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In disregard of China's strong opposition and serious representations, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi visited China's Taiwan region. This is a serious violation of the one-China principle and the provisions of the three China-U.S. joint communiqués. It has a severe impact on the political foundation of China-U.S. relations, and seriously infringes upon China's sovereignty and territorial integrity. It gravely undermines peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait, and sends a seriously wrong signal to the separatist forces for "Taiwan independence". This visit blatantly engages in political provocations, and has aroused strong indignation among the Chinese people and widespread opposition from the international community.

There is only one China in the world, and Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory. The Government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legal government representing the whole of China. The one-China principle is the premise for the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and the United States, and is also the political foundation of China-U.S. relations. The United States has made solemn commitment to China on the Taiwan question, but in real action, it has constantly upgraded substantive relations and official exchanges with Taiwan, emboldened and supported "Taiwan independence" separatist forces, attempted to use Taiwan to contain China, and severely undermined peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait. The Chinese government and the Chinese people have taken and will continue to take resolute and forceful measures to firmly safeguard China's sovereignty, security and development interests.

The historical ins and outs of the Taiwan question are crystal clear, and so are the fact and status quo that both sides of the Taiwan Strait belong to one and the same China. The Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) authorities, in disregard of the fundamental interests of the Chinese nation and the well-being of the people in Taiwan, has served as a tool for external anti-China forces, which fully exposes its dangerous attempt of clinging to U.S. support to seek "independence". The Chinese nation has a glorious tradition of opposing division and maintaining unity. The separatist attempt seeking "Taiwan independence" is now the biggest obstacle to the reunification of the motherland, and a serious potential danger to China's national rejuvenation. Those who forget their heritage, betray their motherland, and seek to split the country will come to no good end; they will be disdained by the people and condemned by history. China's reunification is a historical trend and the right path, while "Taiwan independence" goes against the tide of history, and it is a path to nowhere.

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Vienna hosting new round of nuclear talks

Political Desk

Vienna's luxury Palais Coburg hotel hosts today a fresh round of talks on the restoration of the 2015 nuclear deal among delegations from Iran, China, Russia, Britain, France and Germany.

As was the case in the previous rounds of the nuclear negotiations, the U.S. delegation is also there to indirectly take part in the talks. On Wednesday evening, the Iranian negotiating team, headed by Deputy Foreign Minister for Po-

litical Affairs Ali Bagheri Kani, left Tehran for the Austrian capital. As announced by Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani, the new round of the talks is expected to focus on the proposed ideas by the sides, including those

presented by the Islamic Republic to the other side earlier this week. He stressed that Iran is determined to reach a lasting agreement that would guarantee the nation's rights and safeguard its interests, expressing hope that the other

sides would prepare the ground for the effective progress of the negotiations through taking the required decisions and concentrating seriously on the resolution of the remaining differences. On his way to Vienna on Wednesday, the Euro-

pean Union Deputy Foreign Policy Chief Enrique Mora, tweeted that he is going to the Austrian capital "to discuss #JCPOA back to full implementation on the basis of the coordinator's text tabled on 20 July".

China does not compromise long-term objectives for tactical action



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Speaker of the US House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi paid a visit to Taiwan, giving rise to a litany of comments and analyses. To analyze the American action and Chinese reaction, one needs to take note of the new balance of power that has emerged following the war in Ukraine.

In the first months of the war, the world situation remained uncertain since no one knew

for sure what Russia's goals were and how far it was willing to advance. Also, Russia's military might was far from obvious as many thought that Ukraine would be defeated in just a few weeks. Immense military aid the West extended to Ukraine, however, turned the tide and transformed expectations. In the meantime, many predicted or even expected China not to adopt a policy of neutrality, rather siding with Russia or at least providing it with weaponry. The Chinese, however, maintained their neutrality, or at least refused to offer Moscow their tangible, effective help.

On the other hand, American think tanks tried to draw parallels between Ukraine and Taiwan, accusing China of intimidating the idea of attacking Taiwan. They planned to interpret and advertise China's failure to actually make a move on Taiwan as an evidence of the West and the US having the upper hand. Countering the American psychological war, the Chinese, for their part, showed serious reactions and issued stern warnings, whereby they tried to foil claims of Beijing's inability or weakness vis-à-vis Washington.

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Russia to launch Iran's Khayyam satellite on Aug. 9

Russia will launch Iran's Khayyam satellite aboard its Soyuz-2.1b rocket from the Baikonur Cosmodrome on August 9, Roscosmos told reporters on Wednesday. "We plan to launch a Soyuz-2.1b rocket, equipped with a Fregat upper stage, from the Baikonur Cosmodrome on August 9, 2022; it will take the Khayyam remote earth probing spacecraft into orbit under an order of the Islamic Republic of Iran," the company said, adding that the spacecraft was designed and produced by Roscosmos enterprises, tass.com wrote. The rocket will also carry 16 smaller spacecraft, designed in various colleges, commercial companies and non-profit organizations. "We also plan to deliver accom-

panying Russian small satellites: CubeSX-HSE-2, Monitor-1, UTMN, CYCLOPS, Siren, KAI-1, Kuzbass-300, Skoltech-B1, Skoltech-B2, Polytech Universe-1, Polytech Universe-2, Vizard, Geoscan-Edelweis, MIET-AIS, ISOI and ReshUCube," the company said. "Russian spacecraft are designed for scientific and technological research, including development of inter-satellite communications channels, measurement of electromagnetic radiation, remote earth probing and monitoring of ecological situation," Roscosmos added. Earlier, a source in the space industry told tass.com that the next Soyuz launch is planned for early August.