
CHINA WARNS PACIFIC ISLANDS DIPLOMAT NOT TO SOUR TIES OVER TAIWAN

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China warned a top Pacific Islands diplomat to avoid affecting the healthy and stable development of ties on Aug 11, after he said Taiwan would attend an annual meeting of the regional blocs leaders.

The island was barred from the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting in 2025 after protests from Beijing, which claims Taiwan as part of its territory.

Baron Waqa, the forums secretary-general, told reporters on Aug 7 that Taipei would attend in 2026.

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