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Contact with 11 fishermen has been lost after they were intercepted by armed men in the South China Sea.

The fishermen were on board fishing boat Qiongqionghai 09063. It was intercepted by an unidentified armed vessel at about 10 a.m. on Tuesday in waters off the Half Moon Shoal of Nansha Islands, a major fishing base for Chinese fishermen.

The Tanmen fishing association says several armed men forced themselves onto the boat and fired four or five shots in the air. They then took control of the boat. Another nearby fishing boat, Qiongqionghai 03168, rushed away after seeing the armed boat. It encountered another armed boat later but successfully escaped. The Qionghai municipal government has mobilized two nearby fishing boats to search for the missing fishermen but failed to find the boat as of Wednesday morning.

Reuters News Agency reports, the Philippine police have confirmed capture of Chinese fishing boat, and the boat is being towed to southeastern Palawan Province.

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