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CHINESE AIRSHOW REVEALS NEW THREATS

A Chinese J-20 stealth fighter of the People's Liberation Army performs at the Airshow China 2022 in Zhuhai in Guangdong Province, China, on Nov. 8, 2022.

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President Joe Biden meets with Chinese leader Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the G-20 leaders' summit in Bali, Indonesia, on Nov. 14, 2022.

OPINION

Why Communist China Is the Primary Profiter From Biden Admin’s Policies

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The video clip of the handshake between Chinese leader Xi Jinping and President Joe Biden in advance of the G-20 meeting in Bali is

an interesting study. One could argue in observing the body language that things are going according to plan—Xi’s plan, that is.

We know what Xi’s plan is; after all, he has been conveying the elements of his plan for a decade now. That plan involves the assertion of communist Chinese supremacy over the planet. To do so necessarily involves displacing the United States as the world’s only economic and military superpower. His grandiose initiatives, such as the Global Development Initiative and Global Security Initiative, are roadmaps to achieving that goal, just as Beijing’s corruption of international institutions, U.S. and other foreign diplomats, and others are hollowing out the current global order and undermining Washington at every turn to aid the process.

In a perfect and transparent world, Biden would have provided a status report to Xi at that G-20 pre-meeting on the actions by his administration (and the Democratic Party) in undermining U.S. national and economic security in favor of Beijing. That’s exactly what Biden’s policies are accomplishing, as most executive orders signed by Biden and most bills approved by Congress since January 2021 have been bad for America and good for the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

Let us examine the premise in detail. As China pursues Xi’s political, military, and economic hegemony goals, any U.S. policy that diminishes national and economic security and/or the cohesiveness of American society, in general, is bad for the United States. The following policies implemented by the Biden administration and Democrat-run Congress have trashed the United States in one or more important ways.

Open Border

Biden’s open-door policy on the U.S.–Mexican border has resulted in the invasion of more than 2 million illegal aliens and counting since January 2021. The results are disastrous for the United

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States: soaring crime rates (including drug and human trafficking and gang-related violence), astronomical social services costs in absorbing those illegals, diversion of scarce law enforcement resources away from public safety and other police missions, and tens of thousands of fentanyl deaths per year (most fentanyl and its precursors are manufactured in China).

Green New Deal

Biden’s executive orders that shut down the Keystone XL pipeline and U.S. domestic oil and gas production, as well as the passage into law of the \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill, have essentially implemented significant parts of the Democrats’ Green New Deal. The goal is a complete replacement of hydrocarbon-based energy production in the United States with so-called clean energy sources, such as solar and wind, through federal mandates, uneconomic green subsidies, and coercion of U.S. industry to rapidly achieve arbitrary green goals through Marxist “environmental, social, and governance” standards.

What are the results of these disastrous policies?

- A reversal of the United States from a net exporter of oil and gas under former President Donald Trump to a net importer under Biden.
- Sky-high energy costs, including a doubling or tripling of gasoline prices in some states from those in December 2020 (average costs in California are currently \$5.31 per gallon, with some gas stations charging more than \$7 per gallon).
- A depletion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to the lowest level since 1984 for political reasons to artificially depress gasoline prices ahead of the midterm elections (the SPR is a national security asset to be used in an emergency; its depletion, by definition, reduces U.S. national security).
- A shortage of diesel fuel, according to the Energy Information Administration, will drastically reduce long-haul trucking and contribute to gasoline shortages across the United States and even higher prices for food and other basic commodities.



- Further incentives to import Chinese-made green tech and add to the U.S.–China trade deficit (China is the world’s largest producer of electric vehicles, lithium batteries, and solar panels).

The bottom line: massive disruption in the U.S. economy and energy production industry, and subsidization of green imports from China.

Gargantuan Spending Bills

Over the past 21 months, the Biden Democrats have added nearly \$4.8 trillion to U.S. national debt, according to the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, by passing into law the following bills: the America Rescue Plan (\$1.9 trillion), the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (\$1.2 trillion), the Inflation Reduction Act (\$740 billion), and other unfunded commitments.

The Republican establishment was complicit, as these bills wouldn’t have been possible without their assistance in twice extending the debt ceiling by more than \$2.5 trillion, as well as some Republican votes for the bills themselves (less the America Rescue Plan).

The result? Skyrocketing inflation (unfunded government spending being the prime cause for inflation), an economic slowdown (two consecutive quarters of declining GDP growth), and a future debt service that will consume future GDP as interest rates continue to rise. All of those bills have little-known embedded provisions that are deleterious to the U.S. economy in the future.

For example, the Tax Foundation estimates that a single provision in the Inflation Reduction Act—the 15 percent minimum tax on corporate book income—“is the most economically damaging provision in the bill, reducing GDP by 0.1 percent and costing about 20,000 jobs.”

‘Woke’ Military

Biden’s policies are transforming the U.S. military in the worst possible way by creating divisiveness and destroying unit cohesion and readiness. These actions range from continuing misguided Obama-era policies, such as “making diversity the mission,” to the Defense Department standdown in February 2021 to supposedly address “extremism in the ranks,” to COVID-19 jab mandates that weakened medical readiness and forced resignations, to the promotion of “transgender” rights over religious liberty in the military.

The results? Declining military effectiveness and combat readiness, the resignations of mid-career officers and enlisted, and the growing recruiting/retention deficit. China’s People’s Liberation Army generals must be laughing as they watch the U.S. military implode through disastrous personnel and administrative policies.

Adoption of Cultural Marxism

Through executive orders, the Biden administration has promoted the principles of critical race theory (CRT) and diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) and their advocacy throughout the federal government.

The purpose of CRT and DEI is to employ racialism to “abolish the nuclear family, abolish gender, defund the police, abolish the border, abolish prisons, abolish the Senate, abolish the Electoral College, abolish ICE, abolish voter ID, abolish capitalism, abolish private/charter schools, abolish religious freedom, abolish free speech, abolish rights, abolish objective truth, abolish reality,” according to Newsweek.

In short, their goal is to destroy America’s institutions and culture from within. The CCP couldn’t be more pleased with the results.

LGBTQI+ Advocacy

Biden signed an executive order and a memorandum that advanced the controversial LGBTQI+ agenda at the expense of most Americans who don’t suffer from sexual dysphoria. With the stroke of a pen, his actions wiped out more than 4,000 years of Judeo-Christian history, morals, and beliefs that undergird American culture and our Republic.

The result is a continued substitution of identity politics over merit, along with the exacerbation of divisiveness among Americans and the deterioration of moral standards in our institutions. Worst of all is the Democratic Party’s support for the sexualizing and grooming of children by the public education system.

Ukraine Aid

With the lockstep support of Democrats in Congress and many establishment Republicans, the Biden administration continues to pour taxpayer money down the Ukraine rathole to the tune of \$52.2 billion through the beginning of October with more in the queue.

The result? An ongoing depletion of U.S. weapons and ammunition stores in the face of the rising threat posed by the Chinese regime, and the distraction caused by a regional war in Europe away from the hybrid war that China has been conducting against the United States for years.

An even greater benefit to the CCP are the revelations stemming from the FTX cryptocurrency scandal that’s unfolding.

“FTX had partnered with Ukraine to process donations to their war efforts within days of Joe Biden pledging billions of American taxpayer dollars to the country,” The Post Millennial reported. “Ukraine partnered with FTX as the Biden administration funneled funds to the invaded nation, and FTX then made massive donations to Demo-



A U.S. Border Patrol agent watches over a group of illegal immigrants after tracking them through rugged terrain at the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, Ariz., on Sept. 28, 2022.



A projection display of the Democrats’ passage of the Inflation Reduction Act is displayed in front of the White House on Aug. 12, 2022.

crats in the U.S.”

No wonder the U.S. Senate refused to pass Sen. Rand Paul’s (R-Ky.) amendment requiring mandatory aid audits to Ukraine. With the potential political paralysis that may ensue in Washington as the scandal unravels, Beijing stands much to gain.

Concluding Thoughts

The above list of “Biden administration and Democratic Party accomplishments” should have been presented by Biden (servant) to Xi (master) on Nov. 14 in advance of the G-20 summit in Bali. After all, the results from that list couldn’t have been more in Beijing’s long-term interests if Xi had drawn it up: high inflation, economic slowdown and

chaos, a weakened U.S. military, divisiveness among Americans, and a looming sovereign debt crisis.

The communist Chinese are reaping massive dividends on their investments in and corruption of the Biden family and many others in the U.S. political class. Meanwhile, Americans are getting the (very) short end of the stick.

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US-CHINA

Top House Republican Plans Special Committee on China

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House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) said on Nov. 20 that if he becomes the speaker of the chamber, he will set up a committee with its sole focus on the Chinese communist regime.

“China is the No. 1 country when it comes to intellectual property theft,” McCarthy said in an interview with Fox News on Nov. 20. “All the nations combined, Chinese steals more than them.”

The Chinese regime’s ongoing theft of intellectual property, which has continued for more than two decades, costs the United States an estimated \$200 billion to \$600 billion a year, according to Michael Orlando, acting director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

McCarthy accused the Biden administration of failing to stand up to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

“We will put a stop to this and no longer allow the administration to sit back and let China do what they are doing to America,” he said.

“When I become speaker, I’m going to have a select committee on China.”

The House minority leader will likely become the chamber’s speaker after Republicans won a majority during the midterm elections. McCarthy was elected as the House Republicans’ leader last week, clearing the first step of gaining the speaker’s gavel.

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Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.), House minority leader

McCarthy said he is eyeing issues such as China-manufactured fentanyl flooding into U.S. borders, the technology and intellectual theft from Beijing, the Chinese police outposts in U.S. cities, and the origin of COVID-19.

“This is where the fentanyl from China comes that will kill 300 Americans today, the No. 1 killer of the next generation,” he said.

The Republican congressman vows to stop the Chinese police facilities on U.S. soil.

“We will stop these police stations in



House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy speaks at the Republican Jewish Coalition annual leadership meeting in Las Vegas on Nov. 19, 2022.

America,” McCarthy said.

The “overseas police service stations” have raised concerns among lawmakers in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and European countries after a September report by the nongovernmental organization Safeguard Defenders revealed that the existence of such outposts is part of the CCP’s global, transnational repression.

Chinese police authorities have set up dozens of such stations across the world, including in New York, Toronto, London, Paris, and Dublin, according to a review by Safeguard Defenders of China’s state media reports.

The Chinese authorities claimed that the sites are for administrative purposes, such as helping the Chinese diaspora abroad to renew their driver’s licenses.

However, the Europe-based watchdog noted that the CCP’s “service stations” serve a “sinister goal,” including intimidating and surveilling overseas Chinese nationals and pressuring those wanted by the regime to return to China to face criminal charges.

FBI Director Christopher Wray said last week that Washington is aware of these offices in the United States.

“To me, it is outrageous to think that the Chinese police would attempt to set up shop—you know, in New York, let’s say—without proper coordination,” Wray told lawmakers on Nov. 17. “It violates sovereignty and circumvents standard judicial and law enforcement cooperation processes.

“I’m deeply concerned about this and I’m not going to just let it lie.”



President Joe Biden and China's leader Xi Jinping meet on the sidelines of the G-20 Summit in Nusa Dua on the Indonesian resort island of Bali on Nov. 14, 2022.

OPINION

Xi Fooled Biden, Again

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Joe Biden met Xi Jinping in Bali, for the first time in Biden's presidency. Some analysts say the meeting finally gave the president the opportunity to tell Xi, face-to-face, that the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) aggression against Taiwan and genocide against the Uyghurs, not to mention Tibet and the Falun Gong, are unacceptable. Biden could have demanded a proper scientific investigation of the origins of COVID-19 in Wuhan—something Xi has forbidden to the international community. Despite arguments against enabling and ennobling an intransigent totalitarian by granting Xi a public meeting with a U.S. president, analysts argue that face-to-face is the only reliable way to influence Xi with facts.

Xi surrounded himself with politburo yes-men at the CCP congress in October. They are not likely to risk arrest by telling Xi what he does not want to hear.

Only the most powerful heads of state can tell Xi the truth without risking massive repercussions.

Such individuals are few indeed and include a handful of heads of state from the United States, Germany, France, Britain, India, and Japan. Most other countries are too weak, economically or militarily, to confront Xi with points of view he prefers to ignore.

Biden met with Xi in Bali and could have spoken truth to power. But he apparently "squandered" the opportunity, as Gen. Jack Keane and journalist Maria Bartiromo observed on Fox News, to directly inform Xi of Washington's commitment to defend Taiwan militarily and to tell him that cross-strait aggression is purely on the part of the CCP.

China's "People's Liberation Army," a misnomer like no other, regularly threatens Taiwan by crossing the median line over the Taiwan Strait that divides the two countries.

Bartiromo said that Biden should also have publicly raised COVID-19 and the continued failure to conduct a proper scientific investigation in Wuhan as to its origins. Millions died, and millions more could die from the next pandemic because we failed to learn our lessons from the containment failures of late 2019. We cannot learn the lessons without an investigation.

Team Biden was apparently too busy trying to get Xi to denounce the possible use of nuclear weapons by Russia and

North Korea, to truly confront the threat from Beijing itself. The administration is overwhelmed with a multitude of crises. Each global dictator can, as a result, more easily use aggression for their short-sighted gains.

The proliferation of authoritarian threats is getting out of Biden's control because rather than focus on rallying allies and increasing our combined military defenses, the president is busy pleading with Xi for help.

Xi must think Biden a real fool, as it should have been clear by 2013, when Xi launched his politicized anti-corruption campaign, that he is not a cooperator unless it serves his long-term power grabs.

Xi wants us to give up on Taiwan, Uyghurs, and COVID-19 accountability. And Biden apparently fell into this trap in Bali. The dueling statements from each side show that Biden may come out looking like the nicer guy, but Xi emerges as having dominated the summit.

According to Beijing's statement, which is riddled with falsehoods and includes revolting photos (given the context of ongoing genocides and Xi's norm-breaking third term in power) of the two leaders smiling and shaking hands with an on-center Chinese flag:

"President Biden congratulated President Xi on his re-election as General Secretary of the CPC Central Committee. ... President Biden reaffirmed that a stable and prosperous China is good for the United States and the world. The United States respects China's system, and does not seek to change it. The United States does not seek a new Cold War, does not seek to revitalize alliances

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against China, does not support 'Taiwan independence,' does not support 'two Chinas' or 'one China, one Taiwan,' and has no intention to have a conflict with China. The U.S. side has no intention to seek 'de-coupling' from China, to halt China's economic development, or to contain China."

Nothing in the White House statement is as strong, and no correction was issued on what should be publicly declaimed as mischaracterizations of U.S. foreign policy.

Markets responded by rewarding Chinese companies, which saw their shares rise almost 5 percent on the Hang Seng China Enterprises Index. According to Bloomberg, the meeting "spurred bets that better collaboration and cooperation between the two sides will reduce the risk of delisting of hundreds of Chinese companies such as Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. from the U.S. due to audit issues."

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That simply doesn't work with dictators like Xi and Vladimir Putin. They take niceness as weakness. They pay attention to little more than force and economic power. They think freedom, democracy, and human rights get in the way of "progress," defined as the expansion of their own power.

Xi cannot, therefore, be expected to respond to reasoning from a democratic perspective. Continued meetings with democratic leaders that he can spin publicly to his malign interests, and that give him media coverage as a legitimate global leader, should be avoided. The focus should instead be on rallying our allies and materially improving our joint deterrence.

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Aircraft of the Eastern Theater Command of the Chinese People's Liberation Army conduct joint combat training exercises around Taiwan on Aug. 7, 2022.

CCP INFILTRATION

Lawmakers Want to Ban Chinese Companies From Buying US Farmland Due to ‘National Security’ Threat

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Chinese companies have acquired more than 500,000 acres of farmland in Texas, the agriculture powerhouse of the United States that leads the country in exporting a host of crops.

The acquisition of that much acreage is concerning for Texas lawmakers, particularly for state Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller, who told The Epoch Times in an exclusive interview on Nov. 16 that it presents a national security threat and needs to be stopped.

"It should be a matter of urgency; the stupidest thing we could do is let the Chinese buy our farmland," Miller said. "It would give them access to our food sources or electric grid ... there's no good reason to allow this to happen."

Miller said he first became alarmed about the issue in 2016, when the company Guanghui Energy Co. Ltd., owned by Chinese billionaire Sun Guangxin, who's reportedly connected to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), began purchasing up to 140,000 acres of farmland in the border town of Del Rio—next to Laughlin Air Force Base. The company stated that it would use the land to build wind turbines.

"They could be spying on our military, performing espionage," said Miller, who's working with lawmakers to create a national ban on foreign-owned companies purchasing land near critical infrastructure sites.

"I'm working with the Texas Legislature to stop it at the state level; I'm also working with the congressional delegation to stop it at the federal level."

Chinese Firms Purchase More Farmland

In the summer of 2022, more lawmakers became alarmed when it was revealed that a Chinese agriculture company called the Fufeng Group, which has ties to the CCP, purchased hundreds of acres of farmland in Grand Forks, North Dakota, near another Air Force base.

The Grand Forks Air Force Base is home to a low-Earth orbit satellite mission that would advance military intelligence and surveillance, according to Sen. John Hoeven (R-N.D.).

"We've been working with SDA [Space Development Agency] and the Air Force to secure this new mission, which is essential for our nation to stay ahead of our adversaries in developing critical new technologies," he said.

Hoeven said the new mission will serve as "the backbone for all U.S. military communications across the globe."

According to a report from the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, the location of the land close to the base is "particularly convenient for monitoring air traffic flows in and out of the base, among other security-related concerns."

The Fufeng Group maintains that it will use the land to build a wet corn milling plant that extracts high-valued amino acids, lysine, and threonine, which are essential ingredients in animal nutrition feed formulations.



A man looks over the land in Snyder, Texas, on April 22.

States Respond

Since the pattern of Chinese companies buying up U.S. farmland has been brought to light, several states have begun trying to stop the practice.

"There are eight states that forbid it now, there's 34 that have some kind of restrictions, but we really need a national policy over this," Miller said.

Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-Wash.) introduced legislation in the U.S. House called the Prohibition of Agricultural Land for the People's Republic of China Act, which would "prohibit the purchase of public or private agricultural land in the United States by foreign nationals associated with

the Government of the People's Republic of China."

"We hail from the greatest country in the world, and there is simply no reason we should be reliant on a communist country like China for our food supply. If we begin to cede the responsibility over our food supply chain to an adversarial foreign nation, we could be forced into exporting food that is grown within our own borders and meant for our own use," Newhouse said in a statement.

Reps. Elise Stefanik (R-N.Y.) and Rick Crawford (R-Ark.) have also introduced legislation called the Promoting Agriculture Safeguards and Security (PASS) Act,

which would "protect our national security by preventing foreign adversaries from taking any ownership or control of the United States agriculture industry."

"Food security is national security, and I am proud to stand up against our foreign adversaries as they attempt to exploit any potential vulnerability and assert control over our agriculture industry," Stefanik said in a statement. "The United States cannot allow malign ownership bids of American assets by China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea to undermine the efforts of our farmers."

The Extent of China's Presence Unclear

It's unclear exactly how much farmland Chinese companies have purchased in the United States due to a lack of government transparency on farm sales. A 1978 law called the Agriculture Foreign Investment Disclosure Act requires those who purchase farmland in the United States to report the purchases to the Department of Agriculture. However, the data on those purchases hasn't been well kept, according to media sources.

But as tensions continue to grow between the United States and China, several legislators and state officials such as Miller say the time to reveal the true foreign owners of farmland in the United States is now.

"They could contaminate several truckloads of wheat or corn or whatever they're raising on this agriculture property and steal trade secrets or even try to shut off the electric grid," Miller said.

"We should just use a little cowboy logic and say, 'Hey, if we can't buy farmland in your country, we can't see any good reason that you should buy any of ours.'"



Grand Forks Air Force Base is located about 12 miles from the city of Grand Forks, N.D. Residents have organized to oppose a corn mill investment by a Chinese company with reputed ties to the Chinese Communist Party through its company chairman.

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OPINION

New Threats Revealed at China’s Zhuhai Airshow

Chinese J-20 stealth fighters of the People’s Liberation Army perform at the Airshow China 2022 in Zhuhai in Guangdong Province, China, on Nov. 8, 2022.



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Though canceled in 2020 due to COVID-19, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) dictatorship stages its Zhuhai air/ground/naval weapons show every two years, primarily to show to the United States, Japan, and Taiwan the accelerating military investments it will use to defeat Taiwan, and then subdue the United States and all other democracies on its way to global hegemony.

During its 14th Zhuhai Airshow on Nov. 8–13, China formally displayed for the first time its fifth-generation fighter, revealed new air and sea-launched ballistic missiles to target the U.S. Navy, displayed scores of new unmanned combat systems and its progress with unmanned-manned integration, and revealed progress in securing hegemony over the moon.

Chengdu J-20

Though its political “first flight” was famously staged on Jan. 11, 2011, to embarrass visiting then-U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, the People’s Liberation Army Air Force (PLAAF) Chengdu Aircraft Corporation’s (CAC) J-20 fifth-generation stealth air superiority fighter was formally displayed for the first time at the Zhuhai Airshow.

Its flight line exposure allowed viewing of production numbers, allowing PLA aircraft expert Andreas Rupprecht to estimate for Defense News that J-20 production may now exceed 200. This fighter has greater maneuverability, range, and stealth protection than the fourth-generation fighters of Japan, Taiwan, and the United States.

In a speech on July 16, 2009, on justifying the production termination of the Lockheed-Martin F-22A, the most capable U.S. fifth-generation fighter, at 187, Gates said that China “is projected to have no fifth-generation aircraft by 2020.”

On the Zhuhai flight line, it was possible to see for the first time that the J-20’s airframe stealth panning and coatings had a precision and finish that approached that of U.S. stealth fighters, likely aided by China’s late 2000s cyber

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espionage against Lockheed.

At a Nov. 8 press availability, former J-20 chief designer Dr. Yang Wei, who likely is now leading China’s sixth-generation fighter program, told Chinese reporters that there would be a second and a third version of the J-20.

In 2016, Yang coauthored a paper that proposed a bomber or strike version of the J-20. In the early 2000s, the U.S. Air Force briefly considered a larger FB-22 bomber version of the F-22A, but the George W. Bush administration rejected it.

For the first time at Zhuhai, the Aero Engine Corporation of China (AECC) displayed a model of a WS-10A fighter engine with a two-dimensional thrust vectoring system (TVC) as is used by the F-22A to confer “supermaneuverability,”

which would be ideally suited for the closely mounted engines of the J-20.

New Anti-Ship Ballistic Missiles

The Zhuhai Airshow also revealed new air-launched and ship-launched ballistic missiles that could threaten Taiwan and U.S. Navy ships.

On Nov. 3, a Xian Aircraft Corporation (XAC) H-6K bomber arrived at Zhuhai with two large missiles on wing pylons. Though so far unidentified, they strongly resemble new second-generation short-range ballistic missiles that could have been made by the China Aerospace and Science Corporation (CASC) or the China Aerospace Science and Industry Corporation (CASIC).

An H-6K may be able to carry up to four missiles. With an estimated air-launched



Taiwanese Air Force F-16 fighter jet flies alongside a Chinese People's Liberation Army Air Force (PLAAF) H-6K bomber in the western Pacific, one of the Chinese military aircraft that reportedly flew over Bashi Channel and Miyako Strait near Japan's Okinawa island chain on the morning of May 11, 2018.

CCTV VIA AP



A missile is launched from an unspecified location in China on Aug. 4, 2022. The Chinese military fired missiles into waters near Taiwan as part of its planned exercises on Aug. 4.

GETTY IMAGES



A visitor looks at the model of the lunar landing return capsule during Explore CASCI (China Aerospace Science and Cultural Innovation) ART Exhibition in Wuhan, China, on Oct. 2, 2022.

STR/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES



People watch a robotic dog at the Apsara Conference, a cloud computing and artificial intelligence conference in Hangzhou in Zhejiang Province, China, on Nov. 3, 2022.

range of over 300 miles and capable of low hypersonic speeds, they would pose a greater threat than the CASIC 250-mile range and supersonic speed anti-ship YJ-12 cruise missile currently in use.

The threat to U.S. and allied ships also increased at Zhuhai with the revelation of two new anti-ship ballistic missiles (ASBMs): the CASC YJ-21, a two-stage missile seen in 2021 being launched from a Type 055 cruiser; and the first display of the CASIC CM-103, which resembles early versions of the U.S. Raytheon SM-6 surface-to-air-missile (SAM).

The respective ranges for these missiles were not revealed, but a future U.S. Army ballistic version of the SM-6 may have a range of 1,200 miles.

The PLA navy has over 2,300 vertical launch system (VLS) “tubes” on its cruisers, destroyers, and frigates that could further increase the saturation of U.S. Navy ships with land, air, and now sea-launched ASBMs.

Unmanned Weapons Proliferation

For over 20 years, since 2001, China has invested massively in the most conceivable unmanned weapon systems and displayed at Zhuhai that a second phase of joining manned and unmanned weapons operations is well underway.

China’s main PLA ground force weapons maker, China North Industries Group Corporation (NORINCO), displayed this melding of unmanned and manned military operations in a poster display of its “New Generation Brigade Combat Team,” in which seven out of ten battalions employed unmanned combat and/or surveillance systems in cooperation with manned weapons.

Gaining some attention was a possible NORINCO four-leg “dog” robot armed with a QBB-97 light machine gun that can fire 650 rounds a minute—from a prone position.

As the United States and some of its allies are also working to develop new unmanned combat aerial vehicles (UCAVs) similar in size and performance to fighter aircraft, to accompany manned fighters, bombers, and support aircraft, China displayed at Zhuhai that similar efforts are underway.

A new version of the CASC FH-97A unmanned escort/strike fighter showed an evolution from the first version revealed at the 2021 Zhuhai show, stressing new sensors that could enable unmanned and potentially artificial intelligence-enabled, air-to-air combat capabilities.

The FH-97A, or the new fighter-size CAC CS-5000T flying wing UCAV, could also perform suppression of enemy

air defense (SEAD) missions to assist manned strike aircraft missions or perform strike missions as well.

CAC also revealed its Wing Loong-3 (WL-3), a very large 13,600-pound, turboprop-powered UCAV with a 40-hour endurance to enforce a blockade or attack targets. This is almost three times the endurance of the U.S. General Atomics MQ-9 Reaper that the WL-3 resembles.

In addition, the Zhuhai show displayed scores of small vertical take-off UCAVs that could be used to surveil or bomb troops—much as Ukrainian and Russian forces are employing against each other—and many new wheeled and tracked unmanned ground vehicles equipped for combat and transport missions.

Moon Mission Clarity

China also used the Zhuhai show to reveal new details about its ambitions to send its people to the moon.

Timed with the show, a Nov. 8 article in the CCP’s China Youth Daily quoted Zhao Xinguo, head of the Aerospace Department of the First Academy of China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation (CASC), saying for the first time that China’s first manned space launch vehicle for lunar missions, now called the Long March-5G, could make its first flight by 2027.

This means that both the astronaut-carrying and manned moon lander versions of the 27 tons of cargo to the moon-capable Long March-5G could be tested in time potentially to enable the first Chinese manned mission to the moon by 2029.

This means that former President Barack Obama’s 2010 decision to cancel George W. Bush’s constellation moon program has likely aided China’s arrival on the moon within two to three years of the U.S.-planned 2026 or 2027 return to the moon.

In addition, Chinese sources also explained that a new version of the 50 tons to the moon Long March-9 would prioritize a reusable first stage, discarding previous versions that were not reusable.

As such, the United States will gain little “head start” in building a strategic position on the moon to help deter China’s militarization of the moon, meaning conflict on the moon becomes more likely.

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Taiwanese navy launches a U.S.-made Standard Missile from a frigate during the annual Han Kuang Drill, on the sea near the Su'ao navy harbor in Yilan county, Taiwan on July 26, 2022.

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US Must Increase Taiwan Military Spending to Counter China: Congressional Report

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A top congressional advisory body recommends that the United States establish multiyear funding and other mechanisms to bolster Taiwan’s defenses against unprecedented aggression from communist China.

The recommendation proposes establishing a joint planning mechanism and encouraging increases in Taiwan’s defense spending to ensure that the island is arming itself to the best of its ability.

The U.S.–China Economic and Security Review Commission (USCC) released its annual report on Nov. 15, which said the measures would be necessary to deter an invasion by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). “2022 may prove to be a watershed year for the Chinese Communist Party and for America’s response to its ambitions,” said USCC Chair Alex Wong during a meeting introducing the report’s publication.

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Wong said that the CCP seeks to isolate the island from the rest of the world through diplomatic, economic, and military coercion. The regime’s goal is to compel Taiwan into accepting communist rule by any means necessary. To that end, he said, the United States and Taiwan would need to increase their cooperation to ensure their victory in the event of a conflict with China.

“We recommend the creation of an economic and security preparedness and resilience office to ensure that we ourselves are prepared to withstand and win long-term competition and conflict,” Wong said.

“We recommend that Congress make available significant additional multiyear defense funds to our military in conjunction with a U.S.–Taiwan joint planning mechanism that would bolster Taiwan’s own commitment to increasing its defense spending.”

China Seeks to Devour Taiwan

The CCP claims that Taiwan is a rogue province of China that must be united with the mainland and refuses to rule out the use of force to achieve this goal.

However, Taiwan has never been controlled by the CCP. The island nation has been self-governed since 1949 and boasts a thriving democratic government and market economy.

The United States diplomatically recognizes but does not endorse China’s claims and maintains legal ties with Taiwan, ensuring that it will provide the arms necessary for the island’s defense.

Wong and the USCC believe that both the United States and Taiwan will need to do more to arm and train for the possibility of a war with China, which the report says has become more likely following Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

CCP authorities have become increasingly bellicose in recent years and have threatened military violence on a number of occasions.

Chinese Defense Minister Wei Fenghe vowed this year to “start a war no matter the cost” to prevent the international recognition of Taiwan’s independence.

Likewise, CCP leader Xi Jinping said to President Joe Biden this month, “Cross-Strait peace and stability and ‘Taiwan independence’ are as irreconcilable as water and fire.”

US Must Increase ‘Capacity to Resist Force’

The USCC’s new report contains an entire chapter dedicated to the issue of Taiwan and outlines how the CCP has increased its efforts to push the international community away from helping Taiwan in order to tighten the noose.

“In 2022, China adopted a significantly more aggressive stance toward Taiwan, ramping up displays of military force in addition to diplomatic and economic coercion,” the report said.

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“Beijing has also carefully observed Russia’s war on Ukraine, presumably drawing lessons that would inform its approach if Chinese leaders ultimately decide to force unification with Taiwan.”

The report says that the United States will need to increase its readiness for military conflict in the Indo-Pacific region, and seek to bolster its own military forces and those of its partners and allies in the region.

To that end, the USCC recommends that “Congress direct the U.S. Department of Defense to produce a classified report on current and future military posture, logistics, maintenance, and sustainment requirements to bolster the United States’ ‘capacity to resist force’ in the event of a Chinese attack and attempted invasion of Taiwan.”

Ultimately, it was the opinion of the USCC that the CCP under Xi had committed itself to a dangerous desire for historical relevance, and would seek to cement its legacy through increased violence and destabilization. The United States, the USCC maintained, must therefore prepare itself to defend the values of the Democratic West and like-minded nations of the world.

“Xi’s personal and strategic ambitions for his and China’s place in history are clearer than they’ve ever been before,” Wong said, “and so is the need for the United States to take resolute steps to preserve and defend our interests and ideals in response.”

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