
UK, FRANCE, GERMANY SAY CHINESE 'NOVEL' ACTIVITY AROUND TAIWAN 'THREATENS' REGION

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The British, French, and German missions in Taipei Wednesday expressed "concern" over what they described as novel Chinese activity in waters east of Taiwan, warning that such actions "threaten" regional stability and freedom of navigation.

In a joint statement, the British Office Taipei, the French Office in Taipei, and the German Institute Taipei said they opposed any unilateral attempt to change the status quo, particularly through the threat or use of force or coercion.

There was no immediate response from Beijing over the statement by these three nations, which do not have full diplomatic ties with Taiwan, the island which China considers its "breakaway province."

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