

***US general's leaked memo warns war with China is coming soon***  
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***Why you should be worried about the next two years...***

*The United States of America could be at war with China and President Xi Jinping in as little as two years according to senior U.S. Air Force General Michael Minihan.*



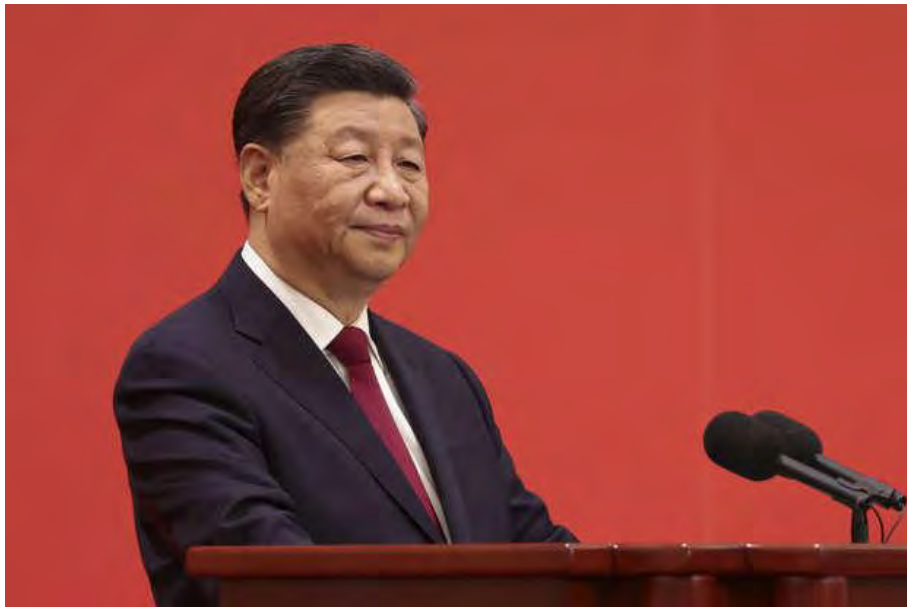
***War with China by 2025***

*"I hope I am wrong." General Minihan wrote in a recently leaked memo to the troops under his command. "My gut tells me we will fight in 2025."*



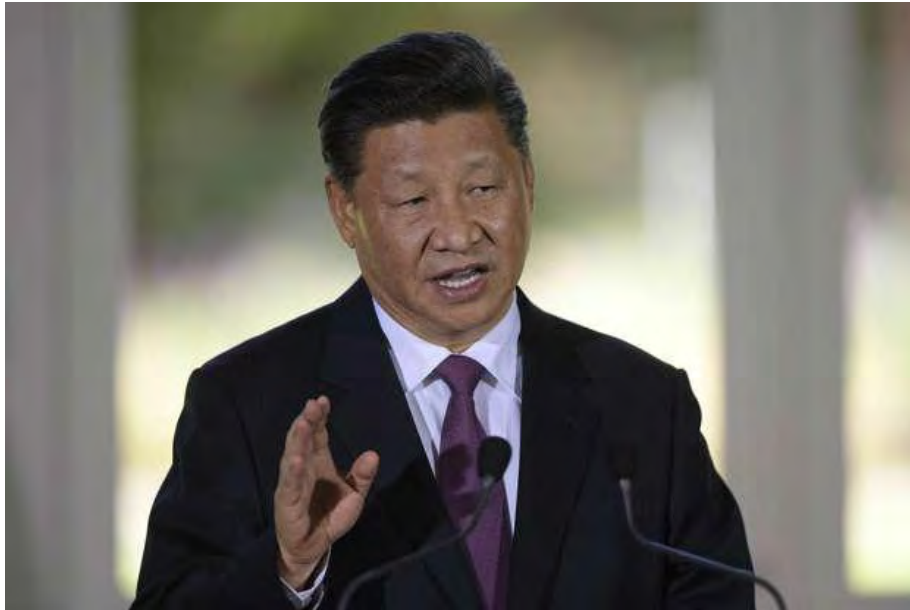
***Head of America's Air Mobility Command***

*Minihan is a four-star U.S. general and head of America's Air Mobility Command, which oversees the Airforce's transport and refueling fleet according to The Washington Post.*



***A war of opportunity***

*"Xi secured his third term and set his war council in October 2022," Minihan continued in his memo, adding that "Taiwan's presidential elections are in 2024 and will offer Xi a reason."*



***Minihan tells troops to be ready***

*Minihan told his troops that they needed to be ready since he viewed the 2024 U.S. presidential elections as a pivotal moment where the American system would be distracted long enough to offer Xi a shot at capturing Taiwan.*



***Everything is aligned for war***

*"Xi's team, reason, and opportunity are all aligned for 2025," General Minihan wrote. But how could a Chinese invasion of Taiwan spark a war between China and the United States?*



***Would the US send troops to defend Taiwan?***

*Since the end of the Sino-American Mutual Defense Treaty in 1980, the United States has officially adopted a policy of strategic ambiguity with regard to Taiwan's defense.*



***A policy of strategic ambiguity***

*Successive American administrations have not said whether or not they would send troops to defend Taiwan's sovereignty in the event of a Chinese invasion.*



***What's so important about Taiwan anyways?***

*While the United States has no official defense treaty with Taiwan like it does with South Korea and Japan, the country forms a vital part of the West's first line of defense against China's ability to project power into the Pacific Ocean.*



***A key link on the global stage***

*"Taiwan offers a key strategic link, both within the Indo-Pacific and on the global stage," wrote John Barranco, a member of the Washington-based Atlantic Council think tank.*



***Why coming to Taiwan's defense makes sense***

*"Much of the United States' ability to prevent Chinese power projection in the Indo-Pacific hinges upon its relationship with Taiwan," Barranco added.*



***But will the United States go to war over Taiwan?***

*In September 2022, President Joe Biden attempted to set the record straight regarding his administration's views on Taiwan's defense.*



***Biden says he would fight China over an invasion of Taiwan***

*When asked in a 60 Minutes interview if he was willing to defend Taiwan militarily in the event of a Chinese invasion, Biden answered, “Yes,” an answer he’d given several times throughout his presidency.*



***So how likely is a war between China and the United States?***

*Several other top-ranking American generals and admirals have also voiced their opinions on the possibility of a coming war with China.*



***Admirals Michael Gilday and Philip Davidson***

*In October 2022, Admiral Michael Gilday suggested that Xi Jinping would be ready to take Taiwan by 2027 while Admiral Philip Davidson said in March 2021 that the threat of a Chinese invasion of Taiwan was likely to “manifest during this decade.”*



***China always keeps their promises***

*“What we’ve seen over the past 20 years,” Admiral Gilday said during an October 2022 speaking event with the Atlantic Council, “is that [the Chinese] have delivered on every promise they’ve made earlier than they said they were going to deliver on it.”*





***On Minihan's memo***

*Minihan's leaked memo was dated February 1st 2022 according to The Washington Post and has been verified as authentic by Major Hope Cronin, a United States Air force spokesperson.*