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# Lai Ching-te's secessionist fallacy slammed

By GT staff reporters

Taiwan regional leader Lai Ching-te is once again distorting the truth, making outrageous claims, and hyped the "mainland threat," said Chen Binhua, spokesperson for Taiwan Affairs Office of State Council on Wednesday, adding that the secessionist regional leader is peddling the separatist fallacy of "Taiwan independence," advocating for "independence through military means" and "relying on external forces for independence," while deceiving the public on the island and international opinion.

The remarks were made in response to Lai's provocative rhetoric made during an interview with a US broadcast program, during which he once again hyped the "new two-state theory" of "mutual non-subordination," falsely claimed that military exercises conducted by mainland undermine peace and stability in the "Indo-Pacific" region, and advocated an increase in Taiwan region's military spending and collaboration with the so-called "democratic camp" to exert "deterrence."

Since Lai took office more than a year ago, he has gone against the mainstream public

opinion in Taiwan region, stubbornly adhering to a "Taiwan independence" stance, vigorously promulgating separatist rhetoric, and continuously inciting "anti-China" sentiments, said the spokesperson, noting that this has escalated cross-Straits tensions and heightened confrontations, pushing Taiwan island into a precarious situation.

By submitting to external forces and compromising Taiwan region's interests, he has severely harmed the livelihoods of local businesses and people, jeopardizing island's economic lifeline and future development

prospects, Chen said.

"Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) secessionist authorities in Taiwan island may feel uneasy fearing that they might be treated by Washington as a bargaining chip and traded away," Li Haidong, a professor at the China Foreign Affairs University, told the Global Times.

In July, Lai Ching-te delayed his planned trip to Latin America to visit so-called "diplomatic allies" after the US rejected his planned "transit" through New York. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun said that the one-China principle is

a fundamental norm in international relations and a prevailing consensus of the international community.

In September, US President declined to approve more than \$400 million in military aid to Taiwan island this summer, according to Washington Post.

"We have a firm will, strong determination, and powerful capabilities to crush all 'Taiwan independence' separatist activities and external interference," said the spokesperson on Wednesday. "Unification will surely prevail, 'Taiwan independence' will surely perish," the spokesperson emphasized.

## China highlights



Buyers and others attend a tourism promotion event at the China booth at IMEX America, the largest trade show of its kind in the world, on October 7, 2025 in Las Vegas. China participated for the second consecutive year, showcasing a larger exhibition scale and richer cultural activities to comprehensively highlight its tourism resources, becoming a major highlight of the event. Photo: VCG

## Certain forces hyping dropped China-related spy case aim to sow discord within Labour Party: expert

By Fan Anqi and Ding Yazhi

The UK's Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) has said that a case involving alleged Chinese espionage in parliament collapsed after the government refused to provide evidence that China was a threat to UK national security, the Financial Times reported on Tuesday.

The government's refusal to provide the evidence, the CPS said, was the "key reason" it dropped the case, according to the report.

Christopher Berry, 33, a teacher from Witney in Oxfordshire, and Christopher Cash, 30, a parliamentary researcher from Whitechapel in London, were arrested in March 2023 as part of an investigation that involved counter-terror police, the BBC reported.

Regarding the CPS' decision to drop the charges, a spokesperson from the Chinese Embassy in London said last month they have emphasized from the outset that the allegations that China instructed the relevant British individuals to "steal British intelligence" are entirely fabricated and a malicious slander. "We urge certain individuals in the UK to stop this kind of self-staged anti-China political farce," the spokesperson said.

An earlier Financial Times report published on Monday said the prosecution fell apart after security officials said they would not provide testimony that China could be defined as an "enemy," an important element for a prosecution under the Official Secrets Act, which the alleged spies had been charged with breaching.

It is worth noting that certain forces in the UK have continued to hype up the already dismissed China-related espionage case, and this is not purely out of national security concerns, Li Guan-jie, a research fellow with the Shanghai Academy of Global Governance and Area Studies under the Shanghai International Studies University, told the Global Times on Wednesday.

"They are trying to amplify the contradictions within the Labour Party regarding national security and China policy, so as to gain an advantage in public opinion," Li said.

## Gaza ceasefire talks underway amid high international attention

By Zhang Wanshi

With negotiations between Israel and Hamas underway in Egypt, Hamas said on Wednesday it had exchanged a list of the names of Israeli hostages and Palestinian prisoners to be released under a swap deal, according to multiple media reports.

Taher al-Nunu, who is part of the Hamas delegation in Sharm el-Sheikh, was quoted in a statement published by the group as saying that the mediators are "making great efforts to remove any obstacles to the steps to implement the ceasefire, and a spirit of optimism prevails among all," according to Al Jazeera.

"The lists of prisoners required to be released were exchanged today according to the agreed-upon criteria and numbers. Indirect negotiations continue today with the participation of all parties and mediators," he added, the report said.

Negotiations are focused on the mechanisms to halt the conflict, with-

drawal of Israeli forces from Gaza and the swap deal, the Palestinian militant group added, according to Reuters.

The timing of the implementation of the first phase of US President Donald Trump's 20-point initiative has not been agreed so far during the talks, said a Palestinian source close to the negotiations, Reuters reported.

The indirect talks between Israeli and Hamas delegations began on Monday to discuss a framework for exchanging Israeli hostages and Palestinian prisoners, according to the Xinhua News Agency.

Qatari Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, Egypt's intelligence chief Hassan Rashad and his Turkish counterpart, Ibrahim Kalin, will be mediating the talks, per CNN. US Special Envoy Steve Witkoff and Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner are also expected in Egypt for the talks.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said that his government

is in touch with Hamas, sharing its views on what it thought the best way forward was for reaching a ceasefire deal in Gaza, following a request by Trump for support in the talks, Al Jazeera reported on Wednesday.

The ongoing negotiations are driven by mutual necessity, said Liu Zhongmin, a professor at the Middle East Studies Institute of Shanghai International Studies University. However, looking ahead, there is still deep mistrust between the two sides.

Killings have continued despite the ceasefire talks that have been under way in Egypt's Sharm el-Sheikh for three days, Al Jazeera reported on Wednesday. At least eight Palestinians have been killed and 61 injured in new Israeli attacks across the Gaza Strip in the past 24 hours, according to the enclave's Health Ministry.

In the absence of a ceasefire, Israel has pressed on with its offensive in Gaza, "increasing its international isolation," Reuters reported on Wednesday.

