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CHINA, MALAYSIA LOCKED IN S. CHINA SEA STANDOFF: REPORT

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China and Malaysia are locked in an ongoing standoff over hydrocarbon exploration in the South China Sea, according to a US think tank report published on Wednesday.

A Chinese vessel harassed a drilling rig and supply ships off Malaysias coast last week, said the report by the Center for Strategic and International Studies Asia Maritime Transparency Institute (AMTI).

China Coast Guard [CCG] ship 5402 harassed a drilling rig and its supply ships operating just 44 nautical miles from Malaysias Sarawak State on November 19, read the report.

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