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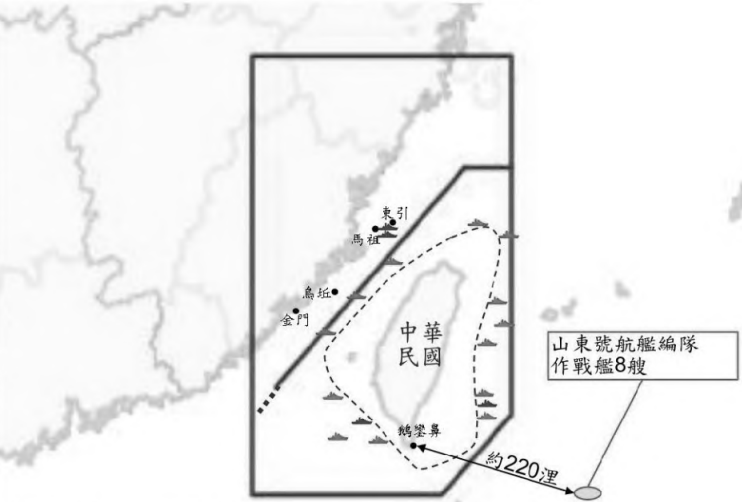
## What to Know about the PRC's Military Drills Around Taiwan on April 1, 2025

資料時間：114年4月1日1530時

### 共軍於我周邊海域從事「聯合演訓」概況

- 4月1日0730時中共東部戰區宣布在臺灣周邊海、空域實施「聯合演訓」。
- 對我執行海空戰備警巡，演練奪取綜合制權、對海對陸打擊、要域要道封控等演練課目。
- 0830時東部戰區宣布，派遣海警艦艇編隊於臺島周邊海域實施執法巡查，演練臨檢拿捕、攔截扣押等科目。

- 4月1日0721時起(持續中)，於我周邊海空域實施海空聯合軍事操演。
- 海上兵力  
共艦13艘、海警船4艘(含外島2艘)及西太平洋山東號航艦編隊8艘。
- 空中兵力  
主、輔戰機、直升機及無人機71架次，其中36架次進入我應變區。



區域	臺海周邊				外島 東引	西太 平洋	合計
	北部	中線	西南	東部			
共機 (應變區)	15架次	33架次 (27架次)	3架次 (3架次)	6架次 (6架次)		14架次	71架次 (36架次)
共艦	2艘	3艘	3艘	5艘		8艘	21艘
海警	0艘	0艘	1艘	1艘	2艘		4艘
	13艘						
	2艘						

圖例	
共軍艦船	
海警(公務)船	
航艦編隊	

April 1st, 2025

## **Beijing's Military Provocation Undermines International Rules of Law and Threatens Regional Stability**

On April 1, 2025, China's Eastern Theater Command launched large-scale joint military exercises around Taiwan, deploying naval, air, and ground forces alongside multiple China Coast Guard vessels under the guise of "law enforcement patrols." Although this operation lacked a formal name like "Joint Sword," its structure and scale clearly reflect Beijing's continued campaign of military coercion against Taiwan.

Short of 72 hours of advance notice, Beijing's irresponsible and unjustified action once again violated international rules of law. Beijing framed the drills as a reaction to President Lai Ching-te's *17-point national security strategy*. However, Taiwan's Ministry of National Defense (MND) emphasized that this is not an isolated reaction to any individual or political party, but part of China's long-standing hostility toward Taiwan's democratic system. The MND pointed out that this exercise illustrates Beijing's belief that "might makes right"—a tactic rooted in authoritarianism.

## **Taiwan's Military Response: Vigilant, Measured, and Prepared**

According to the MND, Taiwan's military has closely monitored the movements of China's Shandong aircraft carrier group since its departure on March 29. The carrier was last positioned 220 nautical miles (407km) southeast of Oluanpi (鵝鑾鼻), the southernmost point of Taiwan proper—outside Taiwan's 24-nautical-mile contiguous zone. As of 3:00 p.m. on April 1, the MND had tracked 13 PLA naval vessels, four China Coast Guard vessels, and 71 military aircraft, 36 of which crossed the Taiwan Strait median line and entered Taiwan's southwestern and southeastern air defense response zones.

Taiwan deployed mission aircraft, vessels, and shore-based missile systems to closely monitor and maintain situational awareness of the PLA aircraft and ships entering our response zone, seeking to deter the PLA from inadvertently turning the drills into war. Rules of engagement have been authorized, and troops are prepared to escalate to higher alert levels if the threat intensifies. The MND spokesperson also clarified that "military duty takes precedence over leave" during such contingencies.

## **Gray Zone Tactics and Legal Warfare: Escalating Hybrid Threats**

China's drills combined conventional force projection with gray zone tactics and psychological warfare. Coast guard vessels simulated inspections—without

actual boardings—to fabricate claims of jurisdiction under the “One China Principle.” Meanwhile, Beijing released heavily edited propaganda videos and issued repeated political attacks, seeking to fracture public morale and shape global narratives. Taiwan countered with a fact-based defense video without special effects, emphasizing professionalism and transparency.

### **■ Taiwan’s Position: We Seek Peace, But Will Not Yield**

Taiwan firmly rejects Beijing’s pressure campaign. As a democratic society, our decisions reflect the will of our people—not external coercion. We pursue peace and regional stability, but will not compromise our sovereignty or democratic values. Any attempt to alter the cross-Strait status quo by force and coercion threatens not only Taiwan, but also regional and global security.

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