

Congress of the United States

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The Honorable Marco Rubio
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U.S. Department of State
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The Honorable Pete Hegseth
Secretary
U.S. Department of Defense
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The Honorable John Ratcliffe
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
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Dear Secretary Rubio, Secretary Hegseth, and Director Ratcliffe,

I am writing to express grave concern over recent reports suggesting that Russia is providing cutting-edge military equipment and training to the People's Republic of China (PRC) that would bolster its capabilities to invade Taiwan. The growing level of military cooperation between these two nations is highly concerning, and I urge the Administration to address this issue directly with General Secretary Xi Jinping this week when President Trump meets him in South Korea. It is essential that we hold both the PRC and Russia accountable for supporting each other's aggressive designs, whether in Ukraine or in Taiwan, and take meaningful action to deter Beijing's escalating military threat to Taiwan and America's other friends in the Indo-Pacific region.

According to the *Washington Post*, Russia recently agreed to transfer \$548 million in military equipment to the People's Liberation Army (PLA), including special-purpose amphibious vehicles, anti-tank guns, airborne armored personnel carriers, and parachute systems designed to drop them from high altitudes.¹ These news reports suggest Russian specialists will also train PLA paratroopers to use the weaponry in combat, drawing lessons from Russia's battlefield experience in Ukraine "to give Chinese airborne units the training and technical knowhow to carry out lightning-fast operations."² According to the United Kingdom-based Royal United Services Institute, Beijing appears to be seeking Moscow's assistance to bolster the PLA's capabilities in key areas needed for amphibious assaults on its neighbors' territory where it currently lags behind.³ Taken together, these measures could "boost Beijing's capacity to

¹ Washington Post, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2025/09/26/russia-china-weapons-sales-air-assault/>

² Id

³ Royal United Services Institute, <https://www.rusi.org/explore-our-research/publications/commentary/how-russia-helping-china-prepare-seize-taiwan>

seize Taiwan” and will improve its “offensive options” against the Philippines and other neighboring island nations.⁴

The reported military agreement comes amidst a steadily expanding strategic partnership between Russia and the PRC that was further cemented last month during Vladimir Putin’s summit with Xi while attending a military parade in Beijing. At their summit, the two leaders agreed to strengthen cooperation across a range of sectors, including aerospace, artificial intelligence, and energy.⁵ Meanwhile, Beijing continues to serve as a critical supplier of dual-use components to support the Kremlin’s war effort against Ukraine and has become a key enabler of Russian production of attack and surveillance drones.⁶ Beijing has a vested stake in Russia’s war in Ukraine, as a victory for Putin would establish a precedent that could further embolden Xi’s ambitions to take over Taiwan, including by force if necessary.

On top of these news reports, I am alarmed by the Administration’s apparent decision to withhold a \$400 million weapons package to Taiwan, which included munitions and autonomous drones that are essential for deterring CCP aggression.⁷ The signal the Administration sends by withholding this support is all the more concerning given reports that Xi plans to pressure President Trump to grant major concessions on U.S. policy toward Taiwan during their meeting later this week.⁸ Taiwan is a vibrant democracy, economic powerhouse, and longstanding partner of the United States—not a bargaining chip. Any actions that weaken America’s relationship with Taiwan will only embolden Beijing and increase the risk of conflict.

This Administration cannot stand by and merely watch as Russia reportedly offers support for PRC aggression against Taiwan, all while the PRC continues to facilitate Russia’s illegal war in Ukraine. The United States must take swift and determined action to support Taiwan and counter the deepening PRC-Russia alliance that fuels conflict and aggression and directly threatens our security as well as that of our partners.

As such, I respectfully request written answers to the following questions, as well as a staff briefing, as soon as practicable:

1. What is the current state of military cooperation between Russia and the PRC and, if accurate, what do the recent reports of Moscow’s provision of airborne assault capabilities to Beijing suggest about the trajectory of the two nations’ military partnership? Is there evidence that Russia plans to provide the PRC with additional military capabilities or training based on lessons learned from its invasion of Ukraine that would bolster Beijing’s capabilities to attack Taiwan?
2. To what extent are the PRC and Russia coordinating their policies regarding Taiwan and the war in Ukraine, and how is the growing alignment between the two countries increasing the risk of conflict and escalation in the Indo-Pacific and Europe?

⁴ Washington Post, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2025/09/26/russia-china-weapons-sales-air-assault/>

⁵ Readout by Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/wjw_673085/zzjg_673183/xws_674681/xgxw_674683/202509/t20250902_11700238.shtml

⁶ Reuters, <https://www.reuters.com/business/aerospace-defense/chinese-drone-experts-worked-with-sanctioned-russian-arms-maker-sources-say-2025-09-25/>

⁷ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2025/09/18/trump-taiwan-arms-sales-military-aid/>

⁸ Wall Street Journal, https://www.wsj.com/world/china/trump-xi-talks-china-taiwan-8ed82d1b?mod=hp_lead_pos1

3. What additional sanctions or other measures, if any, beyond the sanctions recently targeting Rosneft and Lukoil, is the Administration considering to hold Russia and the PRC accountable for providing each other with advanced military and dual-use capabilities?
4. How does the Administration plan to strengthen deterrence against a potential PRC invasion of Taiwan given Beijing's improving military capabilities to carry out an invasion campaign?

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Raja Krishnamoorthi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Raja Krishnamoorthi
Ranking Member
House Select Committee on the CCP