

## US President and the Democratic Party are Provoking Tensions between China and Taiwan

President Joe Biden of US, who is not content with igniting an unwarranted war between Russia and Ukraine simultaneously, started provoking tensions in the Indo-Pacific region by activating Quad and other such organisations fuelling enmity against China. In the name of 'preserving the world order', 'preserve democracy' etc as if it was the unquestionable right of USA and American imperialism, US is intentionally interfering in the internal affairs of other countries and provoking animosities among the people of those countries inciting them into conflicts. Thus keeping tensions alive, US is intending to keep its hegemony on the entire world.

Presently to re-establish its steadily diminishing credibility US is raking the issue of Taiwan in the name of defending the independence of Taiwan. It is particularly note-worthy, that President Joe Biden and the Democratic Party are inciting tensions between Taiwan and China.

While establishing relations with China in 1979, in the joint communiqué of USA and China declared that "the United States of America recognizes People's Republic of China as the sole legal government of China". Since then US no longer has diplomatic relations with Taiwan under the 'one China policy'.

But now intentionally it is attempting to misinterpret the One China policy to provoke tensions between Taiwan and China.

On August 3, United States House Speaker and Senior Democratic Party Politician Nancy Pelosi visited Taiwan. She held talks with President Tsai Ing-wen of Taiwan, addressed the legislature and received a civil honor. The trip was the highest-level visit from the US to Taiwan in 25 years. Even before this trip China publicly warned the US going ahead with it, saying it would violate commitments under the 'One China policy'. US not heeding China's warning, Nancy Pelosi went to Taiwan. China felt this as a needless provocation. Enraged by the provocation China conducted military exercises, in the waters and airspace surrounding Taiwan. It crossed the median of the Taiwan Strait and fired conventional missiles above Taiwan.

Nancy Pelosi left Taiwan with a far worse strategic environment. More over on her way to US, she stated in Tokyo that US will "not" allow China to isolate Taiwan. She announced that "..... They (China) will not isolate Taiwan by preventing us to travel there".

In May US President Joe Biden also stated on a visit to Japan that "US forces would defend Taiwan military if China attempted to take control of the Island by force".

As a counter move to China's military exercises, Taiwan too held live-fire exercises announcing that its aim was to "practice repulsing an amphibious landing by enemy forces".

In such a way American (US) provocation triggered a crisis.

China announced that it will cut off military channels with Washington and cancelled three key dialogue mechanisms.

On one hand President Joe Biden is stating that he wants to keep off tension between US and China from boiling over into conflict but on the other hand in deed he is provoking needless tensions with issue.

Even after these developments US has not ceased in its attempts to provoke tensions.

Again on 25<sup>th</sup> Aug, US law maker, senator, Marsha Blackburn USA on the Senate Committee of Commerce and arms committee visited Taiwan, she belongs to Republican Party and a supporter of Donald Trump, defying China she gave call that “we must stand against Chinese Communist Party”.

Thus the Democratic Party Senator and Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Republican Party Senator Marsha Blackburn used the issue of Taiwan, to influence their domestic voters to the advantage of their own political parties in the mid-terms polls. With these attempts both the parties are raising and growing anti-China sentiment among Americans. After the visit of Pelosi to Taiwan, poll-ratings for democrats have begun to look-up.

In the military front, on August 13, US conducted a joint military exercise with Indonesia and 14 nations like UK, Canada, France, Malaysia, South Korea, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, East Timor etc, sent their observers to these joint military exercises. The objective of these joint military exercise is stated to build an Indo-Pacific alliance and to limit China’s military and diplomatic influence in the region. 5,000 US military personnel have participated in these drills.

On August 28, two US navy warships sailed through international waters in the Taiwan Strait; the first such operation since a visit to Taiwan by Nancy Pelosi. US states that this operation demonstrates US commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific, and the US military flies, sails and operates anywhere international law allows.

With such needless provocations US is persistently triggering tension, on the issue of Taiwan, inciting the Taiwan government to claim that People’s Republic China have never ruled Taiwan and so has no claim to it and that only Taiwan’s 23 million people can decide their future.

On the other hand China put in place economic curbs on Taiwan such as barring more than 100 Taiwanese exporters and a suspension of fish, fruit and sand imports, but not targeted the main drivers of bilateral trade, including semi-conductors for which Chinese companies are dependent on Taiwan.

China released its 3<sup>rd</sup> white paper on Taiwan policy, insisting that Taiwan was a part of China and that it will unify Taiwan through possible peaceful means, if it was not possible it will use its force to unify Taiwan as a last resort.

Now Taiwan and its people are caught in this conflict incited by US imperialism to maintain its hegemonism on the world.

The immediate objective of these provocations are to gain advantage in the mid-terms elections!

Neither pretensions to defend democracy nor concern about so-called human rights can veil the machinations of US imperialism.