

## **Taiwanese Hardship Caused by the PRC's Actions for Isolating and Annexing Taiwan**

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Thank you for participating the PCT's workshop. Your coming shows your love and care about the people and the church ministry in Taiwan. May the Lord bless you.

The issue I want to share here is about Taiwanese hardship caused by the actions of the People's Republic of China for isolating Taiwan diplomatically from international society and for annexing Taiwan politically into China. What the PRC is doing include military threats against Taiwan and actions of cutting off Taiwan's diplomatic relations with other countries and international institutes. The hardship of the people in Taiwan is, as you could imagine, like a person living day by day but pointed by a big gun on his head, waiting to be possessed, and feeling no formal companion coming to help.

As you know, during the 4<sup>th</sup> ~7<sup>th</sup> days in August last month, China launched military blockade exercises against Taiwan by firing 11 ballistic missiles and sending 176 aircraft and 41 warships to six zones around Taiwan after Nancy Pelosi the Speaker of the US House ended her visit.<sup>1</sup> Back to last year, in celebrating its 72<sup>nd</sup> annual National Day, the PRC also sent 149 aircraft into the south west area of Taiwan Air Defense Identification Zone during the 1<sup>st</sup>~4<sup>th</sup> days in October.<sup>2</sup> According to Yen Te-fa the former head of the Ministry of National Defense, there were 1,563 times in 2019 and 5,704 times in 2020 that the PRC's aircraft intruded the surrounding area of Taiwan.<sup>3</sup> The people of Taiwan are heavily bullied by China's military threats.

The other problem is that the PRC blocks Taiwan's diplomatic relations with other countries and international institutes. For decades Taiwan tries to join the UN, the WHO, and other international institutes but is always rejected because of the PRC's obstructions. The PRC not only blocks Taiwan to join international institutes, but also affects other countries to accept its One China Principle by which they must accept the PRC, deny the Republic of China (on Taiwan), and mark Taiwan with the words "the province of China" in all statements. Now only

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<sup>1</sup> 'Graph of the PRC Blockade Exercise Around Taiwan within 72 Hours,' Commonwealth Magazine, 2022.08.10.

Based on source of the Ministry of Taiwan National Defense and the Ministry of Japan National Defense.

<https://www.cw.com.tw/graphics/pelosi-visits-taiwan/>. See also <https://www.taiwannews.com.tw/en/news/4617119>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.bbc.com/zhongwen/trad/chinese-news-58802422>.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.appledaily.com.tw/politics/20210401>.

14 countries keep their officially diplomatic relationship with Taiwan.<sup>4</sup> The PRC even tried to force some churches and ecumenical organizations like the WCC to accept its One China Principle. As a result, the PCT was occasionally regarded by some as a trouble maker, and Taiwan is unjustly isolated from international society and trapped about to be annexed by China. However, the people in Taiwan are not just Chinese immigrants. Taiwan is inhabited initially and until now by the people of the first nations. In fact, the people in Taiwan did not participate the PRC's founding and until now have never voted to be part of it. Therefore, any international institutes and country which holds One China Principle or One China Policy actually disrespect the human rights of the people in Taiwan.

To conclude my speech, I want to say some thanks and requests. I want to say thanks to the Lord Jesus Christ for sending Scottish and Canadian missionaries to found the PCT. And I want to say thanks to God for guiding the members of the PCT to stand with the people in Taiwan and together with the people to have democratized the colonial ROC regime in Taiwan. But now the people and the PCT are suffering under the PRC's bully and its intention to annex Taiwan. We humbly hope that all the churches around the world and the WCC would not surrender the justice of God for allowing the PRC to bully and annex Taiwan. We also hope more countries and international institutes will build up official-diplomatic relationship with the isolated Taiwan. Thank you.

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<sup>4</sup> Now there are only 14 countries maintaining diplomatic relations with Taiwan: Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Nauru, Republic of Palau, Tuvalu, Kingdom of Eswatini, Holy See, Belize, Republic of Haiti, Republic of Honduras, Republic of Paraguay, Republic of Guatemala, Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines °

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