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**PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD ACCUSES CHINESE VESSELS OF "DANGEROUS" MANOEUVRES**

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*The Philippine Coast Guard on Sunday (Feb 11) accused Chinese vessels of "dangerous" manoeuvres during a nine-day patrol near a reef off the coast of the Southeast Asian country.*

The Philippine vessel BRP Teresa Magbanua was deployed in early February to patrol the waters around Scarborough Shoal, a rich fishing ground in the South China Sea, and "ensure the safety of Filipino fishermen in the area".

The reef has been a flashpoint between the countries since China seized it from the Philippines in 2012.

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