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## PHILIPPINES LAUNCHES STRATEGY OF PUBLICIZING CHINESE ACTIONS

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*Manilas coast guard has taken extra efforts to document and publicize assertive Chinese behavior in the South China Sea.*

The Philippine coast guard has launched a strategy of publicizing aggressive actions by China in the disputed South China Sea, which has countered Chinese propaganda and sparked international condemnation that has put Beijing under the spotlight, a Philippine official said Wednesday.

Manilas coast guard has intensified patrols in the disputed waters and taken extra efforts to document and publicize assertive Chinese behavior in the strategic waterway, including a February 6 incident in which a Chinese coast guard ship aimed a military-grade laser that briefly blinded some crew members on a Philippine patrol boat off a disputed reef.

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