
TAIWAN TO SIMULATE CHINESE INVASION IN MAJOR DRILL

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Taiwan will simulate a Chinese blockade and an invasion of the democratic island in its annual military and civil defence drills next week, as President Lai Ching-te warned on July 1 that the island was already facing Chinas war without gun smoke.

The annual Han Kuang exercises starting on July 9 will last for 10 days and mobilise more than 22,000 reservists, both unprecedented in length and scale.

Taiwan is facing ramped-up military pressure by China, which considers the separately governed island as its own despite Taipeis strong rejection.

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