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## TAIWAN LAUNCHES NEW CIVIL DEFENCE GUIDE, SAYS NOT AIMING TO CAUSE PANIC

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Taiwans Defence Ministry on Sept 16 launched its newly updated civil defence handbook, saying the aim is not to cause panic but to get people prepared in case there is a crisis like an attack by China, which views the island as its own territory.

Democratically governed Taiwan has stepped up its resilience and defence preparations as China has increased its military activities around the island over the past five years, and has drawn lessons from Ukraines defence against Russia.

Taiwans new handbook, which Reuters reviewed last week, gives a list of scenarios Taiwan might face, from natural disasters like a tsunami to an all-out invasion. First published in 2022, it is now into its third edition.

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