

'China violated nations' sovereignty across 5 continents'

Says Blinken on surveillance balloons

PTI ■ WASHINGTON/BEIJING

China has violated the sovereignty of not just the United States but of countries across five continents, Secretary of State Antony Blinken has said, days after American fighter jets shot down a Chinese surveillance balloon.

Earlier this week, Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman briefed diplomats from about 40 friendly nations, including India, Japan and Australia, over the Chinese surveillance balloon.

The huge balloon was shot down on by a US fighter jet on Saturday off the coast of South Carolina in the Atlantic Ocean. It had hovered over continental America for several days after entering the US airspace on January 30 in Montana.

US officials have described the balloon as being about 60m tall, with the payload portion comparable in size to a regional aircraft.

China has acknowledged that the balloon was theirs but



denied that it was for surveillance purposes rather for weather monitoring and that it had drifted off course.

The US, however, has asserted that it has enough evidence to prove that this was a surveillance balloon. It accused China of intruding on its sovereignty and violating international laws.

China on the other hand has alleged that the United

States has violated international law by shooting down its balloon. According to a report of The Washington Post, based on interviews with several anonymous defence and intelligence officials, China has operated a fleet of spy balloons targeting several countries including India and Japan.

At a joint news briefing on Wednesday with the visiting NATO Secretary General Jens

Beijing calls US claims over balloons 'info warfare'

AP ■ BEIJING

China on Thursday said US accusations that a downed Chinese balloon was part of an extensive surveillance programme amount to "information warfare against China."

The Pentagon on Wednesday said the Chinese balloon shot down off the South Carolina coast Saturday was part of a programme involving a number of such airships that China has been operating for "several years."

At Thursday's daily briefing, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning repeated China's insistence that the large unmanned balloon was a civilian meteorological airship that had accidentally blown off course and that the US had "overreacted" by shooting it down.

"It is irresponsible," Mao said at a daily briefing. The latest accusations "may be part of the US side's information warfare against China."

US officials have dis-

missed China's claims and agents from the FBI and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service are cataloguing debris recovered from the ocean and transporting it for further processing.

When similar balloons passed over US territory on four occasions during the Trump and Biden administrations, the US did not immediately identify them as Chinese surveillance balloons, said Brig Gen Pat Ryder, the Pentagon press secretary.

"I am not aware of any 'fleet of balloons'," Mao said.

"That narrative is probably part of the information and public opinion warfare the US has waged on China. As to who is the world's number one country of spying, eavesdropping and surveillance, that is plainly visible to the international community," she said, referring to the US. On Tuesday, the Pentagon said that China has declined Washington's request for a telephonic call between US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and his Beijing counterpart Gen Wei Fenghe.

On Wednesday, Stoltenberg said the Chinese balloon over the United States confirms a pattern of Chinese behaviour, and it has been seen that Beijing over the last few years has invested heavily in new military capabilities, including different types of surveillance and intelligence platforms.

"We have also seen increased Chinese intelligence

activities in Europe - again, different platforms. They use satellites, cyber, and as we've seen over the United States, also balloons.

"So, we have to be vigilant. We need to be aware of the constant risk of Chinese intelligence and then step up what we do to protect ourselves," the NATO secretary general said while highlighting that security is not regional but global.

What happens in Asia matters for Europe, and what happens in Europe matters for Asia and also North America, he said.

"This message was confirmed during my visit to Japan and South Korea last week, where those close partners of NATO very much highlighted the importance of strengthening the cooperation between NATO and our partners in the Indo-Pacific to address the challenges that China poses to our security, values, and interests," Stoltenberg said.

UK gives Northern Ireland more time to form new Govt

AP ■ LONDON

The UK is giving Northern Ireland more time to form a new power-sharing government, eliminating the threat of elections that could derail efforts to renegotiate a post-Brexit trade deal for the region.

Northern Ireland Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris on Thursday introduced legislation extending the deadline for forming a new government by up to a year.

Without the move, elections for the Northern Ireland Assembly would have been required by mid-April after the previous deadline passed on January 19.

Northern Ireland has been without a government for more than a year after politicians who want the region to remain part of the UK resigned over their opposition to the existing trade deal with the European Union, known as the Northern Ireland Protocol.

The protocol was an effort



to protect the peace process in Northern Ireland by preserving the free flow of trade between the region and the Republic of Ireland, which share the only land border between the United Kingdom and the EU.

The protocol requires border checks on some goods shipped from other parts of the UK to Northern Ireland to ensure that trade flows freely between the region and the Republic of Ireland to the south.

Japan, Philippines agree to sharply boost defence ties

AP ■ TOKYO

The leaders of Japan and the Philippines agreed Thursday to sharply boost their defence ties, allowing Japanese troops greater access to Philippine territory, as tensions rise in Asia amid China's growing influence. Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. is visiting Japan shortly after he and US Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin reached an agreement on allowing the USA more access to Philippine military bases to keep China's ambitions in check.

The defence arrangement signed by Marcos and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida will allow Japanese troops to join training exercises to respond to natural disasters and humanitarian needs in the Philippines.

The agreement is seen as a step toward broader military cooperation and could lead to similar agreements between Japan and other Southeast Asian nations.

Far-right party banned from upcoming poll in Greece

PTI ■ PESHAWAR

ATHENS: Greece's parliament has banned a far-right political party led by a jailed former lawmaker from participating in the general election later this year.

Parliament published the text of a legislative amendment Thursday that will disqualify the Greek National Party on the grounds that its leader has been convicted of a serious criminal offense. Lawmakers approved the amendment late Wednesday.

Ilias Kasidiaris, who founded the breakaway party two years ago, is serving 13-year prison sentence for membership in and being a former leading member of Golden Dawn, a political party of neo-Nazi origins.

Pak Taliban refutes ex-Pak PM Imran's assassination claims

PTI ■ PESHAWAR

The outlawed Pakistani Taliban has refuted former prime minister Imran Khan's claim that the outfit's militants from South Waziristan province were hatching a plot to assassinate him.

The Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) asserted that it was waging a war against Pakistan's security forces and intelligence agencies and was not against any political personality.

"We have received information that the head of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf in a meeting with the party's provincial spokespersons claimed an assassination attempt was being planned by the TTP, and South Waziristan residents had been tasked with executing the task," a



TTP statement said on Wednesday.

Khan, 70, in a meeting of PTI spokespersons said there a plan was being hatched to eliminate him, and two people from South Waziristan region were tasked to assassinate him.

The South Waziristan tribal district is considered a stronghold of the TTP, and the outfit issued a statement to counter Khan's assertion.

US, French troops in Romania hold NATO military drills

AP ■ CAPU MIDIA (ROMANIA)

US and French troops that are part of a NATO battlegroup in Romania held a military exercise on Thursday to test the 30-nation alliance's eastern flank defences, as Russia's full-scale invasion of neighbouring Ukraine nears its one-year anniversary.

The joint combat drills at the Black Sea training range in Capu Midia, dubbed Eagle Royal 23, involved some 350 multinational battlegroup troops who practised firing live ammunition from a US-made HIMARS, a mobile, truck-mounted missile system. The HIMARS have been successfully used by Ukraine's military against Russia.



drills - held between February 2 to 10. - is to test NATO's "interoperability of artillery systems" in a fictitious Article 5 collective defence scenario on the alliance's southeastern territory.

NATO's Article 5 is central to its founding treaty. The clause requires every alliance member to come to the assistance of any ally that requests it. Article 5 has been invoked

only once: by the US in the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks in 2001.

General Tricand de la Goutte of France, which leads the battlegroup, told the media that the purpose of the drill is to "reinforce common procedures" within the multinational group in case it faces "a real defensive scenario."

In response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine last February, NATO bolstered its presence on Europe's eastern flank, including by sending additional multinational battlegroups to alliance members Romania, Hungary, Bulgaria, and Slovakia.

Late last month, around 600 French soldiers deployed to Romania also held live combat exercises to test NATO's readiness in the region.

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