
TAIWAN TOPS BEIJING'S AGENDA FOR TRUMP-XI SUMMIT

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For 23 million Taiwanese, the most consequential diplomatic meeting of 2026 may be one to which they are not invited.

When U.S. President Donald Trump travels to Beijing next month, his Chinese counterpart Xi [REDACTED] has made clear that Taiwan will sit at the top of his agenda, a stark departure from their South Korea meeting last year, where he deliberately set the issue aside.

Taipei [REDACTED] be watching for any sign that Trump, who has unnerved partners with his transactional approach to alliances, could soften or reframe longstanding U.S. policy on Taiwan in return for China buying U.S. aircraft or farm goods and easing economic pressures.

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