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Will US Succeed in Containing China?

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According to media reports, China strongly reacted against Washington administration's decision on arms sale worth \$ 6.4 billion to Taiwan. The arms package for Taiwan made out by Pentagon's Defence Security Cooperation Agency includes 60 UH-60M Black Hawk helicopters, 114 Patriot "Advanced Capability" missile defences known as PAC-3, 12 advanced Harpoon missiles capable of both land-strike and anti-ship missions, as well as communications equipment for Taiwan's F-16 fleet. The package also includes two renovated Osprey-class mine-hunting ships. On this issue Chinese leaders thrashed US leadership and revealed that double standard of American foreign policy is a chronic disease in Sino-US relations. Beijing also indicated that it would "partially" stop bilateral military exchange programmes with Washington and also suspend talks on strategic security, arms control and anti-proliferation that were scheduled to take place soon. The Chinese Defence Ministry Foreign Affairs Office also summoned the defence attache of the US Embassy in Beijing and lodged a "stern protest" against the proposed arms sale to Taiwan. Therefore, the said arms supply to Taiwan is an indicator of US Game Plan of containing China. To implement her plan, she simultaneously started targeting China on two fronts, first to hit her speedy flourishing economy and other to pose security threat to China on exterior and interior fronts. Pentagon has created armed net around China while supporting India, Taiwan, and landing her troops in Afghanistan. Nuclear Pakistan is a major hindrance in American desire of containing China; therefore Islamabad also never enjoyed too much cordial relations with US. Intimacy between the two neighbouring nuclear powers (Pakistan and China) has never been digested by Pentagon and her Asian ally (India). In fact, China's stance over current arms sale deal to Taiwan is absolutely correct since US never displayed seriousness in establishing permanent relations with Beijing. History reveals that

overall Chinese relations with America always remained under cloud. Earlier in 1972 President Richard Nixon visited the People's Republic of China. It was a significant step taken by him in formally normalising relations between the two nuclear powers. President Nixon became the first US topmost leader who visited China and tried to remove the clouds from bilateral relations. In this context, Pakistan played a very vital and positive role in establishing relations between two countries. But Post-world war era brought many changes in geo-political environment. Disintegration of Soviet Union has further stamped the deterioration of bilateral relations between Washington and Beijing. Actors of old Cold War replaced with China and US. World has been divided into new global blocs. New Cold War put the two said super powers at dragger drawn. The Unipolar System emerged which resulted into the supremacy of US. China supported US on a number of occasions against Russia but unfortunately the single global power opened new fronts against China and the Muslim world. Washington supported overtly Israel, India and now has started instigating Taiwan against China. It is mentionable here that China is a mother country of Taiwan but America keeps on using Taiwan leadership against China covertly but at times overtly assuring Chinese authorities that she believed in the policy of non-interference on Taiwan issue and considers it as an integral part of China. American dual face only reflects that US has never shunned her hidden policy of containment and would like to use Taiwan territory as her fighting base against China. But the people of Taiwan probably are against their leadership decision of extending relations with Washington against their mother country China. China has also warned US after three weeks of increasingly furious exchanges between the two countries over arms sale to Taiwan. There was a news that American administration would arrange Tibetan spiritual leader, Dalai Lama's visit and Obama desires to meet Lama soon. In this context Zhu Weiqun, a vice minister of the united front work department of China's ruling Communist Party, which steers policy on religious affairs said any meeting would "seriously undermine" the political basis of China-US relations. He further stressed if the US leader chooses this time to meet the Dalai Lama, then it would be difficult for Beijing to rescue Washington from the current economic crises. Now, let's analyse the presence of 150,000 US and NATO troops in Afghanistan under the garb of war on terror. The placing of forces gradually took place after 9/11. The purpose of positioning the forces in the area is to capture Central Asian resources in the name of elimination of militancy. Washington always tried to ensure Indian ingress in the name of reconstruction of Afghanistan. The aim of giving India a special role in Afghanistan is only to pose threat to nuclear Pakistan on two fronts. Her presence also created an alarm to China and Iran as well. America has also made arms and civil nuclear deal with India too. On March 17, 2009 the US government signed an arms deal with India, she has given go-ahead to the \$2.1-billion contract for Boeing Co. to supply eight P-8i long-range maritime surveillance planes to India. The contract is considered to be the largest US arms sale to India till date. American leadership never hesitated in giving priority to India over Pakistan just because of their common interests' i.e. containing China and targeting Pakistan. She always deliberately doubted that Pakistan and her intelligence agencies were helping militants. The aim of criticising Pakistan is that US and her allies like India, Israel and some of western countries do think that Islamabad would not be going against the interests of her natural friend "China" and thus they decided to prolong their stay in Afghan territory. However on February 3, General Kayani while addressing a meeting categorically and correctly claimed that Pakistan security forces and intelligence agencies has given more sacrifices than NATO and ISAF forces. He said that more than 2700 troops which include three generals, five Brigadiers, many officers and soldiers proceeded to heaven during this war on terror. On the other hand NATO and ISAF forces have just lost 1500

soldiers. He further explained that Pakistan security forces are capable of defending their nuke programme and her intelligence agencies are not having double standards toward war on terror. Anyhow, US despite staying in Afghanistan and also giving preference to India over Pakistan failed to create dent between Chinese friends and would not succeed. In this context, General Kayani explained what ought to be understood when Pakistan talked of 'strategic depth'. But off course, it "does not imply controlling Afghanistan", US and Israel are also being considered to give membership of the NATO. Israeli and Indian membership of NATO will provide reasons of striking all those countries which are having tense relations with Tel Aviv and New Delhi. Thus, Pakistan and non-NATO countries should stress NATO authorities that proposed members should resolve their regional issues like Kashmir and Palestine prior to apply for the membership of NATO. Similarly, Iran, Russia, Japan and Korea would not be going against the dream of US because of her past experiences with Washington. In short America should put off the glasses and pay attention to her domestic affairs rather than having day dreams. She has to forego the policy of conspiracies and respect the sovereignty of other countries. Her pet (India & Israel) need to be chained for permanent global peace. Her economy could only be revived, if she moves back her forces as early as possible from Asia and other countries. Obama should carry out the restructuring of Pentagon and Central Intelligence agencies for throwing out extremist religious personalities. The facts mentioned reveal that US will never be able to contain China. Pakistan, Russia, China, Iran, Japan, Korea, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, Turkey, Bangladesh and Iraq should create a bloc for guarding their common interests.