

# Hybrid War? Using irregular armed forces

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# Little Green Men



<https://emerging-europe.com/news/does-russias-military-build-up-mean-war-with-ukraine-is-imminent/>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-26532154>



# Little Blue Men Fisherman? or Maritime Militia?



<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/philippines-summons-chinese-ambassador-over-reef-dispute-chinese-philippines-manila-rodrigo-duterte-beijing-b1830454.html>

# Existing Framework of International Law (1)

- The Law of State Responsibility
  - Generally, States are not responsible for the conduct committed by private individuals
  - Effective control is needed to attribute private conduct to a State

# Existing Framework of International Law (2)


- The Law of the Sea
  - Warship and other government (public) ship
    - Immunity
    - Right to arrest other vessels on the high seas
  - Private vessels

# Existing Framework of International Law (3)

- International Humanitarian Law(IHL)
  - Combatant (with uniform or emblems)
    - Rights and obligations under IHL
  - Civilians
  - Unlawful Combatants?

# Part of Lawfare?

- Causing confusion and disorientation?
  - Especially against alliance?
  - Especially against States which try to comply with international law?
- How to respond?
  - Clarify and share international law's understanding
  - Gather information and evidence



Thank you very much  
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ありがとうございました。

