
TAIWAN AND CHINA NEED PEACE GIVEN 'MULTIFOLD CHANGES' INTERNATIONALLY, PRESIDENT SAYS

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Taiwan and China need to talk to each other to achieve peace given the "multifold changes" in the international situation, Taiwan's President Lai Ching-te said on Monday (Feb 3), calling for dialogue instead of confrontation.

Lai, who China detests as a "separatist", has repeatedly called for talks with Beijing, which has stepped up its military and political pressure against the democratically-governed island it sees as sovereign Chinese territory.

But both China and Taiwan face pressure from the new administration of US President Donald Trump, who has imposed tariffs on China and threatened similar measures against imported semiconductors, a sector Taiwan dominates.

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