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Taiwan urged China to stop irresponsible provocative actions after 36 fighter jets, 12 H-6 nuclear-capable bombers and four other planes entered its **southwest Air Defence Identification Zone (ADIZ)**.



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Major Highlights:

- Taiwan accused China of seriously damaging the **status quo of peace and stability** in the Taiwan Strait with its string of larger incursions.
- **The incursions** cause tension between the two sides of the Taiwan Strait and has threatened regional **security and order**.
- The ADIZ includes a greater area that overlaps with part of China's own air defence identification zone including some of the mainland.

Taiwan- China Relations:

- Taiwan, officially known as **the Republic of China (ROC)**, is an island separated from China by the **Taiwan Strait**.
- It has been governed independently of mainland China, officially the People's Republic of China (PRC), since 1949.

Is Taiwan part of China?

- China asserts there is only **one China** and Taiwan is part of it.

- It views the PRC as the only legitimate government of China, and seeks Taiwan's **unification** with the mainland.
- China claims, Taiwan is bound by the 1992 Consensus, which was reached between representatives of the **Chinese Communist Party** (CCP) and the **Kuomintang** (KMT) party.
 - The two sides don't agree on the content of this consensus.

United States' Relationship with Taiwan:

- In 1979, the United States established formal diplomatic relations with the PRC. It severed its diplomatic ties and abrogated its mutual defense treaty with the ROC.
- The United States maintains an **unofficial relationship** with the island and continues to sell **defense equipment** to its military.

How China tried to Intimidate Taiwan?

- China has employed a variety of coercive tactics short of armed conflict.
- It has increased the frequency and scale of patrols of **PLA bombers**, fighter jets, and surveillance aircraft over and around Taiwan.
- It has increasingly sailed its **warships and aircraft carrier** through the Taiwan Strait in shows of force.
- **Cyberattacks** from China target Taiwan's government agencies.
- It suspended a cross-strait communication mechanism with the main Taiwan liaison office.
- It **restricted tourism** to Taiwan, and the number of mainland tourists visiting Taiwan has fallen.
- China has pressured global corporations, including airlines and hotel chains.