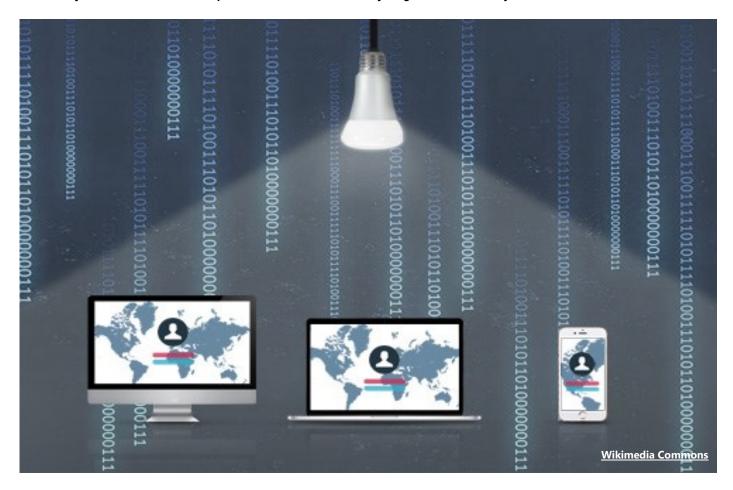




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#### **NAVAL DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY**



CHINA | 24 JUL | XINHUA

#### China issues white paper on national defense in new era

China on Wednesday issued a white paper to expound on its defensive national defense policy in the new era and explain the practice, purposes and significance of China's efforts to build a fortified national defense and a strong military.

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CHINA | 1 JUL | CNBC

## Chinese military conducts anti-ship ballistic missile tests in the hotly contested South China Sea

China is in the midst of conducting a series of anti-ship ballistic missile tests in the hotly contested waters of the South China Sea, according to two U.S. officials with knowledge of the matter.

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UNITED STATES | 1 JUL | COLOMBO GAZETTE

#### US insists no plan to establish base in Sri Lanka

The United States has insisted that there is no plan to establish a military base in Sri Lanka.

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INDONESIA-SOUTH KOREA | 4 JUL | ANTARA

#### Indonesia, South Korea ink agreement to build three more submarines

Indonesian shipbuilding company PT PAL and South Korea's Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering

(DSME) reached an agreement to construct three more submarines as part of the nation's minimum essential force (MEF) program.

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INDIA | 8 JUL | THE PRINT

### INS Vikrant will be delivered by 2021, fighter jet trials soon after that, Navy says

Indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant is being built at a brisk pace and will be ready for delivery by early 2021, a top naval officer said Monday.

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CHINA-VIETNAM | 17 JUL | REUTERS

#### Vietnam, China embroiled in South China Sea standoff

Vietnamese and Chinese ships have been embroiled in a weeks-long standoff near an offshore oil block in disputed waters of the South China Sea, which fall

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within Vietnam's exclusive economic zone, two Washington-based think-tanks said on Wednesday.

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CHINA-RUSSIA FEDERATION I 24 JUL I YONHAP

### KADIZ intrusions test security ties among S. Korea, U.S., Japan: experts

The incursions by Chinese and Russian warplanes into South Korea's air defense zone this week appeared aimed at testing security ties between Seoul, Washington and Tokyo, analysts said Wednesday.

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CHINA | 25 JUL | ABS-CBN NEWS

### Chinese warships passed through PH waters sans informing Manila: Lorenzana

Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana on Thursday said Chinese warships passed through Sibutu Strait in "4 instances" that began early this year without informing the Philippine government.

**Full Report** 

AUSTRALIA-UNITED STATES | 24 JUL | STAR AND STRIPES

### Rotational force in Australia's Northern Territory hits target of 2,500 Marines

The U.S. rotational force in Darwin, growing since the first Marines arrived there in 2012, has reached its target strength, Australia's Defence Ministry announced Thursday.

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UNITED STATES | 25 JUL | USNI NEWS

### U.S. Cruiser Transits Taiwan Strait After China Calls to Stop Foreign Interference on Island

Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Antietam (CG-54) transited the Taiwan Strait on Wednesday, a day after Chinese defense officials released a white paper vowing to defeat any attempts to sever Taiwan from the mainland.

**Full Report** 

JAPAN | 26 JUL | MILITARY.COM

### Japan's New Island-Defending Marines Stormed a Beach With US, Aussie Troops

U.S. Marines, Australian soldiers and Japan's brandnew amphibious force carried out a mock beach raid this week, giving a glimpse into how the three countries could unite to defend contested islands in the Pacific.

**Full Report** 

TAIWAN | 29 JUL | TAIWAN NEWS

### Taiwan Air Force F-16s carry out live-fire test of Harpoon missiles

Early this morning, as the Chinese navy was preparing to spend the day conducting military drills in the Taiwan Strait, Taiwan's Air Force dispatched two F-16 Fighter jets armed with AGM-84 Harpoon missiles to simulate an attack on a high-value maritime target off Taiwan's southeast coast.

**Full Report** 

JAPAN | 30 JUL | THE ASAHI SHIMBUN

### State-of-the-art P1 patrol aircraft to be deployed all over Japan

The Defense Ministry has begun deploying the pioneering P1 patrol aircraft nationwide to monitor waters around Japan in response to incursions by China and other nations.

**Full Report** 

INDIA-MYANMAR | 30 JUL | THE ECONOMIC TIMES

### Taking it to next level, India readies submarine for Myanmar

India is set to hand over Myanmar its first ever submarine, with a Kilo class boat likely to be sent across this year after being refitted indigenously.

**Full Report** 

CHINA-THE PHILIPPINES | 31 JUL | CNN PHILIPPINES

### Over 100 Chinese vessels swarmed Pag-asa Island again, Philippines protests

The Philippines has filed another diplomatic protest with Beijing on the presence of more than a hundred Chinese vessels around Pag-asa island last week, officials said Wednesday.

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NORTH KOREA | 31 JUL | YONHAP

#### (2nd LD) New N. Korean submarine seen as capable of carrying 3 SLBMs: S. Korea

A newly constructed North Korean submarine seems to be capable of carrying three submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs), South Korea's defense ministry was quoted as saying on Wednesday.

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#### **MARITIME SAFETY AND SECURITY**



WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN | 10 JUL | ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### US proceeding with plan for coalition to deter Iran threats

The United States will move ahead with plans to build a coalition of nations to monitor and deter Iranian threats against commercial shipping in the Persian Gulf area and in a heavy trafficked waterway between the Arabian Peninsula and the Horn of Africa, the chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff said Tuesday.

<u>Full Report</u>

KOREAS | 1 JUL | KBS NEWS

### Probe Team Tentatively Concludes No Cover-up Attempts Made on N. Korean Boat Incident

A probe team that had looked into the entry of a North Korean boat deep into South Korean waters has not found any evidence that the presidential office and the military sought to cover up or fabricate certain details of the incident.

Full Report

MALAYSIA-VIETNAM | 3 JUL | THE MALAY MAIL

### Minister: Vietnamese ships worst offenders of illegal fishing in Malaysian waters

Vietnamese-registered vessels were the largest group among those caught by the authorities for illegally fishing in Malaysian waters, Agriculture and Agrobased Industry Minister Datuk Salahuddin Ayub said.

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CHINA | 3 JUL | REUTERS

### **UPDATE 1-China recommends top security level for ships in Malacca Strait**

China's Ministry of Transport has raised its security recommendation for Chinese vessels in the Malacca Strait, a major potential bottleneck for global oil, to the highest level, according to a notice dated July 2 sent to shipping companies.

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IRAN-UNITED KINGDOM | 5 JUL | REUTERS

### Iran threatens British shipping in retaliation for tanker seizure

An Iranian Revolutionary Guards commander threatened on Friday to seize a British ship in retaliation for the capture of an Iranian supertanker by Royal Marines in Gibraltar.

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INDONESIA | 6 JUL | ANTARA

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### Indonesia has sunk 516 vessels since 2014 for fishing illegally

Since 2014, the Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Ministry has sunk 516 vessels belonging to countries in its neighborhood and even from Indonesia for conducting illegal fishing operations in its waters.

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CHINA-THE PHILIPPINES | 6 JUL | CNN PHILIPPINES

### Coast Guard-Marina report: China vessel 'failed' to take action to avoid Reed Bank collision

The Chinese vessel that hit a Philippine fishing vessel last month in Reed Bank could have, but failed to, take action to avoid the risk of the collision, according to the joint investigation report of the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) and the Maritime Industry Authority (Marina).

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CHINA-SRI LANKA | 8 JUL | COLOMBO PAGE

#### Vessel gifted to Sri Lanka Navy by China arrives in Colombo

The Offshore Patrol Vehicle (OPV) gifted by People's Republic of China to Sri Lanka Navy last month arrived at the port of Colombo this morning (08th July 2019).

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CHINA | 11 JUL | XINHUA

#### China's first homemade polar icebreaker delivered

China's first domestically built polar icebreaker "Xuelong 2," or "Snow Dragon 2," was delivered on Thursday in Shanghai, according to the Ministry of Natural Resources.

**Full Report** 

WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN | 12 JUL | REUTERS

### Merchant ships urged to avoid using private armed teams in Mideast Gulf

Shipping companies sailing through the Middle East Gulf are being urged to avoid having private armed security guards onboard as the risk of escalation in the region rises, industry associations say.

**Full Report** 

THE PHILIPPINES | 17 JUL | GMA NEWS

### Coast Guard to launch French-made patrol vessel for West PHL Sea

The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) will be leading patrols in the disputed West Philippine Sea when it takes in the delivery of the 84-meter Offshore Patrol Vessel this coming December.

**Full Report** 

MALAYSIA | 18 JUL | BERNAMA

### Melaka Straits safe, no external threats - Armed Forces Chief

The Straits of Melaka is safe and there have been no external security threats, said Chief of Armed Forces (ATM) Gen Tan Sri Zulkifli Zainal Abidin.

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IRAN-UNITED STATES | 18 JUL | REUTERS

#### U.S. says Navy ship 'destroyed' Iranian drone in Gulf

The United States said on Thursday that a U.S. Navy ship had "destroyed" an Iranian drone in the Strait of Hormuz after the aircraft threatened the vessel, but Iran said it had no information about losing a drone.

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UNITED STATES | 24 JUL | USNI NEWS

## Esper: U.S. Will Provide Intel to Allies to Keep Middle East Merchant Ships Safe, Not Warship Escorts

American forces are willing to provide allies with intelligence on

potential maritime threats in the Middle East, but countries will need to bring their own escorts, defense officials told USNI News on Wednesday.

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INDONESIA | 29 JUL | THE JAKARTA POST

### Indonesia strengthens presence to fight transnational crime in Singapore border

Indonesian Military (TNI) commander Air Chief Marshal Hadi Tjahjanto and National Police chief Gen. Tito Karnavian visited Nipa Island, near Singapore, on Saturday as both institutions agreed to strengthen monitoring of the border areas between the two countries.

**Full Report** 

MALAYSIA | 30 JUL | BERNAMA

#### Marine police intensifying efforts to fight crossborder crimes in Sabah

The Sabah Region 4 Marine Police (PPM) are stepping up efforts to combat cross-border crimes in the state's waters, including by forging cooperation with their counterparts in the Philippines and Indonesia.

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#### SHIPPING, PORTS, AND THE MARITIME ECONOMY



SINGAPORE | 30 JUL | THE STRAITS TIMES

#### First phase of Jurong Port Tank Terminals opens

A new oil storage facility has opened at Jurong, boosting Singapore's status as a key port for the supply of clean fuel for the maritime industry.

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SOUTH KOREA | 1 JUL | YONHAP NEWS

#### (LEAD) Hyundai Heavy officially starts process to earn regulatory approval on Daewoo takeover

Hyundai Heavy Industries Group, a major South Korean shipbuilding conglomerate, said Monday it has officially started the process to earn approval from anti-trust regulators for its proposed takeover of Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering Co.

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UNITED STATES | 9 JUL | CYBERSCOOP

#### After 'significant' malware attack, U.S. Coast Guard issues maritime security advisory

U.S. Coast Guard has issued a The safety to follow encouraging mariners cybersecurity protocols after a ship bound for the East Coast experienced a "significant cyber incident" in February.

TAIWAN | 10 JUL | TAIWAN NEWS

#### Taiwan joins Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement

Taipei (CNA) Taiwan joined the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA) July 4, when it attended a meeting of the agreement's members as a "participating fishing entity" for the first time, the Fisheries Agency said Tuesday.

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UNITED KINGDOM | 15 JUL | SHIP INSIGHT

#### UK aims for zero-emission capable ships by 2015

A plan by the UK government to increase innovation in reducing emissions has been announced and includes a £1 million incentive in the form of a competition to develop new ways to cut emissions.

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#### GERMANY | 17 JUL | THE MARITIME EXECUTIVE

#### **Germany Accedes to Ship Recycling Convention**

Germany is the latest country to accede to the IMO's treaty for safe and environmentally-sound ship recycling – the Hong Kong Convention.

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CHINA | 22 JUL | SPLASH 24/7

#### Cosco and China Mobile form 5G partnership

China Cosco Shipping Corporation and China Mobile signed a strategic collaboration agreement in Beijing on Friday.

**Full Report** 

CHINA | 24 JUL | REUTERS

### China to expand discharge ban on open-loop exhaust scrubbers -draft

China will extend a ban on discharging the waste water from open-loop scrubbers to more coastal regions starting in 2020, the country's maritime authority said in a draft plan.

**Full Report** 

MEDITERRANEAN | 24 JUL | EUREPORTER

### Mediterranean countries advance on fighting illegal fishing in world's most overfished sea

At the conclusion of the regional gathering between 24 contracting parties, delegates agreed to adopt a stricter sanctioning process for non-compliant Mediterranean countries, and to improve transparency and modernize measures against illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

**Full Report** 

INDIA | 25 JUL | JOC.COM

### India digital port platform gains users after government push

Stakeholder acceptance of an upgraded digital collaboration platform linking India's supply chain has accelerated in recent weeks following a July 20 deadline imposed by the government.

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MALAYSIA-CHINA | 25 JUL | THE STAR ONLINE

## China, Malaysia restart massive Belt and Road project after hiccups

China and Malaysia resumed construction on a massive "Belt and Road" train project in northern Malaysia on Thursday, after a year-long suspension and following a rare agreement to cut its cost by nearly a third to about US\$11bil.

**Full Report** 

#### **DP World to create a port in Indonesia**

United Arab Emirates's DP World has announced it has signed two preliminary agreements with Indonesia's leading conglomerate Maspion Group to create a 1.2 billion dollars container port and industrial logistics park in East Java, Indonesia.

**Full Report** 

PANAMA | 29 JUL | AMERICAN JOURNAL OF TRANSPORTATION

### The Panama Canal and UN Environment join forces on sustainable development and climate action

The Panama Canal and UN Environment signed a cooperation agreement today to join efforts on sustainable development and combatting climate change.

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JAPAN-SOUTH AFRICA | 30 JUL | CAPE BUSINESS

### South Africa and Japan join arms to combat pollution

The Department of Trade and Industry Deputy Minister Nomalungelo Gina has ushered in the R25 million Japan-South Africa collaboration project that is solely purposed at alleviating plastic pollution.

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SINGAPORE | 30 JUL | HELLENIC SHIPPING NEWS

# PSA Singapore and Envision Digital International Ink MoU in Technology Knowledge Sharing and Capability Transfer

SA Corporation Ltd (PSA) and Envision Digital International Pte Ltd (Envision) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate in knowledge sharing and capability transfer for development in the fields of engineering, technology, Artificial Intelligence and Internet of Things (AloT).

<u>Full Report</u>