

The US secretary of state has clashed with his Chinese opposite number, saying the US will provide Taiwan with the means to defend itself as China warned it must end its interference on the island.

Antony Blinken also urged China to live up to its responsibilities on the climate emergency, pointing out it was the largest carbon emitter.

The country of 20 million people sees itself as being on the frontline of the war between democracy and authoritarianism, Taiwan's foreign minister, Joseph Wu, told a meeting on the fringes of the G20 on Saturday dedicated to highlighting China's human rights abuses.

Taiwan's defence department said eight Chinese planes entered its air defence zone on Sunday, the latest in a growing number of incursions designed to assert China's claim to the island.

Japan's Nikkei 225 surges 2%; investors react to mixed Chinese factory activity data for October

China's official manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index for October came in at 49.2 over the weekend, below the 50 level separating expansion from contraction.

Meanwhile, a private survey showed Chinese manufacturing activity growth in October, with the Caixin/Markit manufacturing PMI coming in at 50.6.