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Which one of the following statements best reflects the issue with Senkaku Islands, sometimes mentioned in the news? (a) It is generally believed that they are artificial islands made by a country around South China Sea. (b) China and Japan engage in maritime disputes over these islands in East China Sea. (c) A permanent American military base has been set up there to help Taiwan to increase its defence capabilities. (d) Through International Court of Justice declared them as no man's land, some South-East Asian countries claim them. Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

Artificial islands in the South China Sea. That is a Spratly/Mischief Reef story, not Senkaku.

(b) Official key

China and Japan dispute the islands in the East China Sea. **Senkaku / Diaoyu.**

(c)

A permanent US base to arm Taiwan. Not the Senkaku file.

(d)

ICJ no-man's-land. The ICJ has not so held.

Summary

Official key is (b). The Senkaku (Diaoyu) Islands are an East China Sea dispute between Japan and China. They are not SCS reclamations, a US-Taiwan base, or an ICJ terra nullius.

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Senkaku / Diaoyu

Administered by Japan; claimed by China and Taiwan.

East China Sea ADIZ

China's 2013 air-defence identification zone overlay.

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