

-(Reuters 6/4) [China fighter plane spotted on South China Sea island](#) : "This isn't a first, but it's the first time in a year," said AMTI director Greg Poling.

-(CNN 6/4) [Duterte orders Philippines military to occupy islands](#) : Duterte's comments seem to mark a departure from his previous policy, and suggests a desire to pursue the type of militarization Beijing has been accused of bringing to the region.

-(AMTI 6/4) [The modernization of the Vietnam People's Navy: Grand Goals and Limited Options:](#) In deploying the full fleet, the VPN became the owner of the largest submarine fleet in Southeast Asia.

-(AMTI 5/4) [Tracking China's coast guard off Borneo](#) : There is a near-constant presence of China's coast guard vessels at Luconia Shoals.

-(The Jakarta Post 5/4) [Indonesia must lead for sake of its interests in South China Sea](#) : Indonesia is the only country in the region with the requisite moral authority and capacity for leadership on the disputes.

-(Reuters 4/4) [China, ASEAN make progress on framework deal on disputed sea](#) , said the Philippine acting foreign minister.

-(CNBC 4/4) [Military nightmare scenario brewing in the East China Sea](#) : While the world watches mounting military tensions in the SCS, another, more ominous situation is brewing in the East China Sea that could be the trigger point for a major war between the superpowers.

-(CNN 4/4) [PH envoy explains approach to sensitive issues with China](#) : It would be best to focus first on things the Philippines could agree on with the Asian superpower.

-(Lowy Institute 3/4) [What is Vietnam's fishing flotilla doing at Scarborough Shoal?](#)  
Significantly, Vietnam Coast Guard vessels are also present. -(PhilStar 3/4)  
[Seen fishing on Panatag, Vietnam gains from Philippines' arbitral win](#)

-(National Interest 3/4) [China's South China Sea Challenge: What Should Donald Trump Do?](#)  
Beijing's actions are forcing the Trump administration to make tough choices.



-(The Bangkok Post 4/4) [Hope for sea row talks](#) : Last week in Cambodia, China and Asean held their first meaningful discussion in years on the South China Sea.

-(PhilStar 2/4) [US guided-missile destroyer now in Subic](#) : The USS Fitzgerald of the US Carrier Strike Group 5 made a brief port call in Subic before taking part in the joint naval drill in South Korea.