
CHINA SENDS JETS AND BOMBERS NEAR TAIWAN AS BEIJING OPPOSES ISLAND'S TRADE DEAL BID

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China has voiced opposition to Taiwan joining a major trans-Pacific trade deal as it flew 24 planes – including two nuclear-capable bombers – into the self-ruled islands air defence zone, the biggest incursion in weeks, Taiwanese officials said.

Last week Beijing submitted its own application to become a member of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP).

Taiwan has lobbied for years to join and announced on Thursday that it had officially applied to be part of the CPTPP, which was signed by 11 Asia-Pacific countries in 2018 and is the regions biggest free-trade pact, accounting for around 13.5% of the global economy.

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