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Summary: The US, Taiwan and Japan are to share real-time data from naval reconnaissance drones. US defence contractor General Atomics is due to deliver four MQ-9B Sea Guardian drones to Taipei beginning in 2025. Washington would allow the aircraft to be integrated into the same system that US forces in the region and the Japanese Self-Defense Force will use. This would allow the US and its allies and partners to observe the same information gathered simultaneously by the unmanned aerial vehicles — a set-up referred to as a common operational picture.

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