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Vietnam Freedom & Democracy Day July 15 & 16, 2014



Vietnam Advocacy Day March 27, 2014

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Senator John McCain with Vietnamese- and Filipino-American protesters in Phoenix, May 17, 2014



“China’s decision to begin drilling for oil off the coast of Vietnam, and its deployment of dozens of naval vessels to support that provocative action, is deeply concerning and serves only to escalate tensions in the South China Sea... These Chinese actions rest on territorial claims that have no basis in international law.” Senator John McCain

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Wednesday July 16, 2014

On May 2, China placed an oil-rig within Vietnam's exclusive economic zone (EEZ) in the South China Sea. This unilateral act of aggression is destabilizing the entire region and has been met with condemnation worldwide. Protests have been held across the United States, and in Canada, France, Poland, Germany, Australia, the Philippines, Japan...

On July 16, community leaders and advocates from across America, and also from Canada and Europe, will convene in Congress to call on the U.S. government, as part of its Asia-pivoting strategy, to defend peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region while strongly pressing Vietnam on human rights and democratization.

Tuesday July 15, 2014

10 am — 4 pm (Longworth House Office Building, Room 1539)

- Vietnam Freedom and Democracy Conference
 - ◇ Situation assessment
 - ◇ Plan of actions
 - ◇ Roles and responsibilities

7 pm — 10 pm (Harvest Moon Restaurant)

- Meet-up and Orientation Dinner
 - ◇ Introducing delegations
 - ◇ Last-minute updates and instructions

9:00 am — 12:00 pm (Room 345, Cannon House Office Building)

- Plenary session with participation of community leaders, issue experts and members of the U.S. Congress

1:00 pm — 4:00 pm (Upper Senate Park, between the Capitol and Union Station)

- Mass rally calling on U.S. government to:
 - ◇ Deter all unilateral acts of aggression in the South China Sea
 - ◇ Make human rights in Vietnam a pre-condition for expanded trade and security relations with the U.S.

Throughout the day: Meeting with individual members of the U.S. Congress.

"China has undertaken destabilizing, unilateral actions asserting its claims in the South China Sea."
U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel

"From Tokyo to Manila to Hanoi, China's neighbors are looking for a clear signal that the United States is determined to maintain the existing regional status quo where freedom of navigation is respected, disputes are managed peacefully, and the military balance continues to favor the United States and its allies." Congressman J. Randy Forbes, Chairman of the House Armed Services and Projection Forces Subcommittee



China's Oil rig HD 981

S. Res. 412

The Senate—

(1) condemns coercive and threatening actions or the use of force to impede freedom of operations in international airspace by military or civilian aircraft, to alter the status quo or to destabilize the Asia-Pacific region;

...

(4) calls on the Government of the People's Republic of China to withdraw its HD-981 drilling rig and associated maritime forces from their current positions, to refrain from maritime maneuvers contrary to COLREGS, and to return immediately to the status quo as it existed before May 1, 2014.