

## 'No-fly zone in South China Sea' a fabrication

The deployment of armaments on southern China's Hainan Island is within the country's sovereign right and the so-called no-fly zone is entirely fabricated by Japanese media, according to a spokesperson with the Ministry of National Defense Thursday.

Ren Guoqiang made the remarks in response to a question on a Japanese report that "China is apparently beginning to build a no-fly zone in the South China Sea," for the deployment of a HQ-9 surface-to-air missile air defense system on Hainan Island.

"I was surprised at the large scale of the fabrication," Ren said.

In response to a question on the Diaoyu Islands, Ren said that the Diaoyu island and its affiliated islets are China's inherent territory since ancient times, and China's official activities were within the country's sovereignty.

"China's armed forces will fully monitor Japan's relative activities and take necessary measures," Ren added.