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NATO to Give Anti-Drone Systems to Ukraine

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On Tuesday, 18 OCT, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg stated that the military alliance would deliver anti-drone systems to Ukraine in the coming days. This announcement comes after Russia has been using drone strikes to target critical infrastructure.

Addressing a security conference in Berlin, Stoltenberg noted that the solution to Russian drone attacks was for the allies to step up their deliveries of anti-drone systems. Ukraine stated attacks by swarms of drones had destroyed almost a third of its power anti-drone systems. Ukraine stated attacks by swarms of drones had destroyed almost a third of its power

stations over the past week. This comes after Russia stepped up its attacks on Ukrainian infrastructure after suffering a string of military setbacks at the hands of Ukrainian troops. The NATO-delivered anti-drone systems will aid in countering the threat of Russian drone usage.

We can estimate with high confidence that NATO will continue to provide steadfast military support to Ukraine while the nation is under attack from the Russian military.



How the Results of the 20th National Congress Will Alter China's Stance of Taiwan

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The 20th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party began on 16 OCT 2022, and it will last until 22 OCT 2022. One of the more important positions that will be decided is that of the premier. Wang Yang and Hu Chunhua are two potential candidates for the position. Hu is a supporter of the CCP but has not commented on his personal beliefs regarding Taiwan. Wang, however, has made many public statements denouncing independence movements in Taiwan and has espoused the Party position of the “one country, two systems” idea. Wang is also an avid supporter of the reunification of China

and Taiwan. Whoever is elected premier would have the opportunity to continue to influence Xi's policies regarding Taiwan.

During the National Congress, the reunification issue was a major talking point for Xi. Specifically, China's policy regarding Taiwan has evolved, with Xi stating that China, “will never promise to renounce the use of force, and we reserve the option of taking all measures necessary.” Xi reemphasized that the China-Taiwan situation is an internal issue and that other countries, especially the United States, should not interfere.

In response to Xi's speech, the Taiwanese Office of the President released a statement confirming that

Taiwan will not give up on its desire for sovereignty and democracy. The Office also reiterated Taiwan's stance that a war between the two countries is not an option and further supported an independent Taiwan.

We can state with high confidence that the configuration of the new Politburo and Standing Committee will likely influence future Chinese policies regarding Taiwan. It can also be stated with high confidence that it is likely that Taiwan's stance regarding its independence will not change.



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