

# US military gets 'laser focused' on keeping up with China



China was first and foremost on the minds of American politicians, planners and military officials during Thursday's congressional hearing on the Pentagon's defense authorization request for the forthcoming fiscal year.

Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin on Wednesday issued an internal directive to "laser focus" US military efforts to address China in the coming months, according to a document seen by Reuters.

Austin issued the directive after receiving a classified document from a Chinese leak from the Pentagon on Wednesday. The document set up an February to look into the challenges posed by the United States by Beijing.

"The effort's main objective today will improve the department's ability to recognize and respond to the development of new operational concepts, emerging capabilities, future force posture and a modernized culture and military workforce," Austin said in a statement.

Specific steps under Austin's plan, an update, but its intensity before the Senate Armed Services Committee on Thursday, the defense secretary and the proposed \$133 billion Defense Department budget request on "backloading the peace challenge that we clearly see from the People's Republic of China," as it is known. "More than \$2 billion dollars for the Pacific, defense initiative" in 2022.

The Pacific defense initiative, called the Pacific Deterrence Initiative official Pentagon documents, is an attempt by Congress to "accelerate the Pentagon's budget priorities the region in its

is a major provocation. US veterans took a military interest in Taiwan to announce vaccine donation. In Beijing, that is a major provocation. In fact, Taiwan has come under increasing scrutiny as China has built up and modernized its military, including adding platforms and weapons US military leaders have described as superior in nature.

"To meet for the life of we understand some of the capabilities that they're putting in the field, unless it is an aggressive posture," Adm. Philip Davidson said, then head of US Indo-Pacific Command, said in testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee in March.

Military officials testified on Thursday that Taiwan by force would be the only full-fledged People's Liberation Army.

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