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US-CHINA-ASIA

For first time, Chinese troops take part in Asia-US military exercises

The Cobra Gold Drills are held in Thailand, with ASEAN, Japanese and South Korean troops. The soldiers have to kill cobras and drink their blood. Observers include Russia, Pakistan and Vietnam. Beijing troops only part of exercises related to emergencies. China is also invited to maritime exercises in the Pacific Ocean.



Bangkok (AsiaNews / Agencies) - For the first time ever, China is taking part in the largest military exercise in Asia, supported by the United States: a small signal of détente in a tension filled region.



The Chinese soldiers, 17, from the Guangzhou command are participating in the Cobra Gold Drills which are taking place in Thailand. They are led by the United States and Thailand and include 9 thousand U.S. troops, 4 thousand Thai ; 80 from Singapore, 120 from Japan, 300 from South Korea, 160 from Indonesia and 120 from Malaysia. Another 11 nations, including Russia, Britain, Pakistan and Vietnam are invited as observers.

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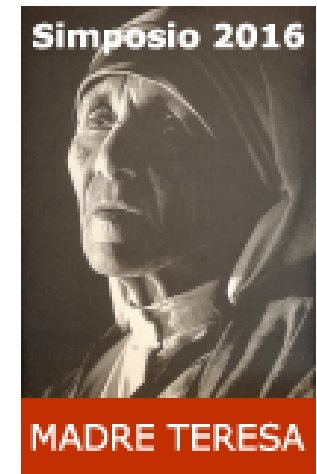
CHINA-VATICAN

The 10th anniversary of the Letter from Benedict XVI to the Church in China. The weakness of some bishops

Fr Peter



The Letter expresses "the love of the Holy Father for our Church". The "tragedy" for the Church in China: bishops who become "state officials", "do not listen to the Letter" and are afraid of "giving their life to the flock". But there are "bishops and priests [who] safeguard the true faith of the Catholic Church." Profound thanks to



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The Chinese will simply participate in emergency drills related to the distribution of humanitarian aid, medical aid and reconstruction. More generally, the Cobra Gold Drills include land, sea and sky maneuvers, as well as mock battles. The Cobra Gold Drills, which began in '82, are famous because among other things the soldiers are required to capture and kill cobras in the jungle, and to drink their blood (see photo).

The Thai general Tharnchaiyant Srisuwan told the Bangkok Post that "China's participation ... is a positive sign that could dampen suspicions... on the role of American troops in the region ... It is also a way to improve military relations between China and ASEAN".

Beijing has long been suspicious about the U.S. presence in the China Sea, seeing it as an attempt to contain Chinese expansion. At the same time, Beijing has tense relations with some countries of ASEAN over the sovereignty of the Spratly and Paracel islands, while China contends the sovereignty over the Senkaku / Diaoyu islands with Japan.

The military exercises will conclude on February 23.

For the first time, this year China will also participate in maritime military exercises in the Pacific. These are also led by the United States.



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Gray pragmatism is rooted in Deng Xia Ping's maxim 'It doesn't matter whether a cat is white or black, as long as it catches mice'. Today this means it is impossible to distinguish white from black, what is true from what is false. Heroes of the faith are thus challenged by wolves in sheep's clothing.

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This is the aim of the organisation's new secretary general, Vietnam's Le Luong Minh, who wants a new round of discussions to reach a global code of conduct. Rules on navigation and borders are not only a regional issue, but something vital for everyone.

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Tomorrow the 22nd summit of the countries of Southeast Asia begins in Brunei. After the failure of the previous meeting in Phnom Penh, search is on for a common approach to resolve tensions with Beijing. The nations ask for a "continued commitment" and a binding "code of conduct". North Korea's nuclear issues: a call for "moderation" between Seoul and Pyongyang.

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Barack Obama meets Wen Jiabao and reminds him of the "common responsibility" of the economy and territorial disputes. The outgoing Chinese Premier smiles but does not answer. Meanwhile, the Philippine president attacks Cambodia: "They say that we have reached an agreement on the issue of the disputed territories, but it is not true." And Europe slips in the ranking of commercial relations with Beijing.

09/05/2014 ASIA

[Next ASEAN summit to focus on South China Sea tensions](#)

Hanoi and Manila intend to raise the issue during the 24th plenary assembly, which opens today in Myanmar's capital. On the agenda: Beijing "provocations" and the recent clashes between Chinese and Vietnamese vessels. Uncertainty on the final declaration or whether it might contain references to individual incidents. "Consultations" underway.



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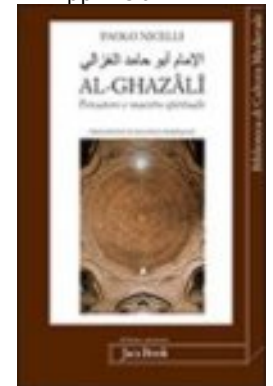
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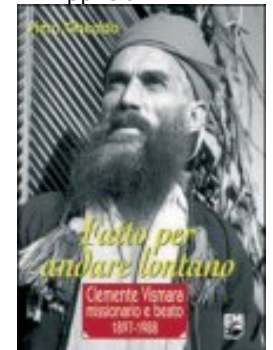
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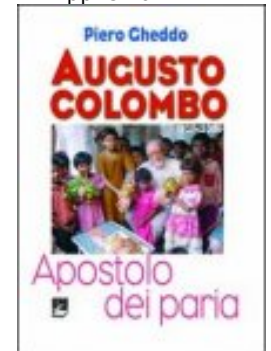


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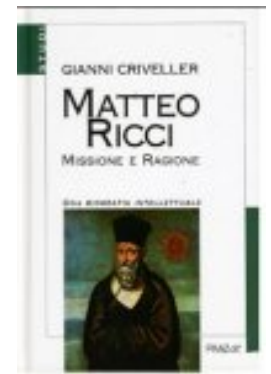
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