
CHINA CLAIMS JAPAN'S MILITARY BUILDUP IS 'INCREASINGLY SERIOUS'

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China on Wednesday voiced strong concern over Japans latest defense policy proposals, warning that Tokyos military buildup is becoming increasingly serious and allegedly poses risks to regional stability.

Commenting on a draft proposal adopted by Japans ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian on Wednesday said the document reflected attempts by some forces in Japan to pursue remilitarization, break away from post-war norms, and accelerate military expansion.

The proposal, Jian said in his regular briefing, is expected to be submitted to Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba by the end of June, calls for substantial increases in defense spending, citing a deteriorating security environment, including Chinas military modernization and NATOs benchmark of spending 3.5% of GDP on defense.

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