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US-China rivalry: Towards proxy wars?

As the contest intensifies, so will the imperative for proxy fights at different levels across Asia

Although most of Asia is not directly involved in the current US-China confrontation, a number of countries are on the sidelines, watching to see what’s happening in a region that is significant to both sides.

The South China Sea is a region of strategic importance to China, the US and other countries, and it is also a source of tension between the two powers. The US has been increasing its presence in the region, including by conducting joint military exercises and deploying advanced military equipment. China has been reacting by strengthening its own military capabilities.

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