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**This Fortnight's Focus:  
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Aug 2025**

**All  
Things  
China.**

## **Aug 4: Joint Military Exercises between China and Russia Conducted**

"Joint Sea-2025," a major naval exercise in the Sea of Japan, began in early August, involving coordinated anti-submarine and maritime operations between Chinese and Russian forces.



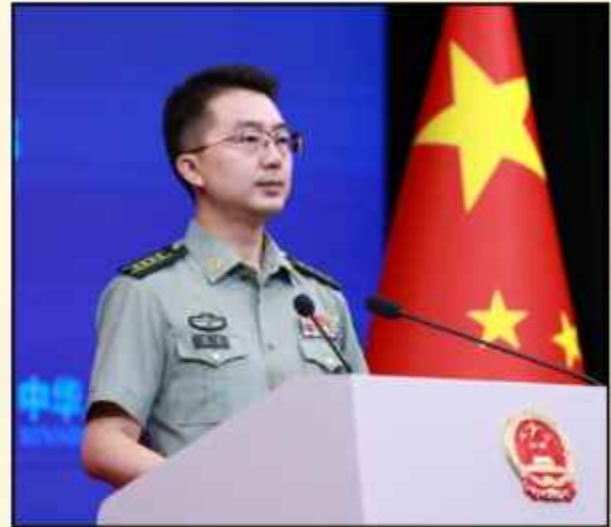
## **Aug 8: NSA Ajit Doval and Chinese FM Wang Yi set to hold border talks**

China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi is set to meet India's National Security Adviser Ajit Doval in New Delhi on August 18 under the Special Representatives mechanism to address border tensions.



## **Aug 8: China Opposes U.S.–Taiwan Official Engagement**

The Chinese Ministry of National Defense firmly opposes any form of official engagement between U.S. officials and Taiwan, responding to reports of a possible visit by a U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee chair.



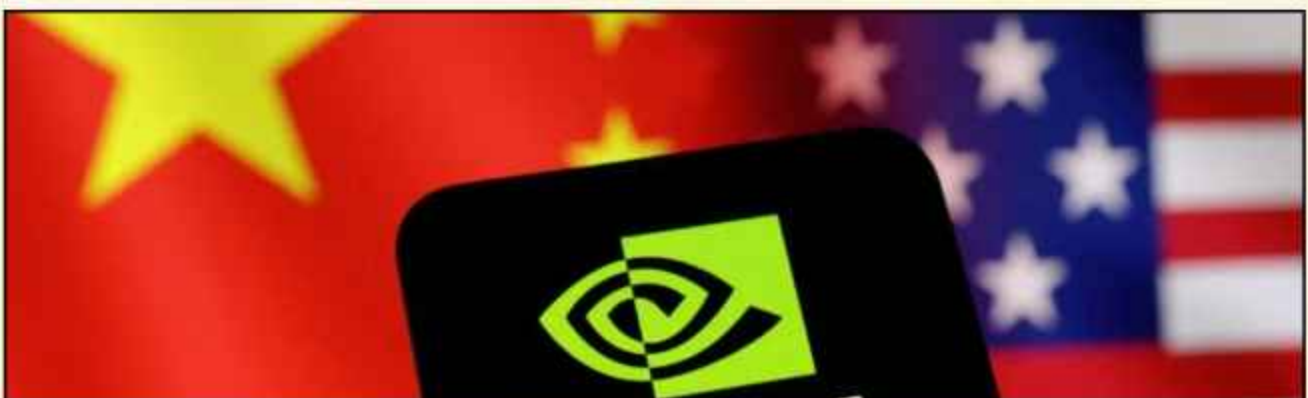
## **Aug 11: Detention of Prominent Diplomat Liu Jianchao**



Senior Chinese diplomat Liu Jianchao was taken in for questioning after travels abroad; his home was searched in early August. His disappearance has not been officially explained and follows the pattern of high-profile detentions in China's diplomatic corps.

## **Aug 11: Stance on U.S. Chip Export Restrictions**

China's Foreign Ministry reacted to U.S. chip export policy developments—reportedly imposing a 15% revenue levy on Nvidia and AMD—for their operations in China. The Chinese side reiterated its long-standing position on these restrictions.



## **Aug 13: Provisional Anti-Dumping Duty on Canadian Canola**

Beijing imposed a provisional 75.8% anti-dumping duty on Canadian canola imports. The move threatens to largely eliminate Canadian rapeseed from the Chinese market and reflects rising trade tensions, though it may benefit Australian exports.



## **Aug 13: Chinese Military Continues Showing Force in West Philippines Sea, Attacks U.S. Destroyer**

China's military claims to have forced away the USS Higgins after it entered what Beijing calls "disputed waters" near Scarborough Shoal in the South China Sea—marking the first such U.S. operation in the area in over six years.



## **Aug 13: Video Footage Shows Dangerous Maneuvers by Chinese Coast Guards targeting Philippines Ship**

Released video clips document risky navigation by a Chinese Coast Guard ship against Philippine vessel during an August 11 standoff near Huangyan Dao (Scarborough Shoal), as it attempted to intrude into contested waters.



## **Aug 14: China plans to ask central government-run firms to buy unsold homes**

China is again scrambling to prop up its collapsing property market by forcing state-owned firms to buy unsold homes. Regulators are diverting billions from old bailout funds just to paper over the crisis. This move highlights how Beijing's 2021 crackdown backfired, leaving developers bankrupt and buyers distrustful. Instead of real reform, the government is resorting to artificial fixes to mask deep structural failures.



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