



-(QZ 28/10) [Beijing pushed the Philippines too far on the South China Sea with just two little words](#) : It insisted any statement on fishermen returning to the area would say China would “allow” or “permit” them to be there.

-(Nationalinterest 28/10) [What Does China Actually Want in the South China Sea?](#)
The South China Sea has a nationalist and identity value above and beyond material resources.

-(Businessinsider 28/10) [No one knows what these hexagonal structures the Chinese keep building in the South China Sea are for](#) . The formations are always oriented toward the sea and started to appear in May

-(AMTI 27/10) [Of Claims And Freedoms: Diverging Perspectives on the South China Sea](#) : Small powers largely see them as a clash of unilateral territorial and maritime claims over all or part of the semi-enclosed sea, whereas big powers frame them in a more strategic manner – a contest for control over a critical international waterway.

-(The Jakarta Post 27/10) [Japan, Philippines reaffirm rule of law in South China Sea](#) , Both also believed to have agreed to strengthen economic ties between their countries.

-(Policyforum 27/10) [Tangled up in the blue of the South China Sea](#) : Is Japan's maritime strategy a diplomatic power play or a security-political impasse?

-(DW 26/10) [Philippine President Duterte promises Japan support in South China Sea dispute](#) : He also said the US has "lost it."

-(QZ 26/10) [Long before he was elected president, Rodrigo Duterte let Beijing know the South China Sea was theirs:](#) "What I need from China is help to develop my country," he said in an Interview in May.

-(Reuters 26/10) [China to carry out more military drills in South China Sea](#) : the latest exercises come less than a week after a U.S. navy destroyer sailed near the Paracel Islands, prompting a warning from Chinese warships to leave the area.

-(SCMP 26/10) [Chinese firm that helped build islands in South China Sea wins contract with rival claimant the Philippines:](#) The Chinese company will create land along an 8km stretch of coastline in Davao Bay.

-(Freebeacon 26/10) [Defense Board: White House Blocked Navy From S. China Sea Warship Passages](#) : China engaged in campaign to oust U.S.

-(Sputniknews 26/10) [Waning Influence: Washington Losing Its Grip and Its Allies in Asia Pacific](#) : Washington's influence in the Asia Pacific region is waning with its longstanding allies adopting a more independent foreign policy course and bolstering economic ties with China.

-(Newsmax 26/10) [Revamp US Foreign Policy for S. China Sea Defense](#) : The United States needs a real plan and a real foreign policy, which includes the reengagement of old allies while working with new ones.

-(Koreaherald 26/10) [Beijing's gas development in East China Sea violates trust with Japan](#) : This means 12 of the 16 offshore facilities that China has constructed are now in operation.

-(Theaustralian 26/10) [Indonesia pushes for code of conduct on South China Sea row:](#) Indonesia will push for a maritime COC for the South China Sea and seek clarification from Manila over its apparent shift in policy toward talks with China on joint maritime exploration in the region

-(Morningledger 26/10) [South China Sea News: PH Turns To Japan For Back Up?](#) : Critics believe that Duterte is looking at Japan as a back up if ever the alliance with China turns sour due to the complexity of the territorial dispute over the South China Sea

-(GMAnetwork 26/10) [Kerry to discuss South China Sea, regional trade with Vietnam](#) : The U.S. is eager to reach an agreement with Vietnam regarding TPP before President Barack Obama leaves office; (ABCnews 26/10)

[Kerry: US, Vietnam Committed to Rule of Law in S China Sea](#)

-(Sputniknews 25/10) [US Nuclear Submarine Columbia Docks in Japan Amid South China Sea Tensions](#) to demonstrate stronger naval ties between Japan and the United States in the Asia-Pacific region

-(Lawfareblog 25/10) [Vietnam, the UNCLOS Tribunal, and the Latest U.S. FONOP in the South China Sea](#) : the apparent purpose of the U.S. FONOP was to challenge China's "straight baselines" around the entire Paracel Islands group

-(Inquirer 26/10) [Duterte unlikely to change stance on S. China Sea issues](#) : Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte is likely to tread carefully over the South China Sea issue to avoid annoying Beijing during his Japanese trip, analysts said.

-(TheDiplomat 25/10) [Duterte: Settle South China Sea Dispute With a Little Help From Japan](#) ? The Philippine president's talk of multilateralism over the South China Sea involving Japan will concern China.

-(TheDiplomat 25/10) [Japan Wants India to Speak Up on the South China Sea, But Will New Delhi Listen?](#)

-(Firstpost 24/10) [Japan wants India to speak on South China Sea dispute: How prudent is it for New Delhi?](#) India's stance on the dispute until now has somewhat been very vague.

-(Straitstimes 24/10) [Asean's South China Sea conundrum](#): Asean's less-than-unified response on the South China Sea issue highlights how China has become the dalang or puppet master of states in the region.

-(Reuters 24/10) [San Diego to South China Sea: U.S. Navy tested new command in latest challenge to China](#) : It was the first time such a FONOP has been conducted without the Japan-based Seventh Fleet in command and was a test of changes aimed to allow the U.S. Navy to conduct maritime operations on two fronts in Asia at the same time.

-(Inquirer 24/10) [Palace: South China Sea not on Duterte's agenda in Japan visit](#) : The main agenda will not be political but economic so if it's (South China Sea issue) referred to, it will be on the sidelines.

-(NPR 24/10) [Demanding Greater Respect From U.S., Philippines Looks To China](#) : There's a growing sense among Filipinos that the decades-long relationship between the U.S. and its former colony is seriously one-sided — condescending,

even. And it needs a reboot.