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## US WARNS IT WILL DEFEND PHILIPPINES AFTER SOUTH CHINA SEA COLLUSIONS

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*Washington has once again affirmed that it has a treaty obligation to defend the Philippines against any armed attack in the contested waterway.*

The United States has repeated its warning that it is treaty-bound to defend the Philippines in case of an armed attack in the South China Sea, after Chinese ships blocked and collided with two Filipino vessels close to a contested shoal.

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