

Philippines Military to Focus on South China Sea

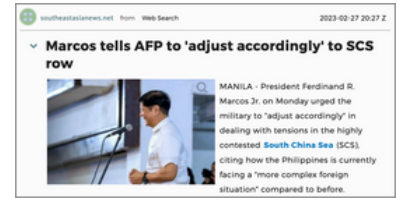
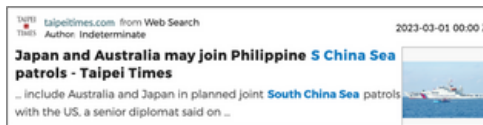
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Background

- Philippines President spoke to military on 27 Feb and stressed focus on protecting territorial integrity, including claims in South China Sea*
- Country's defense efforts previously focused on internal security threats from Muslim and communist rebel groups
- Follows 6 Feb incident involving Chinese Coast Guard ship (allegedly directed laser at crew of Philippine patrol ship)
- Philippines have filed several diplomatic protests with China so far in 2023 regarding Chinese presence and activities in South China Sea

Deeper Insight

Babel Street analysts, harnessing the power of publicly available information by drawing on English and Non-English language sources, examined this developing geopolitical situation from a wide variety of perspectives. Using these techniques improves situational awareness and offers timely insights that are difficult to find through traditional outlets.



*Source: [DailyMagazine](#)

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