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## SOUTH CHINA SEA TENSIONS AND MYANMAR VIOLENCE TOP AGENDA FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN ENVOYS MEETING IN LAOS

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Chinas growingly assertive posture in the South China Sea and escalating violence in Myanmar topped the agenda for Southeast Asian diplomats meeting in Laos on Monday.

The gathering is the first high-level meeting of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations since Laos took over the rotating chairmanship.

The diplomats for the 10 nations with a combined population of nearly 650 million and GDP of more than \$3 trillion will work to strategize on issues of regional peace, security and stability. They were also discussing economic cooperation and other issues under the years theme enhancing connectivity and resilience.

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