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Chinese Regime Races for Naval Supremacy, Building 8 Cruisers While US Builds None

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On the other hand, the PLAN's burgeoning surface fleet is predicted to alter the naval balance in maritime Asia, said a 2017 report co-authored by James R. Holmes of the U.S. Naval War College and Toshi Yoshihara, a senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments (CSBA). The report said that China's rapid production of advanced warships in recent years, such as the Type 055 cruisers, is not a coincidence and was almost certainly "designed, developed, and procured" many years in advance... "China has laid the basis for a competition that will be measured in decades," write Holmes and Yoshihara. "The United States and its allies must accept reality: they face a long-term rivalry at sea against a tough, determined, imaginative competitor."