JAPAN'S NAVAL PASSAGE THROUGH TAIWAN STRAIT: INTERNATIONAL RELATION

NEWS: Japan sails warship in Taiwan Strait for first time

WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Japan's Self-Defense Force (SDF) destroyer **Sazanami** sailed through the Taiwan Strait for the first time, marking a historic event that angered China. The passage is seen as a message to Beijing amidst increasing regional tensions.

Japan's Naval Passage Through Taiwan Strait:

• Event: Japan's Self-Defense Force destroyer *Sazanami* sailed through the Taiwan Strait for the first time, angering China.

Multinational Naval Collaboration

- Involved Countries: Japan, Australia, New Zealand
- Objective: Conducted transit together and plan joint naval exercises in the South China Sea, showing regional defense coordination.



Japan's Response to China's Military Activity

- **Increased Defense**: Japan is strengthening its defense against China's rising military presence.
- **Airspace Violations**: Japan expressed concerns over repeated Chinese airspace violations.

China's Reaction

• Criticism: China condemned Japan's actions, claiming it violates the "one-China" policy.



• **Diplomatic Protest**: China lodged formal protests, urging caution to maintain peace.

Regional Implications

• **Tensions**: This incident underscores growing tensions between Japan and China, impacting East Asia's security, especially around Taiwan and the South China Sea.

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