

-(SCMP 17/1) [Three possible outcomes from East China Sea oil spill, according to Chinese scientists](#) : As the oil slick from the Iranian oil tanker Sanchi continues to spread, its possible environmental impact could be limited or it could see trace pollutants reaching as far as the west coast of North America.

-(SCMP 16/1) [Xi Jinping calls on Donald Trump to revive economic dialogue programme](#) : Chinese president says two nations should further open markets and boost cooperation, during phone call with US leader.

-(Atimes 15/1) [Philippine brass up in arms on the South China Sea](#) : Filipino military chief Delfin Lorenzana is again at odds with his government's softly-softly approach to China's maritime ambitions.



-(US News 15/1) [Philippines' President Made Call on China's Sea Research](#) : Duterte allowed China to work with the University of the Philippines in Benham Rise, an area roughly the size of Greece and believed by some scientists to be rich in biodiversity and tuna.

-(Strait Times 14/1) [11 rescued, 2 missing after ship sinks in South China Sea](#) , the location of the incident falls within the Singapore Maritime Search and Rescue Region.