

Control Timeline

Note that the timeline starts at 21:00, but the game starts at 23:00.

All times are local (GMT +8:00).

Time	Naval Actions	Battle for the Pratas	Air Action
Nightfall		A platoon of Sea Dragon commandos silently clear anti-landing obstacles on the upper NE end of the island.	
21:00	Chinese Naval Task Force conducts a rapid turn and steams towards Pratas Island. The move is such aligned that it also looks like they could be moving back towards their homeport. The Taiwanese Kang Ding-class (La Fayette-class frigate) shadowing them radios it in.		
21:29	Cyberattack hits Taiwan C4ISR network. A second cyberattack hits civil and military air traffic control (ATC).		
21:30		First assault wave launches off the Type 71 LPD – Current range to the island 45 miles x2 Z-9 helicopter (Attack Variant) x4 Landing craft air cushion(LCAC) carrying: x2 Type 05 IFV + 20 infantry x2 70 Infantry	CAP launches off the Liaoning x8 J-15 x2 J-15D (EW Variant) x2 Z-18J (AEW Helo)
21:31	Chinese ambassador to Taiwan hands over a letter to the government stating that any further escalation over what is about to happen will be met with force.		

21:35	Chinese Naval Task Force launches a Land Attack Cruise Missile (LACM) strike on the island, targeting the headquarters and NE airport complex. An anti-ship Missile (AShM) strike on the Kang Ding-class frigate launches at the same time. Kang Ding-class frigate fires AShM strike in response.		
21:36	AShM strike hits the Kang Ding-class frigate, sinking it. The Kang Ding AShM strike is destroyed before hitting the Chinese Task Force.		
21:37		LACM strike hits. Taiwanese C.O. and 2IC killed. Above ground buildings reduced to rubble, some of jungle on fire. One Chaparral surface to air missile launcher destroyed, other has fire control damaged beyond repair.	
21:38		Sea Dragon commandos assault the NE end of the airfield.	
21:54		Sea Dragon commandos secure NE end of the airfield.	
22:03		1st LCAC's hit the beach and disembark. (Total 2 Type 05 and 180 infantry) - LCAC's on ~1 hour round trips	
22:10		Taiwanese 3IC takes command.	
22:21		Chinese full scale clearance of the NE section begins with help of the Z-9's.	
22:34		Z-9 is shot down by Taiwanese MANPAD.	
22:48		Type 05 is knocked out by Taiwanese anti-tank fire	
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23:10		2nd Wave hits the beach in LCAC's. (260 infantry + mortars)	
23:22		2nd Wave with the help of freshly landed mortars assaults down the length of the airfield.	
23:35		Taiwanese stop the Chinese attack.	
00:07			Taiwanese strike package finally launches (x12 F-16C for air to air, and x8 F-16C each with 2 x Harpoon AShM). Had problems assembling forces and forming up in the air due to C4ISR+ATC cyberattacks.
00:27		3rd wave hits the beach. (2 Type 05 IFV and 180 infantry).	
00:33		Another Type 05 IFV is knocked out by Taiwanese anti-tank fire	
00:38			Taiwanese strike package escorts engage Chinese CAP.
00:42			Taiwanese F-16C launch Harpoons (targeting provided by MQ-9B Sea Guardian)
00:44	Taiwanese strike scores a lucky hit on the Liaoning but fails to hit anything critical. The Type 54 frigate is hit in the stern and its helicopter pad is disabled and engine damaged.		
00:47			Chinese launch a LACM strike from the mainland against the airbase from which the Taiwanese strike package took off from. The Chinese ambassador reiterates that any further escalation over what is about to happen will be met with escalating levels of force.

00:49		3rd wave allows Chinese to regain momentum and move past the chokepoint on the island.	
			LACM strike hits the Taiwanese airbase. Runway cut, 1 casualty, 6 wounded, 2 seriously.
00:54		Pitched battle begins for the center of the island.	
<i>The Fate of the Pratas Stands in the Balance</i>			

Taiwanese Defenses on the Pratas (Reinforced)

- 500 Marines
 - o Man launched Portable Air Defense System (MANPADS)
 - o AT-4 light anti-tank weapon
 - o 81mm mortars
 - o 2 Chaparral surface to air missile launchers for air defense
- 130 Military Coast Guard
 - o 120mm mortars
 - o 40mm AA Guns
 - o AT-4 light anti-tank weapon
- Network of underground bunkers

Chinese Naval Task Force

Liaoning

- 22 Shenyang J-15 (4.0-4.5 generation fighter)
- 4 J-15 (EW variant)
- 6 Changhe Z-18F (ASW helicopter)
- 6 Changhe Z-18J (AEW helicopter)
- 2 Harbin Z-9 (attack/utility helicopter, copy of the Dauphin)

Type 71 LPD

- Well deck
 - o Type 726 LCAC (can carry 60-70 troops, 1 tank, or 2 IFV's)
- 4 Helicopter
- 600-800 Marines (1 overstrength or 2 understrength battalions of Marines)

Screen

- 3 Type 55 (Guided missile destroyer)
 - o 112 Vertical Launch System (VLS) cells
 - o 2 Helicopters
- 1 Type 52 (Guided missile destroyer)
 - o 64 VLS cells
 - o 1 Helicopter
- 5 Type 54 (Multi role frigate)
 - o 32 VLS cells
 - o 1 Helicopter

Support

- 1 Type 901 (Fast combat support ship)

Submarine Screen

- 1 Type 93C (Nuclear attack)
 - o Some number of VLS cells (believed to be 12 AshM)
- 1 Type 39C (Diesel attack)
 - o Some number of VLS cells (my guess would be ~6 due to being roughly ½ length of the Type 93)

Queen Elizabeth Carrier Strike Group

[UK] HMS Queen Elizabeth

- Air Wing
 - o [UK] 1 F-35B Squadron of 8
 - o [UK] 1 F-35B Squadron of 6
 - o [US] 1 F-35B (Marine) Squadron of 8
 - o [UK] 8 Merlin (ASW)
 - o [UK] 4 Merlin (AEW)
 - o [UK] 4 Merlin HC4 (can lift ½ company of marines at a time)

[UK] Albion class LPD

- Landing Craft
 - o 4 LCVP Mk5 (1/4 RM Company (35) each)
 - o 4 LCU Mk.10 (120 RM, 1 MBT, 4 Trucks)
- Space for 67 vehicles (31 trucks, 36 other vehicles)
- Landing space for 2 helicopters at a time
- Royal Marines (Total 405)
 - o 6 Assault Squadron, 47th Commando (Company element)
 - o J,K,M Companies. 42nd Commando
 - o Support Elements (total company size)

[UK] Bay class LSD

- Landing Craft
 - o 2 LCVP Mk5 (1/4 RM Company (35) each)
 - o 2 Standard Mexeflote (1 IFV or Equivalent, 4 Trucks, could cram a Coy. of RM on) – powered float
- Space for 24 Challenger 2 tanks or 150 light trucks
- Cargo capacity of 200 tons ammunition or 24 TEU containers
- Landing space for 1 helicopter at a time (up to Chinook size)

Screen

- [UK] 2 Type 45 (Guided missile destroyer)
 - o 48 VLS cells for SAMs
 - o 2 Harpoon quad launchers for ASHM
 - o 1 Wildcat HMA2 helicopter (can have ASHM, ASW torps, Martlet missiles (for small swarming targets), depth charges)
- [UK] 2 Type 23 (ASW frigate)
 - o 32 VLS cells for SAMS
 - o 2 Harpoon quad launchers for ASHM
 - o 1 Wildcat HMA2 helicopter (can have ASHM, ASW torpedoes, Martlet missiles (for small swarming targets), depth charges)
- [US] 1 Flight III Arleigh Burke (Guided missile destroyer)
 - o 94 VLS cells
 - o 2 Seahawk helicopters
- [NL] 1 De Zeven Provinciën-class (AA frigate)
 - o 40-cell VLS
 - 32 SAMs
 - 8 Harpoon ASHM
 - o 1 NH-90 Helicopter

Support

- [UK] 1 Tide Class replenishment tanker
 - o 1 Merlin helicopter
- [UK] 1 Fort Class fleet stores/tanker
 - o 3 Merlin helicopter

Sub Screen

- [UK] 1 Astute Class
 - o Tomahawks and Torpedoes

Additional nation's assets (Japanese, Australian, New Zealand) and US Orca XLUUV available as players buy capabilities (see below)

Possible Japanese Additions

[JPN] 1 Kongō-class (Guided Missile Destroyer)

- 90 VLS cells for SAMs
- 2 Harpoon quad launchers for AShM
- 1 SH-60K helicopter (ASW)

[JPN] 1 Mogami-class (Stealth Multi-Mission Frigate)

- Stealth Build
- 16 VLS cells for SAMs
- 2 quad launchers for Light AShM
- 1 SH-60L helicopter (ASW)

Onboard Queen Elizabeth:

- [JPN] 1 F-35B Squadron of 8
 - o US Block 4 Munitions only

Possible Australian Additions

[AUS] 1 Hobart-class (Air Warfare Destroyer)

- 48 VLS cells for SAMs
- 2 Harpoon quad launchers for AShM
- 1 MH-60R helicopter (ASW)

[AUS] 1 ANZAC-class (Helicopter Frigate)

- 16 VLS cells for SAMs (quadpacked for 64)
- 2 Harpoon quad launchers for AShM
- 1 MH-60R helicopter (ASW)

Possible NZ Additions

[NZ] 1 ANZAC-class (Helicopter Frigate)

- 20 Non-Standard VLS cells for SAMs
- 2 Harpoon quad launchers for AShM
- 1 SH-2G helicopter (ASW)

[NZ] 1 Aotearoa (Replenishment Oiler)

- 1 SH-2G helicopter (ASW)

Possible UK Additions

[UK] 1 Orca XLUUV

- 8 Bottom Moored ASW mines
- ISR Capabilities
- 8 kt top speed, 2.5-3 kt cruising

[UK] 1 Orca XLUUV

- Extended ISR Capabilities
- 12 kt top speed, 2.5-3 kt cruising

Card Effects

Card 19 - Procure Maritime Surveillance UAV's

- MQ-4C Triton on station with HMS Queen Elizabeth in crisis

Card 21 - Procure Further E-7 Wedgetails

- One E-7 will be based in Brunei for HMS Queen Elizabeth in crisis.

Card 22 - Procure Poseidon MPA

- Five Poseidon's will be based in Brunei for HMS Queen Elizabeth in crisis.

Card 23 - RAAF P-8A Integration

- P-8A on station for HMS Queen Elizabeth in crisis.

Card 25 - Procure River-class OPV (Batch 2)

- One OPV near the HMS Queen Elizabeth in crisis. If PODS (Card 30) is also selected it is armed with a Loitering Munitions Pod.

Card 27 - Procure CB-90's

- Two CB-90 based in Brunei or Singapore.

Card 31 - Orca XLUUV Demonstrators

- One Orca with HMS Queen Elizabeth in crisis (see Possible UK Additions above).

Card 50 - Increase Ties with Japan

- JMSDF Frigate or Destroyer with HMS Queen Elizabeth in crisis (see Possible Japanese Additions above).

Card 51 - Increase Ties with Australia

- RAN Frigate or Destroyer with HMS Queen Elizabeth in crisis (see Possible Australian Additions above).

Card 54 - Increase Ties with New Zealand

- RNZN Frigate with HMS Queen Elizabeth in crisis (see Possible New Zealand Additions above).

Card 60 - Expand Brunei Garrison

- RM battalion available in Brunei in crisis.

Card 64 - Joint Training with Japan

- JSDF F-35 Squadron on HMS Queen Elizabeth in crisis (see Possible Japanese Additions above).