

Defensive Measures? China's Controversial Air Defense Identification Zone

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Beijing says the jets flew into the air defense identification zone to strengthen monitoring on targets in the area. China's air force has described the mission as a defensive measure in line with international law.

Beijing says the country's air force will remain on high alert and take measures to deal with all air threats to protect national security. Two unarmed U-S bombers recently flew through the area.

The controversial air defense identification zone includes islands which are claimed by Japan and China. The islands have been the focus of a bitter and long-running dispute between the two nations.

PressTV speaks with Chicago-based author and radio host Stephen Lendman to learn more.

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