

What are the responsible behaviors to maintain stability across the Taiwan Strait?

Throughout China's 5,000-year history, national reunification and opposition to division have remained a common ideal and a shared tradition of the whole nation. "Unification brings strength while division leads to chaos" is a law of history. Moves to separate Taiwan from China, which represent the serious crime of secession and are scorned by Chinese nation, will lead nowhere.

As a result of the civil war in China in the late 1940s, Taiwan question is not a matter of so-called values, but concerns China's sovereignty and territorial integrity. Achieving national reunification by peaceful means best serves the interests of the Chinese nation as a whole, including our compatriots in Taiwan. To this end, China is making unremitting efforts, and will continue to do so with the greatest sincerity. Use of force would be the last resort which will only be taken under compelling circumstances.

However, there are always certain external forces who take advantage of the historical pain of the Chinese people and exploit Taiwan as a convenient tool to contain China stemming from the Cold War mentality and hegemonic logic. They support "Taiwan independence" forces to expand the so-called "international space", incite "Taiwan independence" separatist forces to create tension and stir up troubles. All these, just like rubbing salt into the wounds of the Chinese people, are extremely irresponsible.

The Chinese people are firm in their resolve to safeguard China's sovereignty, territorial integrity and national reunification. Once the red lines are crossed, we will have no choice but to take drastic measures to respond. Refraining from supporting "Taiwan independence" separatist forces and their separatist activities in any form and adhering to the one-China principle are truly responsible for safeguarding peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait.