
TAIWAN TO RAISE DEFENCE SPENDING AS CHINA DETAILS COMBAT DRILLS

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Taiwan unveiled a T\$42.1 billion (\$1.4 billion) increase for next years planned defence spending on Thursday, as China announced details of its latest combat drills near the democratic island.

China has stepped up its military activity near Taiwan. On Monday Taiwan, said Chinese fighters briefly crossed the sensitive median line of the Taiwan Strait, the same day U.S. health chief Alex Azar met President Tsai Ing-wen in Taipei. China had denounced Azars trip.

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