

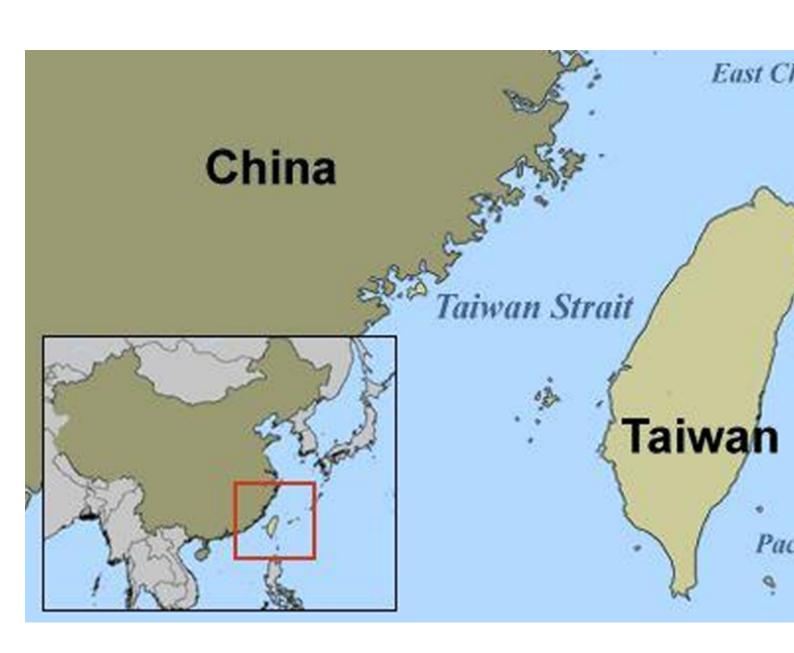
UK Navy's patrol vessel sailed through Taiwan strait, says Taipei

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Context

- Taiwan Strait is also called Formosa Strait
- A narrow sea passage separating Taiwan Island from mainland China's Fujian Province.
- Considered a geopolitical hotspot due to cross-strait tensions and international naval presence.
- Location: Connects the South China Sea (south) with the East China Sea (north).
- Vital sea route for **global trade and naval operations**
- Frequent site of military exercises, surveillance, and naval deterrence activities

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