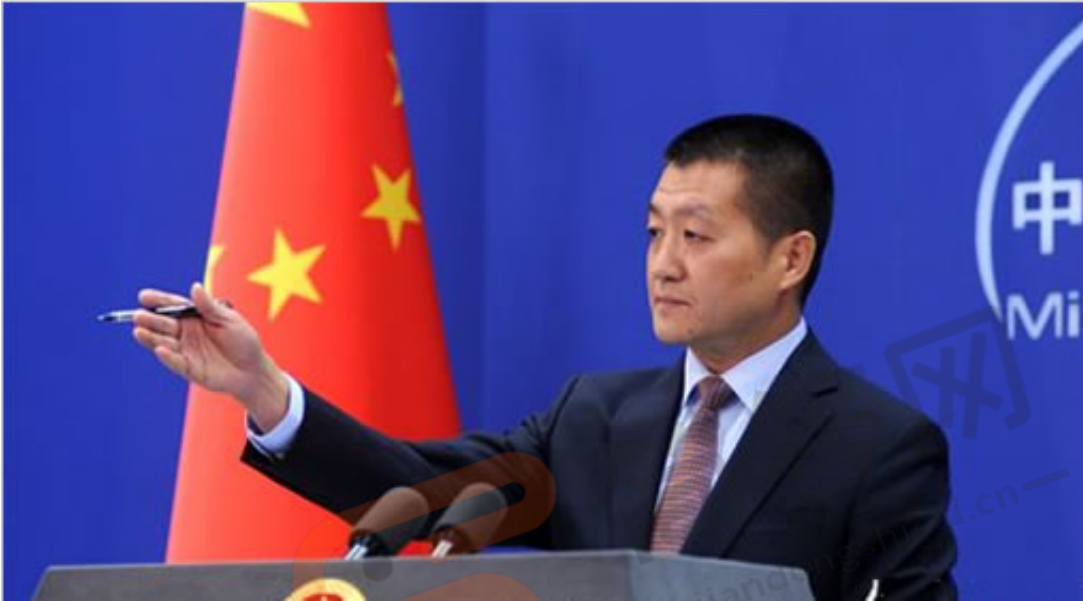


《中国警告菲律宾：不要妄图就南海事务“敲诈”中国》

导读:

外交部发表声明，中国绝不会“欺负”小国家，也不会南海问题上容忍别国的“敲诈”。



Spokesman Lu Kang made the remarks at a daily press briefing in response to claims that the Philippines initiated arbitration due to the two countries' very unequal strengths which makes it unable to solve maritime delimitation disputes with China through dialogue.

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"Such an argument confuses right and wrong and reminds us of the so-called theory of original sin of major powers," said Lu.

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Calling the rhetoric "obviously from those who attempt to smear China," Lu said the logic behind the rhetoric is that "a strong nation is bound to seek hegemony."

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China adheres to the path of peaceful development and follows a national defense policy that is defensive in

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Using the international law when convenient and abandoning it in unfavorable conditions gravely undermine the authority, solemnity and effectiveness of the international law, said Lu.

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"This is a dangerous act that the international community must heighten vigilance against," he said.

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The South China Sea disputes between China and the Philippines are over territorial and maritime delimitation. China declared in 2006 that arbitration and other compulsory dispute settlement procedures do not apply to issues such as maritime delimitation, as outlined in Article 298 of the UNCLOS.

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