China reiterates opposition to U.S. weapon sales to Taiwan

BEIJING, Jan. 10 (Xinhua) -- China consistently opposes official exchanges between the United States and Taiwan, and is against U.S. weapon sales to the island, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said on Thursday.

"We urge the United States to abide by the one-China principle and the three China-U.S. joint communiques, sever official exchanges with Taiwan, and stop selling weapons to Taiwan," Hong Lei said at a daily press conference, calling on the United States to refrain from harming China-U.S. relations and the peaceful development of cross-Strait relations.

The remarks were made after U.S senator James Inhofe reportedly told Taiwan's leader that the United States will sell advanced weapons and helicopters to Taiwan.

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