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# MSP Perspectives

## Regional Maritime Information Sharing – Cooperation or competition?

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Arrangements for maritime information-sharing in Southeast Asia are both a maritime confidence and security building measure and an essential requirement of good order at sea. In order to maintain good order at sea and combat transnational threats, countries must be fully aware of what is occurring in their maritime environment. This is often referred to as having maritime domain awareness (MDA).

Effective MDA requires information-sharing between neighbouring countries that either share a maritime boundary or have a common interest in a particular maritime area. MDA at a national level is maximised through also having knowledge of what is happening in neighbouring waters. This is achieved through agreed information-sharing arrangements between neighbours. It is a 'lose-lose' situation if countries adopt a 'fences in the sea' approach to MDA, limiting information collection and dissemination to their own national waters.

Maritime information management arrangements have developed in recent years both at the regional and national levels. At present three centres collect and share data at the regional level. The International Maritime Bureau's Piracy Reporting Centre in Kuala Lumpur collects data on incidents of piracy and sea robbery globally; the ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre (ReCAAP ISC) in Singapore facilitates the exchange of information between ReCAAP participating countries on piracy and sea robbery in East and South Asia and the Information Fusion Centre (IFC) established by the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) at the Changi Naval Base fosters regional cooperation in information sharing among regional navies and other agencies.

The Singapore Maritime Security Centre (SMSC) provides a good model for arrangements at a national level. This is an integrated information and response

coordination centre that brings together key maritime agencies such as the RSN, the Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) and the Police Coast Guard (PCG).

The maritime zones of Indonesia and the Philippines, comprise a large part of the maritime environment of Southeast Asia. Due to the extent of their maritime zones, these two countries have a large stake in effective regional maritime information sharing. Unsurprisingly, both are in the process of establishing new arrangements for managing maritime information at the national level.

Indonesia is establishing a National Maritime Information Center under the Indonesian Navy to coordinate maritime information collection and dissemination across the broad expanse of the Indonesian archipelago. Concurrently, the Philippines is developing the National Coast Watch System (NCWS) to provide a multi-agency system for a coordinated approach on maritime issues and surveillance and response, including a National Coast Watch Center which will collect, analyse and disseminate maritime security information and coordinate maritime surveillance and response operations.

With all these developments, it is essential that cooperation exists between the separate national and regional centres. Any competition or nationalistic protection of information will be contrary to the best interests of good order at sea in the region.

The RSIS Policy Paper [Good Order at Sea in Southeast Asia](#) noted that a higher level of good order at sea in Southeast Asia requires regional countries to take steps to enhance information-sharing. The paper contained several recommendations regarding maritime information sharing, including that regional navies should send liaison officers to the IFC and that the capability and role of ReCAAP should be expanded to become an effective "clearing house" for regional maritime security information.

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## Maritime Security Agencies in Indonesia: The More the Merrier?

By Ristian Atriandi Supriyanto  
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As the Indonesian Navy (TNI-AL) is over stretched to be the sole institution responsible for Indonesia's vast maritime jurisdiction, the Indonesian government therefore established the the Maritime Security Coordinating Board (*Badan Koordinasi Keamanan Laut*, Bakorkamla) to coordinate the activities of more than twelve agencies related to maritime affairs. However, Bakorkamla is beset by coordination problems with the agencies due to parochial institutional interests, competition for resources, slow legal enforcement, and a lack of firm leadership.

Indonesia needs a recognized single maritime security institution. The 2008 National Law No. 17/2008 on Shipping has therefore mandated the establishment of an Indonesian Sea and Coast Guard (ISCG) as a single institution responsible for maritime law enforcement in Indonesian waters. However, President Yudhoyono has yet to make a decision in the form of a Governmental Decree (*Peraturan Pemerintah*, PP) as to which ministry or authority the ISCG shall be responsible to.

Currently, Bakorkamla's authority is often sidelined in favour of the parochial institutional interests of the agencies it is supposed to coordinate. Despite a meeting of minds at the strategic level, operational level coordination on the ground and at sea is patchy at best. For example, Bakorkamla often finds it difficult to harmonize the standard operational procedure (SOP) of the various agencies, utilize their sea assets under one command, pool resources together, as well as assign missions and objectives to its stakeholders.

The institutional "turf battle," is also reflected in resource competition. It is an open secret that Bakorkamla is under-funded, under-equipped, and

under-staffed. Currently, it only has around 100 staff for the entire archipelago, although it could "borrow" staff from the stakeholders. Bakorkamla's main office in Central Jakarta is a leased TNI-AL building and is barely enough to accommodate its entire staff.

The establishment of Sea and Coast Guard Unit (*Kesatuan Penjaga Laut dan Pantai*, KPLP) under the Ministry of Transportation's Sea and Coast Guard Directorate, intensified the competition with, within Bakorkamla. The Transport Ministry interprets

the 2008 Shipping Law as having the KPLP status elevated into ISCG. The idea was for the KPLP-ISCG to be put directly under the President's office, while the Transport Ministry would be responsible for its daily operations. Feeling itself being seconded by its own stakeholder, Bakorkamla rebuffed, and instead submitted its rival concept of *Badan Keamanan Laut* (Bakamla: Maritime Security Agency) to be the ISCG, also reporting to the President but within the operational supervision of the Ministry of Law and Human Rights,

Coordinating Ministry for Political, Legal and Security Affairs (Menkopolhukam).

In any case, the grey areas of responsibility between KPLP and Bakorkamla (and others) are wide enough to create tussles. Both agencies are vying to be acknowledged and represented as Indonesia's 'genuine' coast guard. Therefore, it is time for the government to exercise firm leadership by choosing one organization to take the lead. The longer the institutional turf battle rages on, the more precarious Indonesia's maritime security situation will be while the establishment of a single Coast Guard agency could tremendously increase the efficiency of patrolling Indonesian territorial waters, thus allowing TNI-AL to concentrate on EEZ and sea lanes protection.

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# Naval Development & Policy

CHINA | 25 NOV | THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

## China aircraft carrier passes landmark

BEIJING—China has passed a landmark in the development of its first fully functional aircraft carrier with the first successful landing of a jet fighter on the newly launched vessel while it was at sea, according to state media and the Defense Ministry. State-run China Central Television showed a domestically produced J-15 "Flying Shark" fighter jet touching down on the deck, catching hold of a cable with a hook on its rear, and slowing to a standstill shortly before the other end of the runway.

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TAIWAN-U.S. | 5 NOV | CHANNELNEWSASIA

## Taiwan to buy two frigates from US: defence minister

TAIPEI: Taiwan plans to buy two warships from the United States as part of an effort to modernise its naval force amid a perceived military threat from China, defence minister Kao Hua-chu said on Monday. The two Oliver Hazard Perry-class frigates, now serving in the US navy, will be delivered to Taiwan by 2015, Kao said while answering questions in parliament.

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JAPAN-U.S. | 5 NOV | BBC NEWS

## US and Japan begin military drills amid China tension

The US and Japan have begun joint military exercises, amid simmering tensions with China over disputed islands in the East China Sea. At least 47,000 personnel will take part in the biennial Keen Sword exercise, which runs until 16 November. It is taking place off Okinawa, north of islands both Japan and China claim.

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ITALY-PHILIPPINES | 5 NOV | THE PHILIPPINE STAR

## DND deal for Italian warships nearing completion

MANILA, Philippines - Negotiation for the acquisition of two warships from Italy may be completed within the year. In an interview, Defense Undersecretary Fernando Manalo told The STAR the Navy is expected to come up with a decision package, a document needed to make the ships ready for operation. "I would like to say that it (negotiation) is in its advanced stage," he said. "When we receive a decision package, we will submit to the (defense) secretary the acquisition decision memorandum (ADM) and then submit the proposal to the president for approval," he said.

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CHINA-JAPAN | 8 NOV | DEFENCE NEWS

## Japan urges peaceful power as China aims to become maritime force

TOKYO — Japan called on China on Nov. 8 to use its sea power peacefully, after President Hu Jintao staked a claim in Beijing for his country to become a maritime force. Tokyo said its neighbor must act as a "responsible member of the international community,"

a challenge it has made to Beijing repeatedly in recent months as tempers have flared over a disputed island chain.

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TAIWAN | 12 NOV | DEFENSE NEWS

### **Taiwan tests new anti-ship missile: report**

Taiwan tested its longest range ship-to-ship missile within a month of China putting its first aircraft carrier into service, a report said Nov. 12. Dubbed an "aircraft carrier killer," the missile has a range of 250 miles and is capable of achieving Mach 3.0, or triple the speed of sound, the Taipei-based United Daily News said. "The Chung-shan Institute of Science and Technology finished a series of tests off Taiwan last month," it said, in reference to Taiwan's arms development unit.

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INDIA-RUSSIA | 13 NOV | IHS JANE'S

### **India's second Russian-built Talwar-class frigate enters service**

The second of the three Batch 2 Project 1135.6 Talwar-class frigates for the Indian Navy was commissioned into service at the Yantar Shipyard in Russia's Baltic coast enclave of Kaliningrad on 9 November, according to local media reports. Laid down in November 2007 and launched in June 2010, INS *Tarkash*'s delivery - like that of sister ship INS *Teg* in April 2012 - comes a year later than originally planned.

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CHINA | 13 NOV | GLOBAL TIMES

### **Warships adapted for Diaoyu patrol duties**

A number of warships in active service will reportedly be adapted and transferred to the China Marine Surveillance (CMS) authorities, which analysts believe will help bridge the gap between Chinese and Japanese patrol vessels. The move will reinforce Chinese maritime strength amid territorial rows surrounding the Diaoyu Islands in the East China Sea.

Conventionally, the People's Liberation Army Navy hands over only retired warships to the CMS.

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THAILAND – U.S. | 16 NOV | CHANNELNEWSASIA

### **US, Thailand boost military ties to counter China**

BANGKOK: The United States and Thailand pledged Thursday to renew their military alliance for a new security era, during a regional tour by Washington's defence chief designed to counter China's rise. US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta said the new joint defence declaration between the decades-old allies had "moved this alliance into the 21st century". The last time the two nations drafted such a joint declaration was in 1962, when the United States promised to defend Thailand from "communist aggression".

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CHINA | 16 NOV | XINHUA

### **Two new patrol vessels join China's marine surveillance fleets**

Two new patrol vessels have been in service for China's marine surveillance, according to the State Oceanic Administration (SOA). The vessels, Haijian 137 and Haijian 110, are both in 3,000-tonne class, said the statements from the administration. Haijian 137 joined the Donghai fleet under the China Marine Surveillance (CMS), a maritime law enforcement agency under the SOA, on Wednesday, said a statements on the SOA website. The vessel will soon begin its patrol mission in the East China Sea to safeguard the country's sovereignty, the statement said.

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AUSTRALIA | 20 NOV | THE AUSTRALIAN

### **Adelaide favoured for submarines, warship projects**

THE Federal Government has given a solid indication the nation's next-generation submarines will be designed and built in Adelaide and is planning a new



warship project to ensure that skills are retained here in the interim. Despite a \$214 million study of four options for the highly lucrative submarine project, it is understood the Government wants the 12 non-nuclear vessels to be an evolved Collins Class boat dubbed "Son of Collins" or a new sub designed and built at Techport in Osborne.

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CHINA | 20 NOV | DEFENSE NEWS

### **Shipbuilder: China should build aircraft carriers**

BEIJING — China should independently build its own aircraft carriers, the country's largest shipbuilder said at a pivotal Communist Party meeting where Beijing announced plans to become a "maritime power." The China Daily reported Nov. 20 the call for China to match its growing global influence with new military hardware after Beijing in September commissioned its first carrier, the Liaoning, which was purchased from Ukraine.

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INDIA | 20 NOV | NDTV

### **Indian aircraft carrier: More costly, already delayed**

**Cochin:** The Defence Ministry will soon move the Union Cabinet for an additional Rs. 2000 crore to meet the cost overrun for completing the first phase of Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC) being constructed at the Cochin Shipyard - on India's western seaboard. The IAC, which is likely to be named INS Vikrant - after India's first and now decommissioned aircraft carrier - is delayed by at least five years and is expected to be with the Indian Navy only after 2018 as against the scheduled date of delivery of 2014, Defence Minister AK Antony had earlier told Parliament.

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AUSTRALIA | 22 NOV | SYDNEY MORNING HERALD

### **Aussie Defence undertakes \$10m Choules repair job**

Defence is pressing ahead with expensive repairs to its newest vessel, the amphibious landing ship HMAS Choules, bought from the United Kingdom with a clean bill of mechanical health only last year. After replacing a faulty propulsion transformer, which forced the Choules to return to Sydney in June, Navy chief Vice Admiral Ray Griggs has decided to proceed with replacement of the other four transformers. Defence said that was expected to cost about \$10 million and means the Choules won't return to work until April 2013.

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SOUTH KOREA | 23 NOV | CHANNELNEWSASIA

### **South Korea deploys new cruise missiles: report**

SEOUL: South Korea has begun fitting naval destroyers with a new, indigenously-developed cruise missile capable of making precision strikes anywhere in North Korea, a news report said Friday. Yonhap news agency quoted a senior military official as saying the South had armed two destroyers with 32 of its Hyunmu 3C Tomahawk-style cruise missiles. The missiles have a range of 400 kilometres (250 miles) and are capable of reaching targets in the farthest corners of North Korea within a three-metre (nine foot) degree of accuracy, the report said.

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INDIA | 26 NOV | DEFENSE NEWS

### **India to get Soviet-era aircraft carrier in 2013**

NEW DELHI — India on Nov. 26 said long-time ally Russia would finally hand over a refurbished aircraft carrier next year and end a bitter dispute over the Soviet-era warship caused by rising costs and delays. The Admiral Gorshkov, now 30 years old, is to fill a vacuum left by the scrapping in 1997 of India's first aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant, which had been in service since 1961.

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CHINA-U.S. | 27 NOV | THE WASHINGTON POST

**Chinese defense minister, US Navy secretary discuss sea security, American presence in Pacific**

BEIJING — China’s defense minister and the U.S. Navy secretary on Tuesday discussed security at sea and plans to bolster the U.S. military presence in the Asia-Pacific region that have been sharply criticized by Beijing. China hopes the sides would further cooperation in areas of mutual interest and “manage disparities when conflicts appear,” Gen. Liang Guanglie told Ray Mabus according to the official Xinhua News Agency.

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CHINA-U.S. | 28 NOV | DEFENSE NEWS

**U.S. ‘welcomes’ China participation in naval drills**

BEIJING — The United States welcomes China’s participation in U.S.-led joint naval exercises next year, Navy Secretary Ray Mabus said Wednesday during an official visit to the country. “We welcome China’s participation in the Rim of the Pacific Exercise in 2014,” Mabus said in a statement distributed by the U.S. embassy in Beijing. The embassy could not confirm if China had formally accepted the invitation to participate, made by Defense Secretary Leon Panetta when he visited China in September.

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# Maritime Safety and Security



INTERNATIONAL | 25 NOV | MARITIME JOURNAL

## Busy agenda for IMO MSC

The IMO's Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) faces a busy agenda this month with discussions including passenger ship safety, SOLAS amendments and piracy and armed robbery against ships, while continuing work on goal based standards. To address matters of passenger ship safety, the MSC is expected to establish a working group at this month's session which takes place from 26 to 30 November 2012.

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EAST CHINA SEA | 5 NOV | YAHOO! NEWS

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## China relentlessly harries Japan in island dispute

Chinese patrol boats have harried the Japanese Coast Guard many times a week for more than a month in an unusually relentless response to their latest maritime spat. Four Chinese craft typically push to within hailing distance of Japan's ships. They flash illuminated signs in Japanese to press Beijing's argument that it has ancient claims to a set of tiny East China Sea islands now controlled by Tokyo.

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BANGLADESH | 9 NOV | UPI ASIA

## 60 migrants feared drowned off Bangladesh

Around 60 suspected illegal migrants are feared drowned after an overcrowded boat carrying them to Malaysia capsized off the Bangladeshi coast. Local fisherman managed to rescue about 50 passengers from the sea where the ship went down at 3 a.m. Wednesday around 25 miles into the Bay of Bengal near the border with Myanmar, Bangladeshi media said

US-PHILIPPINES | 9 NOV | INQUIRER GLOBAL NATION

## US toxic waste dumped in Subic

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT—The Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) is investigating a US Navy contractor for allegedly dumping hazardous wastes on Subic Bay last month. SBMA records showed that wastes dumped by the tanker MT Glenn Guardian were collected from American ships that joined the recently concluded joint military exercises in the country.

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IRAN-TAIWAN | 11 NOV | FARS NEWS AGENCY

## Iran wins gold medal in Taiwan exhibition for anti-piracy initiative

TEHRAN (FNA)- The Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Line (IRISL) won the gold medal in Taiwan's international exhibition for producing a security fence for trade vessels to prevent pirate attacks. Deputy Head of the IRISL for Technical Affairs Qassem Nabipour said that Iranian experts and technicians

have invented and manufactured a home-made high-voltage security fence to keep pirates away from trade vessels, adding that the device won much admiration as well as a gold medal in the Taiwan Exhibition of Innovation and Invention.

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SINGAPORE | 13 NOV | CNN

### **Does Norway hold key to solving South China Sea dispute?**

The South China Sea has returned to the geopolitical spotlight, eclipsing the Taiwan Straits as the region's most volatile flashpoint. But quite unlike the Taiwan or the associated Quemoy/Matsu dispute, the South China Sea's claimant nations are at least as interested in developing the region's economic potential as they are in asserting sovereignty and building military bases.

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INTERNATIONAL | 13 NOV | NEWCASTLE HERALD

### **International eye on port safety**

International union inspectors boarded a coal vessel at Kooragang Island yesterday to launch a week-long campaign of ship inspections in search of substandard vessels and working conditions. The International Transport Workers Federation (ITF), a global body representing 800 transport unions with 5million affiliated members, is spending the week in Newcastle targeting a class of ships known as "flag of convenience" vessels.

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MALAYSIA | 23 NOV | ASIANONE

### **Vietnam arrests 11 on hijacked Malaysian ship**

Vietnamese authorities have arrested 11 suspected pirates aboard a chemical tanker after the first hijacking of a vessel en route to Malaysia's Borneo island in years, the International Maritime Bureau said Friday. Pirate attacks off Malaysia have dropped in recent years, following stepped-up patrols and co-

operation with neighbouring countries to secure the region's waterways.

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PAKISTAN-INDIA | 23 NOV | BUSINESS STANDARD

### **Pak arrests 24 Indian fishermen**

Pakistan has arrested 24 Indian fishermen and seized four of their boats on charges of illegally entering its territorial waters. The fishermen were arrested yesterday, the Maritime Security Agency said today. It said the fishermen, whose four boats were also seized, were fishing some 50-60 km inside Pakistan's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) in the Arabian Sea.

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HONG KONG | 29 NOV | SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST

### **Ferry crew escape heavy penalties despite collisions**

Ferry crews involved in maritime collisions are getting off lightly, a probe by the South China Morning Post has found. Hong Kong's fast and high-speed ferries have been involved in 74 collisions since 2008 - an average of more than one a month - the probe revealed. But ferry crews are likely only to be fined a few thousand dollars for breaching maritime safety laws, if they are prosecuted at all.

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INDIA | 28 NOV | BLOOMBERG BUSINESSWEEK

### **Brother shot dead fishing tests armed guards' accountability**

Seventeen-year-old Aguna Xavier breaks down in tears when she talks about her dead older brother. He was shot in February after Italian marines protecting a commercial tanker allegedly mistook him for a pirate off the coast of India, where he fished to earn a living. Ajeesh Pink took his sisters swimming and told them jokes, she says, bringing levity to a life marred by losing both parents and seeing parts of their village washed away by the 2004 tsunami. After his death, she failed 10th grade.

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SOUTH CHINA SEA | 29 NOV | REUTERS

### **Chinese police plan to board vessels in disputed seas**

Police in the southern Chinese island province of Hainan will board and search ships which illegally enter what China considers its territory in the disputed South China Sea, state media said on Thursday, a move likely to add to tensions. The South China Sea is Asia's biggest potential military trouble spot with several Asian countries claiming sovereignty over waters believed to be rich in oil and gas.

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DALIAN | 29 NOV | LATIN AMERICAN HERALD TRIBUNE

### **Death Toll in China Fishing Boat Accident Climbs to 11**

Eleven people have died and five remain missing after a fishing boat sank off the coast of the northeastern Chinese seaport of Dalian, maritime authorities said Thursday. Following the latest rescue efforts, the number of people reported dead in the accident rose from nine to 11. Their identities have already been confirmed but have not been released by the authorities.

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# Shipping, Ports, and the Maritime Economy

S.KOREA | 6 NOV | BLOOMBERG

## **Ships at eight-year low seen falling in Hyundai price war**

Prices for new ships have fallen to an eight-year low as shipyards sacrifice margins to win orders. Hyundai Heavy (009540) Industries Co., the world's largest shipbuilder, may be about to make the price war worse. The company could push prices down as much as 15 percent industry wide as it tries to replenish an order backlog that is near a five-year-low, according to E\*Trade Securities Co. analyst Park Moo Hyun.

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BANGLADESH | 4 NOV | FINANCIAL EXPRESS

## **Non-availability of space delays unloading of goods at Ctg port**

Foreign ships carrying imported goods are facing delays by at least 24 hours at the Chittagong Port as there is hardly any space to unload containers, shipping companies said. They said four ships carrying nearly 3000 containers have suffered delays in unloading affecting both export and import trades. The ships that faced unusual delays are Helen Rickmers of OEL, MCC Java of Maersk Line, Kualung of Goldstar and Stadt Monsoon of CMA-CGM.

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natural gas from the Malampaya gas field near Palawan Island, in the Philippines.

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SINGAPORE | 5 NOV | MARINELINK.COM

## **Keppel's secure contracts worth S\$160 Million**

Keppel Offshore & Marine Ltd's (Keppel O&M) subsidiaries, Keppel Subic Shipyard, Inc. (Keppel Subic Shipyard) in the Philippines and Keppel Verolme BV (Keppel Verolme) in the Netherlands, have secured contracts totalling S\$160 million. Keppel Subic Shipyard has been awarded a contract from Shell Philippines Exploration BV (SPEX) to build a Depletion Compression Platform (DCP) to support the recovery of

SINGAPORE | 5 NOV | MARINELINK.COM

## **Rough seas ahead for Cosco**

The US\$5.7b orderbook is feared to sink. According to a company statement, as at 30 September 2012, the Group's order book stood at US\$5.7 billion with progressive deliveries up to 2014. This order book is subject to revision from any new or cancellation of orders that may arise. New orders received in first nine months 2012 amounting to US\$1.2 billion.

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EUROPE-ASIA | 5 NOV | MANILA BULLETIN

## **Europe container lines hike freight**

Europe's largest container lines are making an attempt to increase Asia-Europe rates to more than break-even levels and restore profit before year-end. Capacity cuts may boost their chance of success. A.P. Moeller-Maersk A/S's container line, the world's largest, and Hapag-Lloyd AG, Europe's No. 4 line, have announced

a \$500 per-standard-container rate increase from Asia to Europe starting Nov. 1. France's CMA CGM SA, Europe's No. 3 container company, will also increase Asia to Europe rates by \$500 on that date, while Hong Kong's Orient Overseas International Ltd. has announced a rise of \$525 per box.

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INDIA | 8 NOV | THE TELEGRAPH

### **Tatas to the rescue at Haldia port**

The Calcutta Port Trust (CPT) has found a lifeline in a Tata firm to tide itself over the challenges thrown up by the Haldia port mess. TM International Logistics Ltd (TMILL), a Tata Steel subsidiary, has responded positively to the CPT's request for a crane on hire to handle ships of the kind Haldia Bulk Terminals (HBT) managed till it suspended operations. TMILL already operates one berth at the Haldia port and such a gesture should not have drawn too much attention.

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INDIA | 12 NOV | DOMAIN-B.COM

### **Kolkata Port, Odisha's Dhamra to bury hatchet; to explore joint handling of bulk carriers news**

Kolkata Port Trust (KoPT) and privately operated Dhamra Port Company Limited (DPCL) in Odisha have proposed to join hands for operating large bulk carriers. Dharma Port, which is a joint venture between Tata Steel and L&T, said the two ports are working on a proposal for forming a joint venture to undertake two-port operations for large bulk carriers.

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HONG KONG | 12 NOV | REUTERS

### **Hong Kong to cut Iranian ships from register**

Hong Kong will stop allowing 19 ships linked to the Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines (IRISL) from operating under its flag, a government letter showed, in the latest blow to Tehran's sanctions-hit global trade. A letter from the Hong Kong government's marine

department (HKMD) dated Nov. 9 and seen by Reuters showed the authority had given notice to the owners of the 19 ships.

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ASIA-EUROPE | 12 NOV | MANILA BULLETIN

### **World's largest containership Marco Polo starts its Asia-Europe service**

CMA CGM MARCO POLO, the world's largest containership, has started its voyage to Ningbo, China on the Asia-Europe trade. Operated by the French carrier CMA CGM group, the new 16,000 TEU vessel was built by Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering in South Korea. The giant of the seas displays exceptional dimensions: 396 meters long, 54 meters wide, with a draft of 16 meters. The CMA CGM MARCO POLO is the first of a series of three 16,000 TEU vessels, that will all be named after great explorers. The delivery of the two next vessels is expected in 2013.

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AUSTRALIA | 14 NOV | DEFENSE NEWS

### **Skilled labor shortage plagues Australian shipyards**

The shipbuilding industry in Australia is facing pressure from a shortage of skilled labor and a lack of continuity in naval shipbuilding projects. The industry is grappling with the problem as Australia's first landing helicopter dock ship (LHD) was inducted into BAE Systems' Williams-town Dockyard here Oct. 28. The hull was constructed in Navantia's facility in Ferrol, Spain, and brought to Australia.

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VIETNAM | 15 NOV | VIETNAMNET BRIDGE

### **Shipbuilder giant still in big difficulties despite government's support**

Shipbuilding yards have been left idle and big ships have become rusty, while crews have been calling for help from abroad. These all reflect the current

situation of the Vietnam Shipbuilding Industry Group (Vinashin), which was once the giant in the shipbuilding industry. When the morning just dawned, thousands of workers flocked to the thermopower plant in Tam Hung commune of Thuy Nguyen district in Hai Phong City, starting a new working day.

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CHINA | 16 NOV | MARKETWIRE

### **Increased iron ore demand from China in the fourth quarter to help ease shipping industry's oversupply**

Shipping stocks have struggled as oversupply and global economic uncertainties have continued to plague the industry. The Baltic Dry Index, a measure of costs to ship dry-bulk commodities such as grain, coal and iron ore, has dropped as much as 50 percent in 2012. Five Star Equities examines the outlook for companies in the Shipping Industry and provides equity research on Genco Shipping & Trading Limited and Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. Things may be turning around for the industry as stimulus measures announced by the Chinese government in September have seen demand for iron ore spike.

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INDONESIA | 16 NOV | THE JAKARTA POST

### **Container traffic expected to increase 27% this year**

State-owned port operator Pelindo II is upbeat that container traffic at the country's main shipment gateway Tanjung Priok Port in North Jakarta will increase 27 percent by the end of this year on the back of strong economic growth. Richard Joost Lino, the president director of the company, which is also known as the Indonesia Port Corporation (IPC), said that the container traffic was expected to reach 7 million 20-foot equivalent units (TEUs) in 2012, up from 5.5 million TEUs last year.

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TAIWAN | 19 NOV | CENS.COM

### **Taiwan's bulk shippers invest ahead of predicted recovery**

As bulk shipping is expected to slightly rebound from 2013, Taiwan's major shipper U-Ming Transport Corp. announced lately to invest to build two 83,800-tonne Panamax bulk carriers at a cost of NT\$1.9 billion (US\$63.33 million), following other shippers including Wisdom Marine Group, Sincere Navigation Corp., and Shih Wei Navigation Co., to bring the total to NT\$17 billion (US\$566.67 million) in ship-building in 2012.

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AUSTRALIA | 23 NOV | MANUFACTURERS' MONTHLY

### **Austal aims to raise \$85m for recapitalisation**

Austal has announced a discounted rights issue to carry out an \$85 million recapitalisation. The shipbuilder aims to deliver on its \$2.3 billion order book the West reported. Existing shareholders will be offered nine new shares for every ten existing shares they hold. Priced at 50 cents, the new shares are discounted by more than 50 per cent, in comparison to the last traded price of \$1.02. The discounted institutional component is predicted to raise \$61 million while the retail component will raise a maximum of \$25 million.

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PHILIPPINES | 25 NOV | MANILA BULLETIN

### **Philippines as ship repair hub**

The Philippines is positioning to become the ship repair hub in the Asia-Pacific region for oceangoing merchant and fishing vessels taking advantage of its strategic location to the region's shipping routes, but would require foreign direct investments to pursue this development. This was contained in a study on the ship building and ship repair industry of the Philippines conducted by the Japan International Cooperation Agency and the Nomura Research Institute as part of the ongoing formulation of industry roadmaps by the Department of Trade and Industry.



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JAPAN | 28 NOV | BLOOMBERG

**Kawasaki Kisen delays dry-bulk fleet expansion on rates**

Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha Ltd. (9107), Japan's third-biggest shipping line, delayed plans to expand its commodity-vessel fleet as a global glut saps cargo rates. "We're slowing our expansion," Toshiyuki Suzuki, a managing executive officer, said in an interview in Tokyo yesterday. The company will shed 24 commodity ships in the year starting April 1 to offset new vessels, rather than using incoming ships for growth, he said. The ship operator, based in Tokyo, has also postponed plans to expand its dry-bulk fleet to 300 vessels from about 250 to March 2018 at the earliest as ship deliveries outpace China demand for iron ore and coal.

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INDIA | 30 NOV | BUSINESS LINE

**Ennore port may reach full capacity in 2 years**

With car makers ramping up exports, Ennore port (near Chennai) is expected to reach full capacity in two years. According to S.P. Velumani, Chairman and Managing Director, Ennore Port Ltd, the port shipped 1.04 lakh cars last year. This year, it will go up to 1.6 lakh cars; next year, exports are expected to touch 1.8 lakh units. In two years, the full capacity of 3 lakh units will be used, said Velumani, on the sidelines of Renault's first export from Ennore with 350 units of the compact SUV Duster.

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