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THE PHILIPPINES | 5 AUG | GMA NEWS

PHL Navy receives, commissions newest warship from South Korea

The Philippine Navy (PN) on Monday received from South Korea its newest warship, a Pohang-class corvette which the PN commissioned the BRP Conrado Yap (PS39).

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INDONESIA | 5 AUG | JAKARTA GLOBE

Indonesian Navy Cadets Set Sail for 'Maritime Fulcrum' Diplomatic Mission

A total of 103 Indonesian Navy cadets set sail from Surabaya on Monday on a diplomatic mission to several Asian countries and Australia in support of a government campaign to turn the country into a "maritime fulcrum."

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UNITED STATES | 5 AUG | USNI NEWS

USS Montgomery at Sea for First International Exercise Since LCS Deployments Restarted

A Littoral Combat Ship operating in the Pacific is participating in its first international exercise since the LCS program reorganized and rebooted its deployments to Singapore.

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UNITED STATES | 8 AUG | USNI NEWS

Navy Considering More Advanced Burke Destroyers as Large Surface Combatant Timeline Slips

Broader Horizons — August 2019

The Navy is looking at "something beyond even a Flight III" combat capability for its new-build destroyers, as its plans for transitioning from building the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer to the future Large Surface Combatant continue to evolve and the LSC procurement date continues to slide.

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CHINA | 13 AUG | GLOBAL TIMES

Second aircraft carrier can carry 36 J-15 fighters

China's second aircraft carrier can carry at least 36 domestically developed J-15 fighter jets, some 50 percent more than the country's first, China's state broadcaster reported on Tuesday.

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PHILIPPINES | 15 AUG | ABS-CBN NEWS

Military classifies Chinese warships sailing unannounced in PH waters as 'security threats'

Chinese warships sailing unannounced in Philippine waters this year have been classified as "security threats," a military official said Thursday.

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Defense Ministry OKs purchase of next-generation U.S. fighter jets

The Defense Ministry on Aug. 16 formally approved the purchase of 42 F-35B stealth fighter jets from the United States at a cost of about 14 billion yen (\$132 million) each.

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CHINA | 19 AUG | KYODO NEWS

Chinese aircraft use Japan ships as targets in E. China Sea drill

Chinese military aircraft likely used nearby Japanese destroyers as targets during a missile drill in international waters in the East China Sea in May, Japanese government sources said Sunday.

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JAPAN-UNITED STATES | 21 AUG | THE ASAHI SHIMBUN

U.S. fighter jets eyed as 1st users of retrofitted Izumo carrier

The government has been caught in a lie over its plans to retrofit the Izumo destroyer and effectively transform the vessel into an aircraft carrier.

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CHINA | 23 AUG | DEFENSE NEWS

Photos reveal progress on China's largest amphibious assault ship

Recent photos reveal the construction of China's largest amphibious assault ship is progressing at a shipyard in the metropolis of Shanghai, as the country strives to plug gaps in its military's amphibious capabilities.

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THE PHILIPPINES-SOUTH KOREA | 23 AUG | PNA

SoKor willing to finance PH corvette acquisition program: DND

South Korea has offered to finance the country's Corvette Acquisition Project (CAP) that will acquire two ships as part of the efforts to modernize the Philippine Navy (PN), the Department of National Defense (DND) said Friday.

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SOUTH KOREA | 25 AUG | YONHAP

(4th LD) S. Korea launches Dokdo defense drill amid tension with Japan

The South Korean armed forces launched a two-day military exercise to defend the easternmost islets of Dokdo on Sunday amid growing tensions over trade and their shared history, in a show of its staunch defense stance against Japan's repeated claims to sovereignty over the cluster of rocks in the East Sea.

CAMBODIA-CHINA | 25 AUG | VOA

US Military Official Confirms China Deal to Use Cambodian Naval Base

A senior U.S. Indo-Pacific Command officer August 15 confirmed Cambodia and China are proceeding on a base for China's navy in the Southeast Asian country's Preah Sihanouk province.

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INDIA-RUSSIA | 28 AUG | TASS

Russia, India to start deliveries of BrahMos missiles to third countries

The BrahMos Aerospace Russian-Indian Joint Venture may conclude contracts by the end of 2019 on the delivery of BrahMos missiles to third countries, JV Indian Co-Director Kumar Mishra told TASS at the MAKS-2019 international aerospace exhibition on Wednesday.

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THE PHILIPPINES | 28 AUG | ABS-CBN NEWS

A first: PH Navy to acquire submarines

The Philippine Navy on Wednesday said it would acquire multiple sea vessels including submarines, a first for the Philippines.

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UNITED STATES | 28 AUG | REUTERS

U.S. warship sails near South China Sea islands claimed by China

A U.S. Navy destroyer sailed near islands claimed by China in the South China Sea on Wednesday, the U.S. military said, a move likely to anger Beijing at a time of rising tensions between the world's two largest economies.

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THE PHILIPPINES | 29 AUG | CNN PHILIPPINES

Navy eyes shadowing foreign ships passing PH waters

Despite its limited resources, the Philippine Navy wants to trail foreign military vessels that pass through the country's territorial waters without prior coordination.

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UNITED STATES | 6 AUG | NAVY TIMES

New report blames Big Navy for fatal collision

Long before the guided-missile destroyer John S. McCain collided with a commercial vessel near Singapore on Aug. 21, 2017, the Navy had failed a crew that was overworked, poorly trained and exhausted, a new report reveals.

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UNITED STATES | 4 AUG | ASSOCIATED PRESS

US still seeks allies in Gulf maritime coalition

Senior U.S. leaders expressed confidence that they will be able to convince allies to help protect shipping in the Persian Gulf area against Iranian threats, but they provided no new details Sunday on which nations may be willing to participate.

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UNITED STATES | 5 AUG | SEAPOWER MAGAZINE

FRC Demonstrates Long-Range Transit to American Samoa

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Joseph Gerczak (WPC 1126) arrived in the Port of Pago Pago on Aug. 3, completing a nine-day transit from Hawaii that demonstrated the long-range capabilities of the fast-response cutter.

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INDONESIA | 6 AUG | ANTARA

Vessels crossing Indonesian waters must install AIS: ministry

The Ministry of Transportation will ask passenger vessels with 35 gross tonnages (GT) and 60 GT fishing boats to install an automatic identification system (AIS), Sea Transportation Director General Agus Purnomo said here Tuesday.

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THE PHILIPPINES | 6 AUG | THE BORNEO POST

Mayor bans boats using town as jump-off port to commit crimes in Sabah

The Municipality of Turtle Islands (Taganak) in Tawi-Tawi province outrightly refused to allow the skippers of nine wooden boats to use its wharf for a short stop over on Sunday.

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CHINA | 6 AUG | REUTERS

China might escort ships in Gulf under U.S. proposal: envoy

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China might escort Chinese commercial vessels in Gulf waters under a U.S. proposal for a maritime coalition to secure oil shipping lanes following attacks on tankers, its envoy to the United Arab Emirates said on Tuesday.

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SOUTH KOREA | 11 AUG | THE KOREA HERALD

Cheonghae Unit sets sail for mission amid speculation of serving in Hormuz Strait

Korea's anti-piracy Cheonghae Unit on Tuesday embarked on its mission in the Gulf of Aden amid speculation that its final destination may be the Strait of Hormuz.

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INDIA-VIETNAM | 16 AUG | VIETNAM PLUS

India launches project to build patrol ships for Vietnam

India's Larsen & Toubro shipyard near Chennai city of Tamil Nadu State has launched a project to build 12 high-speed vessels for the Vietnam Border Guard Force, funded by the Indian government's credit package.

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SRI LANKA | 19 AUG | SUNDAY TIMES

Sri Lanka offers to assist IORA members in anti-piracy efforts

Sri Lanka has offered to assist Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) members in anti-piracy efforts as a part of the regional body's maritime security work plan which was finalized recently.

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AUSTRALIA | 21 AUG | REUTERS

Australia joins U.S.-led mission to protect Gulf shipping

Australia will join the United States in a security mission to protect merchant vessels traveling through key Middle East waterways after Iran seized a British-flagged vessel, Prime Minister Scott Morrison said on Wednesday.

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MALAYSIA-VIETNAM | 21 AUG | FREE MALAYSIA TODAY

Viet trawler attempts to ram police boat in bid to escape in Sabah

An illegal Vietnamese fishing trawler tried to ram a marine police patrol boat in a bid to escape arrest in waters off Sabah's Sandakan east coast district yesterday.

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INDIA-SRI LANKA | 24 AUG | COLOMBO GAZETTE

Indian Navy sounds alert after infiltration via Sri Lanka

The Indian Navy has sounded high-alert at seas and in coastal areas in view of intelligence inputs that suspected terrorists of the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) have intruded into Tamil Nadu from Sri Lanka.

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UNITED KINGDOM | 25 AUG | ASSOCIATED PRESS

British navy says 3rd warship en route to Persian Gulf

Britain says a third Royal Navy vessel is heading to the Persian Gulf to protect merchant shipping in the Strait of Hormuz.

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SOUTHEAST ASIA-UNITED STATES | 26 AUG | GMA NEWS

PCG, US, other Asian countries hold maritime security drill in West PHL Sea

The Philippine Coast Guard and maritime personnel from the United States and other Southeast Asian countries conducted a maritime security drill against piracy, smuggling and terrorism in the West Philippine Sea off Zambales on Monday.

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MALAYSIA | 29 AUG | THE STAR ONLINE

Sabah ready for sea checkpoint operations; await federal funds

Security agencies in Sabah are awaiting for federal funds to start sea checkpoint operations in a bid to strengthen safety at sea.

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CHINA | 29 AUG | XINHUA

China sends new naval fleet for escort mission

The 33rd fleet from the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Navy on Thursday left the port city of Qingdao in east China's Shandong Province for the Gulf of Aden to escort civilian ships.

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SINGAPORE | 19 AUG | THE STRAITS TIMES

Maritime companies to get more help in becoming sustainable with new MPA guide

Companies in the maritime sector will get more help in becoming sustainable with the launch of a new guide by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA).

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GLOBAL | 1 AUG | THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

Merger of Yards in South Korea, China Will Control Global Shipbuilding

Mega shipyard mergers in South Korea and China are forging a new reality in the industrial sector that underpins the global shipping industry.

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PACIFIC ISLANDS | 1 AUG | SPLASH 24/7

Pacific island leaders renew shipping emissions battle

Nine leaders of climate crisis-threatened islands in the Pacific have signed the Nadi Bay Declaration, urging for immediate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions cuts, with shipping central to their demands.

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GLOBAL | 6 AUG | HELLENIC SHIPPING NEWS

Seafarers Working On Cruise Ships And Ferries Among Unhappiest In Industry, New Report Shows

The latest Seafarers Happiness Index report, published today by The Mission to Seafarers, has revealed that seafarers working onboard cruise ships and ferries rank among the unhappiest in the industry.

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INDIA | 9 AUG | INDIA TODAY

Andhra Pradesh cancels agreement for Machilipatnam port

In another major decision, Andhra Pradesh government on Thursday cancelled the concession agreement for development of Machilipatnam port.

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GLOBAL | 14 AUG | SEAFOOD SOURCE

C4ADS report names companies involved in global IUU fishing trade

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The Spanish firm Sea Group SL, South Korea's Sajo Systems, and several Chinese conglomerates, including the Beijing State-Owned Capital Operation and Management Center and Pingtan Marine Enterprise Limited, which is listed on the NASDAQ Stock Market, were each named in a new report tying them to illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing practices.

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THAILAND | 15 AUG | MARITIME EXECUTIVE

PSA Thailand and SCG Logistics to Launch Joint Venture

PSA Thailand and SCG Logistics Management Company are launching a new joint venture by investing in the development and operation of the Thai Prosperity Terminal in Thailand and rebranding it Thai Connectivity Terminal (TCT).

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KOREA-GERMANY | 19 AUG | SHIP TECHNOLOGY

SHI signs MoU with MAN ES for smart ship technology development

South Korean shipbuilder Samsung Heavy Industries (SHI) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Germany-based engine technology developer MAN Energy Solutions (MAN ES) for cooperation in developing smart ship technology.

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CHINA-ARGENTINA | 20 AUG | SPLASH 24/7

China bids to dredge and deepen the Parana, Argentina's grains superhighway

Chinese state-owned construction giant China Communications Construction Co (CCCC) is preparing a bid to dredge Argentina's Parana River, the country's main cargo superhighway that takes soy and corn from the Pampas farm belt to the shipping lanes of the south Atlantic and the world.

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INDIA-FRANCE | 24 AUG | THE HINDU

India, France plan satellite surveillance of ships

India and France have formalised the development and

launch of what is probably a unique constellation of around 10 low-earth orbit satellites that will continuously provide maritime surveillance and security.

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GLOBAL | 26 AUG | NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

Largest marine protected area in Atlantic Ocean will soon be official

The nearly 170,000 square miles of ocean around Ascension Island, one of the world's most pristine and biodiverse ocean ecosystem, will soon be officially protected.

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UNITED KINGDOM | 30 AUG | LLOYD'S LIST

UK issues emergency port funding ahead of Brexit

The UK government is providing £30m (\$36.5m) in emergency funding for ports infrastructure as part of the country's preparations for leaving the European Union.

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PHILIPPINES | 30 AUG | MANILA BULLETIN

Authorities mull one-time ticketing system at the ports

Transport authorities are introducing an online "one ticketing system" to provide convenience and benefits to port users, getting rid of fixers and scalpers as well as improving port process for maritime safety and security in yesterday's Maritime Safety Summit for Domestic Shipping.

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MALAYSIA-INDONESIA | 30 AUG | BORNEO POST

Sabah Ports inks MoU with Indonesia Port Corporation

Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd and Indonesia Port Corporation (IPC) or PT Pelabuhan Indonesia II (Persero) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) yesterday to explore business potential to enhance bilateral trade and cooperation and port related training apprenticeship, exchange of information and technical assistance for the purpose of improving port efficiency.

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SINGAPORE | 30 AUG | OPEN GOV ASIA

Singapore signs tech-upgrade MOU for navigational safety

The Institute of High-Performance Computing (IHPC) at the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR) and Singapore Polytechnic (SP)'s Centre of Excellence in Maritime Safety (CEMS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding MOU to upgrade navigational safety on August 30, 2019.

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