
CHINA ACCUSES US OF 'DELIBERATELY DESTABILIZING' SOUTH CHINA SEA

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China on Wednesday accused the US of deliberately destabilizing the South China Sea after Washington voiced support for the Philippines over a recent maritime confrontation.

The US State Department said Monday it stood with its ally as they confront Chinas dangerous actions, which undermine regional stability, condemning what it described as Beijings ramming and water-cannoning of a Philippine vessel.

Department spokesperson Tommy Pigott said Washington reaffirms that Article IV of the 1951 United States-Philippines Mutual Defense Treaty extends to armed attacks on Philippine armed forces, public vessels, or aircraft anywhere in the South China Sea.

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