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United States sending 'dangerous signals' on Taiwan, China tells Blinken

During "direct and honest" talks between Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, Blinken stated the US stance on the One-China policy has not changed, and that the maintenance of peace and stability across the Strait is vitally important. Foreign Minister Yi said the United States was sending "very wrong, dangerous signals", making a peaceful settlement less likely. Yi also stated that Taiwan is an internal Chinese matter and that the United States has no right to interfere with the methods used to resolve it. Taiwan's foreign ministry responded to the meeting between Blinken and Wang, saying China's "recent provocative actions" had made the Taiwan Strait a focus of discussion, and China was trying to "confuse the international audience with arguments and criticisms that contradict reality." END

CMCD Note

China sees Taiwan as one of its provinces and has long vowed to bring the island under its control, without ruling out the use of force to do so. Relationships between the U.S. and China continue to come under more stress while ties between the U.S. and Taiwan continue to grow. The decrease in hope of peaceful reunification from Chinese officials should be concerning to the United States. Chinese officials have made statements that they will not accept anything other than reunification and will not rule out force. If the government no longer sees any chance of a peaceful reunification, an invasion is increasingly likely.

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