
PHILIPPINES FILES PROTEST OVER CHINA'S LASER USE IN SEA DISPUTE

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Washington said it stands with Manila after a Chinese vessel directed a powerful laser at a Philippine Coast Guard ship.

The Philippine government has lodged a diplomatic protest, calling on China to ensure its vessels cease aggressive activities after the Chinese coastguard used a military-grade laser to try to block one of its ships in the South China Sea.

These acts of aggression by China are disturbing and disappointing, Department of Foreign Affairs spokesperson, Teresita Daza, said in a statement on Tuesday, noting that Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr had recently concluded a state visit to China.

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