
CHINA ACCUSES AUSTRALIA OF 'MALICIOUSLY SPREADING DISINFORMATION' ABOUT LASER SHONE AT RAAF PATROL AIRCRAFT

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China says Australia's complaint about a laser from a Chinese naval vessel being directed at an Australian military aircraft does not square with facts.

In the first official response to Australian defence department reports that a laser was shone from a People's Liberation Army vessel at a surveillance aircraft in flight last Thursday, Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said Australia should stop maliciously spreading such information.

The Chinese navy vessel was within Australia's exclusive economic zone and directed a laser at an Australian military aircraft over Australia's northern approaches, illuminating the plane and potentially endangering lives, Australia said on Saturday.

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