
Tensions in the South China Sea

❶ Cartoon by Satish Acharya (India) published in 2016, when The Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague said that there was no evidence that China had ever exercised exclusive control historically over the South China Sea. Holding the pen: Xi Jinping.



❷ China says U.S. not qualified to make irresponsible remarks on South China Sea issue. Article published by The People's Daily on 10 August 2021.

<http://en.people.cn/n3/2021/0810/c90000-9881981.html>

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 9 (Xinhua) – China said on Monday the United States is not qualified to make irresponsible remarks on the issue of South China Sea. “The United States itself is not qualified to make irresponsible remarks on the issue of South China Sea,” Dai Bing, charge d’affaires of China’s permanent mission to the United Nations, told the Security Council meeting on maritime security. “I also wish to point out that the Security Council is not the right place to discuss the issue of the South China Sea. The United States just mentioned the South China Sea issue, and China firmly opposes this act,” said Dai. [...] The ambassador noted that the United States has been stirring up trouble out of nothing, arbitrarily sending advanced military vessels and aircraft into the South China Sea as provocations and publicly trying to drive a wedge into regional countries, especially countries concerned. “This country itself has become the biggest threat to peace and stability in the South China Sea,” he said. “The US itself does not join UNCLOS (United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea), but considers itself a judge of the convention, pointing fingers at other countries and interfere arbitrarily. It has no credibility on maritime issues,” said Dai.

➤ Using the documents and your knowledge, explain the geopolitical tensions in the South China Sea.