

-(Vnexpress 6/6) [Vietnam urges countries to abide by laws as US proposes sanctions in South China Sea:](#) All sides need to make positive contributions to the maintenance of peace, security, safety, maritime and aviation freedom in the East Sea, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Le Thi Thu Hang said Thursday.

-(Straitstimes 6/6) [China says seriously concerned about \\$2.73 billion US arms sales to Taiwan:](#) The potential sale included 108 General Dynamics Corp M1A2 Abrams tanks worth around US\$2 billion as well as anti-tank and anti-aircraft munitions



-(The independent 4/6) [Australia and Japan renew support for US in freedom of navigation in South China Sea:](#) All 3 countries made it clear they will not allow the violation of the laws of the sea and other international laws in the South China Sea conflict in particular

-(Business mirror 4/6) [DND chief tells Asean:](#) Let's keep South China Sea open to overflights, navigation

-(Channelnewsasia 4/6) [US to sell 34 surveillance drones to allies in South China Sea region:](#) The Pentagon announced on Friday it would sell 34 ScanEagle drones, made by Boeing Co. to the governments of Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines and Vietnam.

-(Rappler 4/6) [Philippines backs U.S. moves vs China buildup in South China Sea](#): 'The Philippine position is that every country has a right to use the waters in the South China Sea as well as the airspace,' says Presidential Spokesperson Salvador Panelo

-(Benarnews 3/6) [Philippines, US Warn against Persistent Chinese Incursions in South China Sea](#): Washington is already investing money in technology to bolster defensive positions of its regional allies, Acting U.S. Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan told the Shangri-La Dialogue security forum in Singapore.