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PRESIDENT PUTIN ON TAIWAN: ‘CHINA DOES NOT NEED TO USE FORCE'

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China does not need to use force in order to achieve its desired reunification with Taiwan, Russian President Vladimir Putin said Wednesday.

Chinese President Xi Jinping last week vowed to realize his aim of bringing the democratically run island nation of 24 million people under Beijings control by peaceful means, following a week of simmering tensions in the region.

China sees Taiwan as a breakaway province, while Taiwan sees itself as separate from China, having ruled itself since splitting from the mainland in 1949 following a protracted civil war.

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