

# CHINA WARNS NEIGHBORS OVER U.S. MILITARY BACKING

*“Admittedly, certain Asian countries feel somewhat unsafe due to the rapid rise of China and are particularly worried that China's military buildup may break the regional balance of power that the United States has strived to maintain”*

Editorial in the People's Daily Online, September 29, 2011.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90780/7607968.html>



Dear Colleague:

I am writing to bring your attention to a story in the Financial Times that reports China has issued a warning to its regional neighbors not to provoke Beijing under the cover of U.S. military power. The piece details several editorials that have recently been published by the Chinese Communist Party-run “People’s Daily Online” news agency, reasserting China’s claim to disputed regional territories and warning China’s neighbors not to assume U.S. support will shift Asia’s balance of power in their favor. An excerpt from the piece:

*China has warned Asian countries against provoking it under the cover of US military power, highlighting Beijing’s concern over moves from its neighbors and the US to contain its rise. “Certain countries think as long as they can balance China with the help of US military power, they are free to do whatever they want,” said the People’s Daily, the mouthpiece of the ruling Communist party, in an editorial on Wednesday.*

The full piece can be read [here](#).

If you would like to be a part of the discussion on these and other China issues, I invite you to join the bipartisan [Congressional China Caucus](#). The purpose of the China Caucus is to examine and raise awareness of the emergence of China as a political, economic and military actor on the regional and global stage. Only by gaining a fuller understanding of China's growing influence will we be able to begin the long-term planning that the future international strategic environment requires. For more information or to join the Congressional China Caucus, please contact Reed Eckhold in my office ([Reed.Eckhold@mail.house.gov](mailto:Reed.Eckhold@mail.house.gov)).

Sincerely,

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