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NAVAL DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY



THE PHILIPPINES | 23 MAY | GMA NEWS

BRP Jose Rizal launched in South Korea —PHL Navy

The Philippine Navy's brand new and high-tech frigate BRP Jose Rizal was formally launched in Ulsan, South Korea on Thursday.

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UNITED STATES | 1 MAY | USNI NEWS

<u>Full Report</u>

CNO Nominee Moran: Navy Needs More Funds to Grow, Crew 355-Ship Fleet

The Navy has plans to increase the size of its fleet and the number of personnel in uniform, but paying for it all is a major concern for the nominee to serve as the next Chief of Naval Operations.

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CHINA | 3 MAY | REUTERS

Pentagon warns on risk of Chinese submarines in Arctic

Deepening Chinese activities in the Arctic region could pave the way for a strengthened military presence, including the deployment of submarines to act as deterrents against nuclear attack, the Pentagon said in a report released on Thursday. UNITED STATES | 3 MAY | SCMP

US warships made 92 trips through the Taiwan Strait since 2007

United States warships have made 92 trips through the Taiwan Strait in a little over a decade, figures obtained exclusively by the South China Morning Post reveal, offering an unprecedented big-picture view of Washington's movements in the sensitive waterway.

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NORTH KOREA | 4 MAY | YONHAP

(LEAD) N. Korea fires short-range missiles into East Sea

North Korea fired a barrage of unidentified shortrange missiles in the Continue on page 5 Continued from page 4

direction of the East Sea on Saturday, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) said.

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INDIA | 5 MAY | MIRROR

India building copycat version of Britain's HMS Queen Elizabeth aircraft carrier

India is planning to build a copycat version of HMS Queen Elizabeth, Britain's state-of-the-art supercarrier.

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CHINA-RUSSIA FEDERATION | 5 MAY | GLOBAL TIMES

China, Russia conduct first ever joint warship-based live-fire missile exercise

Chinese and Russian navies conducted on Saturday their first ever joint warship-based live-fire missile exercise, as naval vessels from both sides launched surface-to-air missiles and successfully intercepted incoming anti-ship cruise missile dummies.

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CHINA | 6 MAY | DEFENSE NEWS

China completing more ballistic missile subs, with plans for a new version

China has launched two more nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarines and might fit anti-ship ballistic missiles on a new cruiser class on the verge of entering service, according to a new Pentagon report.

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UNITED STATES | 6 MAY | THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

US dispatches aircraft carrier over unspecified Iran threats

The U.S. is dispatching an aircraft carrier and other military resources to the Middle East following "clear indications" that Iran and its proxy forces were preparing to possibly attack U.S. forces in the region, a defense official told The Associated Press.

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INDIA-JAPAN-THE PHILIPPINES-UNITED STATES | 9 MAY | GMA NEWS

PHL, US, Japan, India navies sail in South China Sea

For the first time, navies of the Philippines, United States, Japan and India sailed together in the South China Sea as part of a maritime training exercises.

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AUSTRALIA-FRANCE-JAPAN-UNITED STATES | 16 MAY | STAR AND STRIPES

US, Japan and Australia train with French aircraft carrier in Bay of Bengal

U.S. Navy guided-missile destroyer on Thursday maneuvered in the Indian Ocean with five other vessels from France, Japan and Australia, according to the 7th Fleet.

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JAPAN-SOUTH KOREA-UNITED STATES | 23 MAY | YONHAP

S. Korea, Japan take part in U.S.-led Pacific naval exercise

South Korea and Japan participated in a U.S.-led naval exercise on Thursday in the first joint maneuvers between the two neighboring countries since their military ties were strained seriously over a radar row, officials said.

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CANADA-VIETNAM | 24 MAY | VNEXPRESS

Canadian naval ships to make first ever port call at Vietnam military base

Two vessels, the frigate HMCS Regina and supply ship Asterix, will dock at Cam Ranh deep-water naval base.

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MARITIME SAFETY AND SECURITY



WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN | 13 MAY | THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Saudi Arabia says 2 oil tankers damaged by sabotage attacks

Saudi Arabia said Monday two of its oil tankers were sabotaged off the coast of the United Arab Emirates in attacks that caused "significant damage" to the vessels, one of them as it was en route to pick up Saudi oil to take to the United States.

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THE PHILIPPINES | 2 MAY | ABS-CBN NEWS

Floating cocaine found in Caraga waters breach P1.1-B mark

Over a billion pesos' worth of cocaine bricks have been found in waters off the southern region of Caraga since February.

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INDONESIA-VIETNAM | 2 MAY | VNEXPRESS

Vietnam opposes Indonesia's use of force on fishers

Vietnam has issued a diplomatic note opposing Indonesia's use of force on Vietnamese fishing vessels last Saturday.

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BANGLADESH | 3 MAY | DHAKA TRIBUNE

Bangladesh Navy prepared to face Fani with 32 ships

A total of 32 naval vessels in Chittagong, Khulna, and Mongla naval areas are ready to provide emergency relief and medical assistance to the coastal areas during in case of any emergencies.

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INDONESIA | 4 MAY | ANTARA

Sinking best deterrent to eradicate illegal fishing: minister

Maritime and Fisheries Minister Susi Pudjiastuti strongly believes that the approach of sinking foreign

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fishing vessels caught fishing illegally in Indonesian waters would have a deterrent effect and be the key to eradicating illegal fishing.

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SOUTH KOREA | 4 MAY | YONHAP

Panamanian ship held in Busan for alleged ship-toship transfers of oil to N.K.

Panamanian-flagged ship has been held in South Korea's southeastern port of Busan for alleged ship-toship transfers of oil to North Korea in violation of U.N. sanctions against Pyongyang, authorities said Saturday.

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MALAYSIA | 5 MAY | THE STAR

Govt not ruling out destroying foreign fishing boats in M'sian waters

The government has not ruled out destroying any foreign fishing vessels found in Malaysian waters, says Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Minister Datuk Salahuddin Ayub.

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THE PHILIPPINES | 6 MAY | PNA

BFAR wraps up month-long patrol operation in Visayan Sea

The Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR) on Monday capped off its month-long seaborne patrol operation in the Visayan Sea in a culmination ceremony at Culasi Port in Roxas City, Capiz.



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RUSSIA FEDERATION-UNITED STATES | 6 MAY | TASS

Russian border guards may resume joint exercises with US in Pacific

The US Coast Guard and the border guards of Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) will consider resuming joint drills in the area delimiting the maritime boundaries of the two countries in the Pacific Ocean, the press office of the FSB's Directorate for the Eastern Arctic Region said on Monday.

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MALAYSIA-VIETNAM | 8 MAY | NEW STRAITS TIMES

Malaysia protests over trespassing of Vietnam's fishing boats

Malaysia handed over a protest note to Vietnam over the high number of encroachment by Vietnamese fishing vessels into Malaysian waters.

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PAKISTAN | 11 MAY | VOA

Gunmen Storm Hotel in China-Run Pakistani Gwadar Port

Officials in Pakistan say a group of several "terrorists" stormed a five-star hotel Saturday near the China-operated Arabian Sea port of Gwadar, killing at least one security quard.

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CHINA | 15 MAY | ABS-CBN NEWS

2 Chinese vessels spotted in Scarborough during US, PH Coast Guard exercise

Members of the Philippine and US Coast Guard spotted 2 Chinese vessels during a capability training exercise in a disputed area of the West Philippine Sea Tuesday.

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VIETNAM | 21 MAY | VIETNAM PLUS

National Steering Committee on IUU Fishing Prevention set up

Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc has approved the establishment of the National Steering Committee on Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing Prevention and Control.

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SHIPPING, PORTS, AND THE MARITIME ECONOMY



SINGAPORE | 16 MAY | CHANNEL NEWS ASIA

New maritime cybersecurity operations centre opens

A new round-the-clock operations centre to guard against maritime cybersecurity threats in Singapore was officially launched at the ST Engineering Hub on Thursday (May 16).

CHINA-CROATIA | 1 MAY | SPLASH 24/7

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China sound out Uljanik takeover

The Chinese could come to the rescue of troubled Uljanik, Croatia's largest shipbuilding group.

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GLOBAL | 3 MAY | FISH INFORMATION AND SERVICES

Fishing sector urges to strengthen RFOs through greater political will

The fishing sector reiterates that regional fisheries organizations (RFOs) are the best instruments to manage straddling and highly migratory fish stocks, as well as those of other associated species.

INDIA-MYANMAR | 5 MAY | MYANMAR TIMES

New Yangon port to be constructed as trade volumes rise

Adani Yangon International Terminal is developing a container terminal in Ahlone township, which is by the Yangon River, in anticipation of higher trade volumes in the coming years.

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CHINA | 8 MAY | CGTN

5G port innovation center to be established in Guangzhou

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A "5G port innovation center" will be built in south China's Guangzhou City under the framework of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

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INDONESIA | 12 MAY | JAKARTA POST

More than half of 539 sunk fishing ships come from Vietnam

In the period from 2014 to 2019, the Indonesian government sunk 539 foreign fishing ships operating illegally in Indonesian waters, 55 percent of which came from Vietnam, an official from the Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Ministry has said.

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GLOBAL | 18 MAY | REUTERS

IMO agrees on stricter efficiency targets for some ships

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) on Friday agreed stricter energy efficiency targets for certain types of ships in an effort to speed up action to cut the sector's emissions.

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NORTH KOREA | 21 MAY | THE KOREA TIMES

North Korea to protest cargo ship seizure at UN

North Korean Ambassador to the United Nations Kim Song plans to raise his voice against Washington's recent seizure of a North Korean cargo ship by holding a press conference at the U.N. headquarters.

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NDIA-JAPAN-SRI LANKA | 23 MAY | SEATRADE MARITIME NEWS

India, Japan to sign agreement with Sri Lanka for Colombo's East Container Terminal

The Sri Lankan cabinet is expected to meet today to ratify a tripartite deal with India and Japan for the operation and maintenance of the much-delayed East Container Terminal (ECT) at Colombo's deep-draughted South Harbour.

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CANADA-THE PHILIPPINES | 23 MAY | NEW YORK TIMES

Canada Agrees to Take Back Trash Sent to Philippines Years Ago

The Canadian government said on Wednesday that it would take back tons of garbage sent to the Philippines several years ago, after President Rodrigo Duterte ordered that it be returned immediately.

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SINGAPORE | 28 MAY | THE STRAITS TIMES

EMA strikes energy solutions partnerships worth \$12m with PSA and Shell

Singapore's Energy Market Authority (EMA) is partnering PSA Singapore and Shell in partnerships amounting to \$12 million to develop local energy solutions and nurture local energy start-ups.

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GLOBAL | 29 MAY | SPLASH 24/7

MSC and CMA CGM sign up to TradeLens

P3, the mooted alliance between the world's top three carriers, which regulators scuppered in 2014, has been revived digitally with news yesterday that CMA CGM and MSC have signed up to TradeLens, the blockchainenabled digital shipping platform, launched by Maersk and IBM nearly three years ago.

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ASEAN-JAPAN | 30 MAY | KYODO NEWS

Japan to tackle plastic marine waste, uphold free trade with ASEAN: Abe

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Thursday called for other Asian leaders to jointly address the global challenges of reducing plastic trash in the oceans and promoting free trade.

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