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**ARMED CONFLICT IN ASIA _
EAST ASIA**

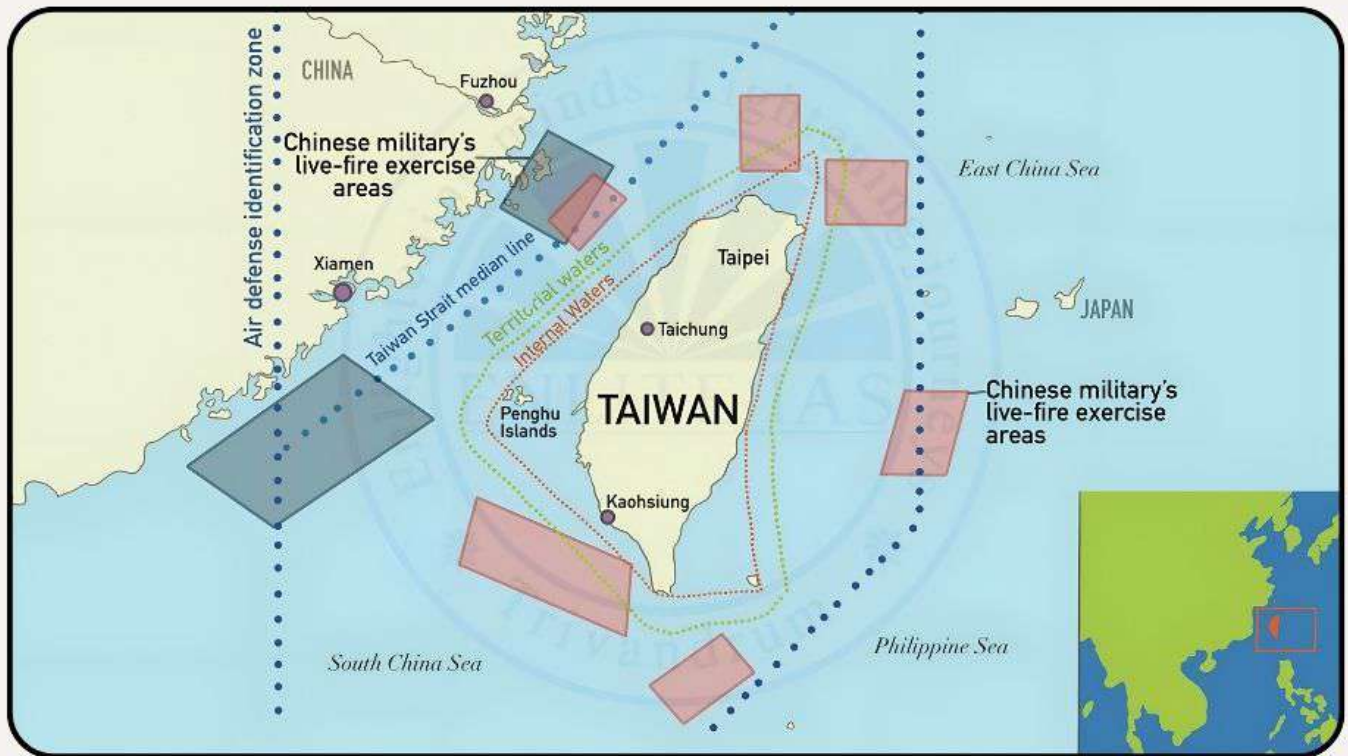
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CHINA-TAIWAN CONFLICT (MOST CRITICAL FLASHPOINT)



- **Location :** East Asia
- **Nature of Conflict :** Chinese claim of One China Policy and Taiwan as an integral part of China, whereas Taiwan demands Independent country status.
- **Parties Involved :**
 1. Chinese Government and Taiwanese administration led by Kuomintang party,
- **Reasons :**
 1. "One China Policy" vs Taiwanese self-rule.
 2. Rising **Chinese military pressure** (air & naval incursions).
 3. US arms sales & strategic ambiguity.
- **Strategic Risks :**
 1. Any invasion could trigger US-China military confrontation.
 2. Disruption of global semiconductor supply chains.

KOREAN PENINSULA CONFLICT

Korea and 38th Parallel



- **Location :** Korean Peninsula in East Asia.
- **Nature of Conflict :** Ideological conflict escalating into a war.
- **Parties :**
 1. North Korean and South Korean governments.
- **Reasons :**
 1. Post World War II division of Korea into Capitalist South Korea and Communist North Korea
 2. In the Korean War of 1950, N.Korea invaded S. Korea and escalated the issue involving US and Soviet Union.



• Recent Trends :

1. Frequent missile tests by Pyongyang.
2. Expanded **US–South Korea joint military drills**.
3. North Korea's deepening ties with Russia.
4. North Korea's Trash Balloon launch into South Korea.

EAST CHINA SEA DISPUTE (SENKAKU/DIAOYU ISLANDS)



- **Location :** East Asian boundary in the western margins of Pacific Ocean
- **Nature of Conflict :** Territorial and Maritime Boundary disputes.
- **Parties :** China and Japan over the ownership of the islands.
- **Reasons:**
 1. Uninhabited islands with Strategic location and Potential oil & gas reserves.
 2. Frequent naval & coast-guard confrontations.
- **Security Implication :**
 1. Covered under US–Japan Security Treaty.
 2. Escalation could internationalise the conflict.