

-(Reuters 1/3) [Philippines says any SCS energy deal must be with Chinese company, not government](#) , said the spokesman for President Rodrigo Duterte.

-(Atimes 1/3) [China senses and acts on US weakness in SCS](#) : China is a rising power and it is only natural that it would seek to expand its areas of naval operations and political influence.

-(The Nation 28/2) [Silence in SCS: Why is Asean so afraid of Beijing?](#) One reason for this toothlessness is that any statement issued by Asean must be agreed to in full

-(Lawfareblog 28/2) [The British are Coming to the South China Sea](#) , and It's About Time: More FONOPs conducted by more nations will globalize the dispute beyond U.S.-China relations.

-(Atimes 27/2) [Trump urges Turnbull to flex more muscle](#) : But Australia remains torn between joining America's new Cold War or playing the role of regional moderator.

-(Vietnamplus 27/2) [US naval ships to visit Vietnam](#) from March 5 to 9, the group comprises of the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, the guided missile cruiser USS Lake Champlain and the destroyer USS Wayne E. Meyer.



-(News.com.au 27/2) [The Australian Navy may be preparing for a direct venture into the SCS](#) : When Malcolm Turnbull met Donald Trump, China was a big talking point.

-(ABS-News 27/2) [PLP Palace asked to summon Beijing's envoy](#) over China's continued militarization of artificial islands and encroachment in the SCS.