

Playing With Fire?

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In merely the last month . . .

Belligerently attempting to enforce China's illegal claim to virtually the entire South China Sea, a People's Liberation Army jet intercepted a U.S. Air Force reconnaissance aircraft over international waters, coming within [20 feet](#), forcing the U.S. pilot to take evasive action to avoid a crash.

And a war.

Which China's continually threatened invasion of Taiwan would definitely precipitate. The sort of military assault that the PLA practiced this week, Reuters

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[reported](#), sending 57 aircraft and four ships into "the sea and airspace around Taiwan, focused on land strikes and sea assaults."

Yet talk of a deadly conflict with China is not limited to Southeast Asia.

"Is India Getting Ready For A War With China?" was the [headline](#) of Peter Suci's 19fortyfive.com story last month detailing a clash between these two nuclear-armed, billion-plus-people nations sharing a disputed 2,100-mile border.*



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Japan has announced it will [double](#) military spending — and deploy U.S. tomahawk missiles "capable of striking targets deep inside of North Korea and China." To better counter the Chinazi threat to itself and neighboring Taiwan, the Japanese also have made "[path-breaking](#)" agreements to cooperate with the [U.S.](#) and the [United Kingdom](#).

Take a smidgen of comfort, too, in the recent Center for Strategic and International Studies' war games, which [saw](#) Taiwan, Japan and the U.S. "rapidly cripple the Chinese amphibious fleet" in beating back a Chinese invasion of the democratic island nation.

In renewing "its longstanding threat to attack Taiwan," the CCP [warned](#) that foreign countries were "playing with fire."

Correction: we're no longer just "playing."

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.

* CNN [explained](#) that the tensions between the two countries increased "sharply in June 2020 when hand-to-hand fighting . . . resulted in the deaths of at least 20 Indian and four Chinese soldiers in Aksai Chin-Ladakh."