
CHINA SAYS US 'NOT A PARTY' TO SOUTH CHINA SEA DISPUTE AFTER TRUMP-MARCOS CALL

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China on Friday reiterated that the US is not a party to the South China Sea dispute after US President Donald Trump assured Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. that he would raise Manilas concerns with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Asked about Thursdays phone call between Trump and Marcos, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian said Beijing had taken note of relevant reports.

The US is not a party to the South China Sea issue, Lin told reporters in Beijing, according to Beijing-based state-run daily Global Times.

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