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### NAVAL DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY



JAPAN | 27 JUN | THE ASAHI SHIMBUN

#### MSDF, Japan Coast Guard hold 1st joint drill in South China Sea

The Japan Coast Guard and the Maritime Self-Defense Force conducted their first joint drill in the South China Sea on June 26, in a move apparently aimed at reining in China's aggressive behavior in the region. Full Report

#### UNITED STATES | 2 JUN | ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### B-52, aircraft carrier in Mideast over Iran conduct exercise

The U.S. military says a B-52 bomber and an aircraft carrier dispatched to the Mideast over a perceived threat from Iran have conducted a joint exercise together in the Arabian Sea.

#### **Full Report**

RUSSIA FEDERATION | 5 JUN | TASS

#### Russia to lay down 2 cruise missile corvettes for Pacific Fleet on July 1

Shipbuilders will lay down two Project 22800 Karakurtclass cruise missile corvettes for the Pacific Fleet on July 1, the press office of Russia's United Shipbuilding Corporation reported on Wednesday.

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INDIA | 6 JUN | ZEENEWS

#### India successfully transfers personnel using Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV); Navy says 'a historic achievement'

India on Wednesday announced that it successfully conducted transfer of personnel from a submarine to Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV).

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UNITED STATES | 7 JUN | USNI NEWS

#### Nimitz and Ford Carriers Need Upgrades to Deploy With F-35Cs

Currently, the Navy only has one aircraft carrier either Ford-class or Nimitz-class — that can support the service's most advanced fighters for a full deployment, service officials told USNI News on Thursday. Continue on page 5

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JAPAN | 10 JUN | THE MAINICHI

## Use of Google Earth led to false data on missile defense site options: official

A Ministry of Defense official revealed on June 8 that data errors in an investigative report on possible candidate sites for hosting the Aegis Ashore missile defense system were attributable to the use of Google Earth in examining those sites.

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#### SOUTH KOREA | 10 JUN | YONHAP

## Upgraded version of 1,200-ton submarine delivered to S. Korean Navy

The Navy received a retrofitted submarine from a local shipbuilder on Monday after two years of upgrading with a state-of-the art combat management system and other equipment, the arms procurement agency said.

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#### THE PHILIPPINES | 11 JUN | GMA NEWS

### Palace 'concerned' about presence of Chinese warship near Scarborough Shoal

Malacañang on Tuesday expressed its concern over the presence of a Chinese warship near Scarborough Shoal as reported by the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG).

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CHINA | 12 JUN | GLOBAL TIMES

### Chinese aircraft carriers' frequent passage through Miyako Strait to become standard practice: Party paper

China's aircraft carriers will more frequently cross through sea lanes, including the Miyako Strait, for deployment in the west Pacific and Indian oceans which will become standard practice, according to an article published by the social media account run by a Party newspaper.

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#### UNITED STATES | 13 JUN | USNI NEWS

# House Committee Votes to Prohibit Low-Yield Nuclear Weapons on Submarines

The House Armed Services Committee added several provisions to its annual defense authorization bill, but the among most contentious was if the Pentagon should develop a low-yield nuclear weapon to deploy on nuclear ballistic missile submarines (SSBNs).

Full Report

SOUTH KOREA | 16 JUN | THE KOREA HERALD

## Concerns raised over military surveillance after NK fishing boat drifts over sea border

Concerns have been raised over the military's surveillance capability after a North Korean fishing boat was found adrift in South Korean waters, assumedly hours after it entered.

Full Report

INDIA-PAKISTAN | 23 JUN | THE TIMES OF INDIA

## Post-Balakot, Indian Navy hunted for Pakistani submarine for 21 days

Soon after the Pulwama terror attack, India pulled out its Navy from an exercise and deployed a major part of its fleet, including nuclear and conventional submarines, close to Pakistani territorial waters.

Full Report

UNITED STATES | 30 JUN | DEFENSE NEWS

# Navy eyes new launchers on stalwart destroyers for putting hypersonics afloat

With bigger, faster missiles in development and bound for the fleet, the Navy's engineers are eyeing backfitting upgraded launchers on its stalwart Arleigh Burke destroyers..

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### MARITIME SAFETY AND SECURITY



ASEAN | 23 JUN | ANTARA

#### Asean Leaders Approve Outlook on Indo-Pacific Cooperation Concept

Leaders of the 10 member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations approved the regional bloc's outlook on the Indo-Pacific Cooperation Concept, initiated by Indonesia, during a plenary session in Bangkok on Saturday.

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INDONESIA-MALAYSIA-THE PHILIPPINES | 3 JUN | THE JAKARTA POST

# Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines to conduct military exercise to curb militants

Indonesia will hold a land patrol training exercise to expand the existing trilateral patrol mechanism with Malaysia and the Philippines around the Sulu Sea to curb the movement of Islamist militants.

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UNITED STATES | 4 JUN | SEAPOWER MAGAZINE

#### Navy Orders 34 ScanEagle UAVs for Partner Nations

The U.S. Navy has awarded a contract for 34 ScanEagle unmanned aerial vehicles for four partner nations adjacent to the South China Sea. WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN | 6 JUN | REUTERS

# UAE says 'sophisticated' tanker attacks likely the work of a state actor

The United Arab Emirates told United Nations Security Council members on Thursday that attacks on four tankers off its coast on May 12 bore the hallmarks of a "sophisticated and coordinated operation," most likely by a state actor.

#### Full Report

MALAYSIA | 7 JUN | NEW STRAITS TIMES

#### One-stop maritime coordinating centre required

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A retired admiral has called for the establishment of a one-stop centre, or single point of contact, to coordinate all maritime issues.

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#### SOUTH KOREA | 7 JUN | YONHAP

## S. Korea actively enforcing U.N. sanctions against N.K. ship-to-ship transfers: ministry

South Korea has been proactive in implementing U.N. Security Council resolutions banning North Korea from illegal ship-to-ship transfers by "properly" mobilizing its military assets, a defense ministry official said Friday.



#### UNITED STATES | 11 JUN | SEAPOWER MAGAZINE

#### **Cutter Stratton Heads to Western Pacific**

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Stratton is scheduled to depart June 12 from its homeport in Alameda, California, for a months-long deployment to the Western Pacific in support of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, which oversees military operations in the region, the Coast Guard Pacific Area announced.

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#### UNITED STATES | 11 JUN | RAPPLER

### U.S. Coast Guard watching Chinese militia in South China Sea

The United States Coast Guard is monitoring intrusions by the Chinese militia in the South China Sea, an official said on Tuesday, June 11.

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WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN | 13 JUN | ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Ships operating in Gulf region urged to take extreme caution

Governments and maritime agencies urged an abundance of caution Thursday for ships operating in the Persian Gulf region after two oil tankers were damaged in suspected attacks near the strategic Strait of Hormuz.

#### Full Report

WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN | 14 JUN | THE MAINICHI

# Japanese ship among tankers targeted near Strait of Hormuz

Two tankers were targeted by unidentified attackers near the strategically important Strait of Hormuz on Thursday, including one operated by a Tokyo-based company, the Japanese government said.

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#### JAPAN | 18 JUN | ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Japan pushes 300 North Korean boats out of fishing grounds

The Japanese coast guard said Tuesday its patrol boats have been pushing back hundreds of North Korean boats trying to poach in fishing grounds rich with squid off Japan's northern coast.

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INDONESIA-PHILIPPINES | 23 JUN | BLOOMBERG

## Indonesia, Philippines to ratify landmark maritime boundary deal

Indonesia and the Philippines said they will begin to ratify a deal in August to establish a boundary between overlapping so-called exclusive economic zones.

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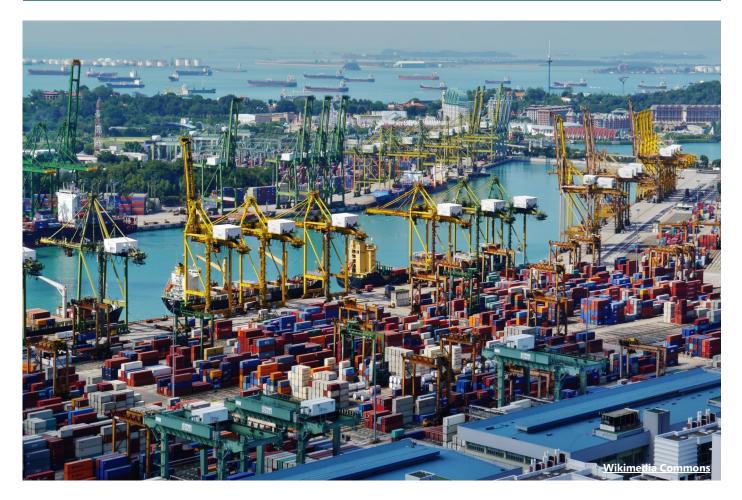
NATO-UNITED STATES | 28 JUN | ASSOCIATED PRESS

### US gets no commitment from NATO for help on Iran threat

NATO allies gave the U.S. no firm commitments that they will participate in a global effort to secure international waterways against threats from Iran, acting Defense Secretary Mark Esper said Thursday, wrapping up his first alliance meeting.

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### SHIPPING, PORTS, AND THE MARITIME ECONOMY



SINGAPORE | 28 JUN | THE STRAITS TIMES

#### MPA launches GeoSpace-Sea, a Singapore marine and coastal database

A new database on Singapore's waters, from its coastlines to the seabed, was launched on Friday (June 28) by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA).

#### Full Report

UNITED KINGDOM | 8 JUN | SKY NEWS

Stronger sea life protection considered by government as review launched

Tougher safeguards could be introduced for the most vulnerable areas of England's coastline, under a government review.

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JAPAN | 7 JUN | HELLENIC SHIPPING NEWS

# NYK Group Company becomes the first Asian member of One Sea Autonomous Ship Alliance

NYK Group research subsidiary MTI Co. Ltd. has become the first Asian member of One Sea, an

industry alliance aiming to realize autonomous ships. Full Report

CHINA-RUSSIA | 8 JUN | THE MARITIME EXECUTIVE

#### **Russia and China sign Arctic Deal**

Novatek, Sovcomflot, COSCO Shipping and the Silk Road Fund Co., have signed a four-party agreement to establish a joint venture Maritime Arctic Transport LLC. <u>Full Report</u>

#### FIJI | 10 JUN | FBC NEWS

Government looking at issuing blue bond to protect marine resources

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With rising threats to ocean and marine resources, the government is now looking at the issuance of blue bonds.

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#### UNITED STATES | 12 JUN | MARITIME EXECUTIVE

#### U.S. DOT launches Port Infrastructure Development Program

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has announced \$292.7 million in discretionary grant funding through the new Port Infrastructure Development Program.

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MALAYSIA | 18 JUN | MALAY MAIL

### Putrajaya planning nationwide port expansion, says minister

The government is planning to expand ports areas nationwide to meet current and future demands, said Transport Minister Anthony Loke.

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GLOBAL | 20 JUN | COMPLIANCE WEEK

# Maritime Anti-Corruption Network to develop 'Global Port Integrity Index'

The Maritime Anti-Corruption Network, a global business network of over 110 companies working together to tackle corruption in the maritime industry, on Thursday announced a new partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark to launch the first-ever "Global Port Integrity Index" and to scale up its collective action activities in West Africa.

Full Report

ASEAN | 23 JUN | THE STRAITS TIMES

#### Asean adopts pact to cut marine waste

Asean has committed itself to reduce marine waste at both the nation and regional level, a move welcomed by Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, as he highlighted the need for the countries to work together to combat the scourge.

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#### GLOBAL | 25 JUN | PORT TECHNOLOGY

#### Blockchain consortium to tackle dangerous goods

Maritime Blockchain Labs (MBL), a subsidiary of Blockchain Labs for Open Collaboration (BLOC), has launched a new consortium to explore how blockchain can be applied to the handling of dangerous goods.

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CHINA-TANZANIA | 25 JUN | ENGINEERING NEWS RECORD

#### Tanzania suspends \$10b Bagamoyo Port project

Tanzania has suspended the construction of the \$10billion Bagamoyo port project. Tanzanian President John Magufuli accused the Chinese project backers of presenting "exploitative and awkward" terms in exchange for financing.

#### Full Report

SINGAPORE | 27 JUN | CHANNEL NEWS ASIA

### M1 to test 5G tech in Singapore smart port initiative

Singapore's effort to develop a smart port environment has received the support of telecommunications giant M1 as a key participator in the project.

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#### TAIWAN | 28 JUN | TAIPEI TIMES

#### EU lifts its IUU fishing 'yellow card'

Taiwan was yesterday removed from the EU's list of uncooperative nations in the fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, with the "yellow card" warning it placed on the nation in 2015 removed, the Council of Agriculture said.

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