



Taiwan vows to fight as China steps up its force

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China sent more fighter jets into Taiwan's air defense zone on Wednesday in a stepped up show of force around the island Beijing claims as its own, and Taiwan's foreign minister said it would fight to the end if China attacks.

1-1. China stepped up _____

1-2. sending more fighter jets _____

2. Taiwan's foreign minister responded by warning _____

3. The democratic self-governed island, which China claims as its own, _____

4-1. On Monday, China said an aircraft carrier group _____

4-2. while the U.S. Navy said it had conducted a quote _____

5. U.S. State Department spokesman Ned Price on Wednesday _____

"In support of longstanding U.S. policy, again, as reflected in the Taiwan Relations Act, / the United States maintains the capacity to resist to... to resist any resort to force / or other forms of coercion that would jeopardize the security or the social / or economic system of the people on Taiwan."

6-1. Washington is Taiwan's _____

6-2. and it's been pushing Taipei _____

7-1. Taiwan's Foreign Minister Joseph Wu _____

7-2. and spend more on defense, and _____

8-1. China, which claims its Taiwan activities _____

8-2. did not respond _____

[Vocabulary]

□ **step up**: to increase in extent or intensity

- *There are reports of stepped-up fighting at the border.*
- *The president has stepped up the pressure on the groups to come to an agreement.*

□ **show of force**: A demonstration of the forces at one's command and of one's readiness to use them.

- *The government used low-flying jets over Pristina in a show of force.*
- *Everything is a show of force for you, isn't it?*

□ **in case of**: in the event of; if there should happen to be

- *Duty teacher always knows where the key is in case of emergencies.*
- *Underwater you always stayed close to your buddy in case of trouble.*

□ **self-governed**: governed by itself or having self-government, as a state or community; independent

- *The states are self-governed, and have exclusive control of the public lands, mines, industries, and all local affairs.*
- *It still needed nearly a century of struggle to render the burghers independent of lordship, with a fully organized commune, self-governed in its several assemblies.*

□ **aircraft carrier**: a large warship that carries planes and has a long flat deck for take-offs and landings

- *It has often been said that the aircraft carrier has superseded the cruiser.*
- *The basis of the fleet of the future will be the aircraft carrier.*

□ **transit**: the activity or process of moving someone or something from one place to another

- *Our suitcases were damaged in transit.*
- *We are working to improve the city's transit options.*

□ **strait**: a narrow area of water that joins two larger areas of water

- *An estimated 1600 vessels pass through the strait annually.*
- *the Strait of Gibraltar*

□ **Ned Price**: (born 1982) an American political advisor and former intelligence officer serving as the spokesman for the United States Department of State. He previously worked at the United States Central Intelligence Agency from 2006 until February 2017. On February 20, 2017, Price published an op-ed piece in the *Washington Post*, outlining his decision to retire from the CIA rather than work in a Donald Trump administration. This piece attracted controversy.

□ **commitment**: a promise to do something; a strong belief that something is good and that you should support it • We made a commitment to keep working together.

- *They made a commitment to peace.*

□ **rock solid**: firm and not likely to change; Something that is rock-solid is extremely hard; If you describe someone or something as rock-solid, you approve of them because they are extremely reliable or unlikely to change.

- *I'll need rock solid proof.*
- *He has a rock-solid alibi backed up by dozens of witnesses.*

□ **Taiwan Relations Act**: an act of the United States Congress. Since the recognition of the People's Republic of China, the Act has defined the officially substantial but non-diplomatic relations between the people of the United States and the people of Taiwan. □ **resort**: act of turning to for assistance; If you resort to a course of action that you do not really approve of, you adopt it because you cannot see any other way of achieving what you want.

- *An appeal to his uncle was his last resort.*
- *When all else failed, he resorted to violence.*

□ **coercion**: the use of force or threats to make someone do something

- *He claimed the police had used coercion, threats, and promises to obtain the statement illegally.*
- *Coercion is merely one way in which this can be achieved, and it is far from being the most effective.*

□ **jeopardize**: to risk damaging or destroying something important

- *He has jeopardized the future of his government.*
- *Cuts in funding could jeopardize this vital research work.*

□ **backer**: someone who helps or supports a project, organization, or person, often by giving or lending money

- *I was looking for a backer to assist me in the attempted buy-out.*
- *Senator Taylor is one of the key backers of the bill.*

□ **porcupine**: a small animal whose back is covered with hairs that have sharp points that it uses to defend itself by making them point up

- *As the name suggests, porcupine fish are covered with sharp dermal spines.*
- *Enemies in the game include snakes, porcupines and alligators.*

□ **Joseph Wu**: (born 31 October 1954) is a Taiwanese politician currently serving as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China under current President Tsai Ing-wen since 26 February 2018. He was formerly the Secretary-General to the President of the Republic of China and the Secretary-General of the National Security Council of the Republic of China . From 2007 to 2008, he was Chief Representative of Republic of China to the United States as the head of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Washington, D.C., having been appointed to that position by President Chen Shui-bian to succeed his predecessor, David Lee. On 26 February 2018, he took over the position of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, again succeeding David Lee.^[*citation needed*]

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