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| Sr. No. | Date | Sector | News Headline | Source |
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| 1. | 19.01.26 | Defence | 322km of land and ship array reveals the power of “sea ants” | ChinaTimes |
| 2. | 20.01.26 | Defence | China says it drove away Philippine aircraft over disputed shoal | Reuters |
| 3. | 21.01.26 | Defence | China’s air force has technology that rivals the US’s | abc |
| 4. | 20.01.26 | Defence | China’s top 2 military personnel have been expelled | abc |

Insights - Taken together, these developments indicate China’s tightening civil–military control over its periphery while modernising surveillance and airpower to enforce territorial claims, even as internal PLA purges reveal regime anxiety about discipline and loyalty. The pattern reflects a dual strategy of external assertiveness and internal consolidation amid intensifying strategic competition.

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| 5. | 19.01.26 | Trade | China National Bank’s foreign exchange deposits hit a new high of 15.26 trillion yuan | ChinaTimes |
| 6. | 19.01.26 | Trade | China’s GDP expands 5% in 2025, meeting annual growth target | CGTN |
| 7. | 20.01.26 | Trade | China’s Bumper Silver Exports Belie market fears curb | Bloomberg |
| 8. | 23.01.26 | Trade | Dalian becomes the first city in Northeast China with a GDP exceeding 1 trillion yuan | Nmgnews |
| 9. | 22.01.26 | Trade | Gold Prices hit record on safe-haven play | ChinaDaily |

Insights - The indicators point to macro stability with defensive financial positioning: 5% GDP growth and rising FX deposits signal steady expansion and strong external buffers, while robust silver exports and a trillion-yuan city reflect resilient real activity. Simultaneously, record gold prices and reserve accumulation suggest contained inflation but elevated global risk perceptions, prompting precautionary asset diversification.

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| 10. | 18.01.26 | Foreign Policy | China-Europe freight trains at Horgos Port reach new heights | Nmgnews |
| 11. | 21.01.26 | Foreign Policy | UK approves Chinese embassy in London despite fears over security, protests | CGTN |
| 12. | 21.01.26 | Foreign Policy | China delivers first batch of emergency rice aid to Cuba | Xinhua |
| 13. | 20.01.26 | Foreign Policy | Explosion in Kabul kills 1 Chinese citizen, injures another: local police | Xinhua |
| 14. | 22.01.26 | Foreign Policy | Pak-China footwear venture wins approval | tribune |
| 15. | 23.01.26 | Foreign Policy | What the China-Africa Year of Exchanges means for Agenda 2063 | CGTN |
| 16. | 22.01.26 | Foreign Policy | Finnish PM Petteri Orpo to visit China | CGTN |
| 17. | 22.01.26 | Foreign Policy | China-Guinea ties bear fruit as 1st Simandou ore shipment arrives | ChinaDaily |

Insights - These developments highlight China's deepening South-South engagement, using trade corridors, aid, and infrastructure to entrench its economic and political footprint in Africa and South America.

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| 18. | 19.01.26 | Domestic | It is rumoured that the Kuomintang-Communist Forum will debut in Beijing at the end of January | ETToday |
| 19. | 19.01.26 | Domestic | Lin Chenyou was detained on suspicion of being a communist spy | nextapple |
| 20. | 20.01.26 | Domestic | 5.1-magnitude quake hits SW Chin's Yunnan | Xinhua |

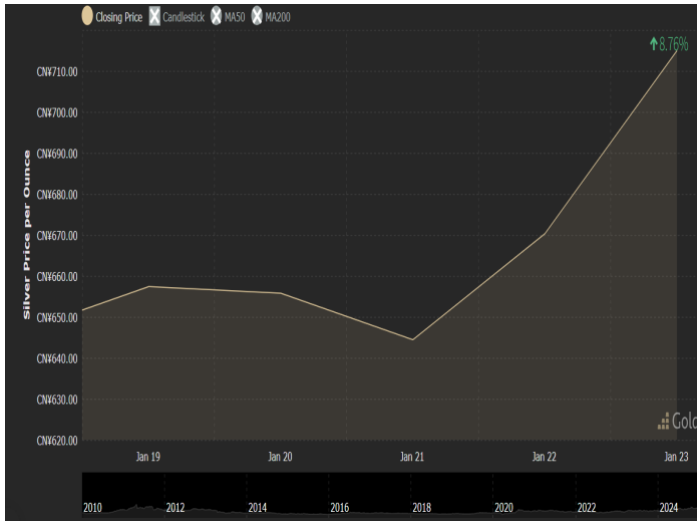
Insights - Together, these signals point to a dual-track dynamic in China's periphery politics: Beijing is cautiously probing cross-strait political engagement through a KMT-CCP forum, while parallel espionage allegations reflect heightened security anxieties and mistrust.

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| 21. | 18.06.26 | Science & Technology | China's icebreaker Xuelong launches Antarctic survey in Amundsen Sea | CGTN |
| 22. | 19.01.26 | Science & Technology | China's Shenzhou-20 return capsule touches down on Earth | CGTN |
| 23. | 20.01.26 | Science & Technology | China and Chile undertake first joint marine research on 435-mile stretch of Atacama Trench | GlobalTimes |
| 24. | 23.01.26 | Science & Technology | China achieves breakthrough in extracting lithium from salt lakes | ChinaDaily |

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| 25. | 23.01.26 | Science & Technology | China ranks among the top globally in the number of active AI patents | ChinaDaily |
| 26. | 22.01.26 | Science & Technology | Chinese researchers make breakthrough in green cooling technology | ChinaDaily |

Insights - Collectively, the developments show China systematically expanding its hard scientific capabilities from polar and deep-sea research to space operation while translating research into strategic technologies such as lithium extraction, AI, and green cooling.





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