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## PHILIPPINES FILES DIPLOMATIC PROTEST AGAINST CHINA OVER SOUTH CHINA SEA INCIDENT

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The Philippines' foreign ministry said on Thursday it has filed a diplomatic protest against China over a Dec. 4 maritime incident in the contested Scarborough Shoal in the South China Sea.

Thursday's protest is the latest in nearly 200 the Philippines has lodged against China under President Ferdinand Marcos Jr who has increasingly complained about what is says are Beijing's aggressive actions in the South China Sea.

Chinese coastguard vessels on Wednesday fired water cannon and side-swiped a Manila fisheries bureau boat transporting supplies to Filipino fishermen operating in the Scarborough Shoal, according to Philippine officials.

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