

Simulation Information – General Briefing

SITREP (April 11th 2022, Midnight Local Time)

Early yesterday two Chinese Task Forces seized Pratas Island south of Taiwan and Minami Kojima/Nan Xiaodao Island north of Taiwan.

A task force centered around the Chinese carrier Liaoning took the Pratas in a bloody fight against the Taiwanese marine garrison. Several hundred Taiwanese marines are dead, wounded, or captured. Despite the Chinese ambassador to Taiwan handing over a letter to the Taiwanese government stating that any further escalation would be met with force, the Taiwanese launched an airstrike on the Liaoning, resulting in several casualties on both sides in the ensuing air engagement, and at least one hit on a Chinese escort ship. The Chinese retaliated with a missile strike that put the airport the airstrike had launched from out of commission. No further action by Taiwan or China has been taken at this moment.

In the north a SAM battery (HQ-9), marine unit (company strength), and a group of student protestors were landed by the Task Force centered around the carrier Shandong onto Minami Kojima/Nan Xiaodao Island. The landing was peaceful and uncontested as there were no Japanese assets in the area.

At midnight local time, the People's Republic of China declared that a “customs inspection zone” had come into effect for the Province of Taiwan. Any ships or planes wishing to dock or land in the province must first come to mainland China for customs inspection.

Chinese Coast Guard and maritime militia assets have closed in on Taiwan, surging around its flanks and onto the eastern side, closing it off from the sea. Together with the SAM batteries on the newly captured islands this has closed off Taiwan completely from the sea and leaves only the eastern air corridor as the only uncontested way to get onto the island.

No sides have as of yet openly declared war or taken further offensive action against one another; all nation's forces have been placed on high alert, and the formation of a task force to oversee a major airlift to keep Taiwan from economically collapsing has already begun. Taiwan is now blockaded and is sitting inside the slowly closing jaws of the dragon.