

Troubled Waters

A legal assessment of recent incidents at the Second Thomas Shoal



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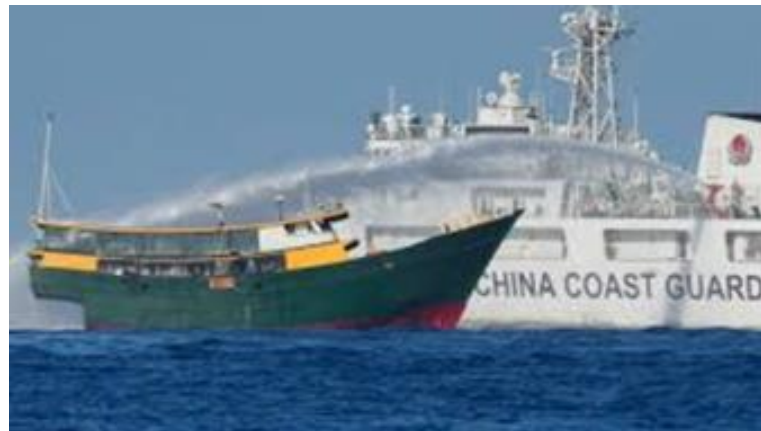
What has happened?



Who?



- **Government vessels on non-commercial service**
- **Sovereign immunity**



What law?



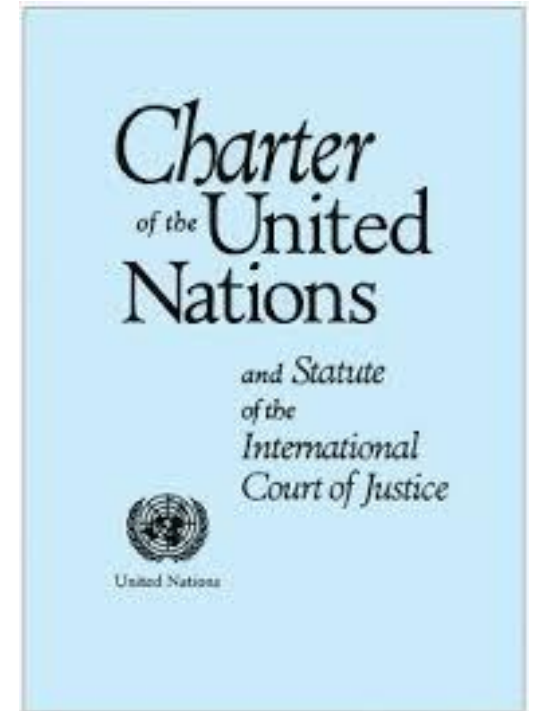
What now?



What now – an alternative?

- Article 2(4):

All Members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations.



Concluding thoughts

