

-(SCMP 5/4) [Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte tells China to 'lay off' island in disputed SCS](#) : This follows a statement made by the foreign affairs ministry calling the presence of Chinese boats near Thitu Island illegal.

-(Nikkei 4/4) [Philippines hits out at China's 'swarming' SCS ships](#) : The rare rebuke comes ahead of a visit by Duterte to Beijing this month.

-(Bloomberg 1/4) [Philippines Alarmed by Roughly 200 Chinese Ships Near Disputed Island](#) : The fishing vessels stationed near the disputed island are likely part of China's sea militia, citing information from the military.

-(AP 1/4) [Recent developments surrounding the SCS](#)



-(The Diplomat 31/3) [Japan Scrambles Fighter Jets to Intercept 4 Chinese Bombers Over East China Sea](#) : The Chinese PLAAF flew long-range bombers and fighter jets through the Miyako Strait on March 30.

-(Forbes 30/3) [America Changes The Tone In SCS Disputes](#) : America has assured the Philippines that it would come to that nation's defense if it comes under attack in the South China Sea.