

China coast guard boards Taiwan tourist boat in escalation of tensions

The incident comes days after a Chinese fishing boat, which was being pursued by Taiwan's coast guard, capsized killing two

China's coast guard has boarded a Taiwanese tourist vessel, as tensions continue to escalate in the waters between China's mainland and Taiwan's Kinmen islands after a capsizing killed two people last week.

The Taiwanese sight-seeing ferry King Xia was carrying 11 crew and 23 passengers on a tour around Kinmen's main island on Monday when it was intercepted by two Chinese coast guard patrol vessels. Six officers boarded the King Xia and asked to inspect the documentation of the crew, before disembarking about 30 minutes later, Taiwan's Coast Guard Authority (CGA) said. Soon after a Taiwan coast guard patrol arrived to escort King Xia back to port.

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