiwan on 05 SEP. President Tsai Ing-wen spoke at the Hualien air base on 06 SEP and assured that Taiwan's military is more mature and better able to fight after repeatedly scrambling their forces during recent Chinese drills. President Tsai also set defense as the theme for Taiwan National Day on 10 OCT. END

CMCD Note

For Taiwan, this increase in the number of aircraft in these military exercises is cause for concern. While it is unclear exactly how many planes were flying over Taiwanese territory prior to recent months, 17 planes in one day are a significant number. It is also noteworthy that the Ministry of National Defense is now making information more public regarding the type of aircraft and flight maps of drones. With this information publicly available, there is a higher risk of interference with Chinese drones, possibly creating a volatile situation that could escalate into conflict.

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