
US SAYS CHINA TRYING TO DISCOURAGE STATES, BUSINESSES FROM ENGAGING WITH TAIWAN

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China has been contacting U.S. states and private firms to discourage engagement with Taiwan and mischaracterising U.S. policy, but links with [REDACTED] should be expanded, three U.S. government departments said in joint letters.

The U.S. [REDACTED] Taiwan's most important international backer and arms supplier despite the lack of formal diplomatic ties, to the constant anger of Beijing, which claims the independently ruled island as its territory.

The two letters from U.S. Departments of [REDACTED] Agriculture and Commerce, one addressed to governor's offices and one to CEOs and [REDACTED] leaders, are dated June 16 but were released by the de facto U.S. embassy in Taiwan late on Wednesday.

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