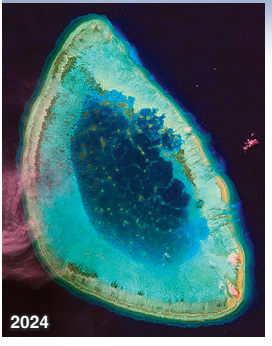
# China's Antelope Reef outpost

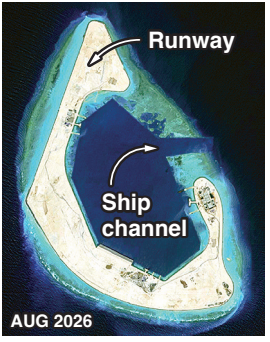
**China is building a new base on a remote atoll, including a full-scale runway, that could extend Beijing's military reach in the *South China Sea***

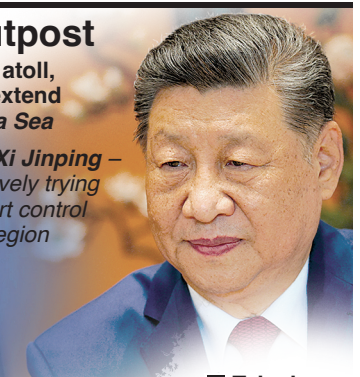
PARACEL ISLANDS

***Antelope Reef***

5km
3 miles



*President **Xi Jinping** – aggressively trying to assert control in region*

Taipei

CHINA

TAIWAN

China's ***Nine-Dash Line*** maritime claim

*Pacific Ocean*

***Paracel Islands***

Manila

*South China Sea*

VIETNAM

PHILIPPINES

300km
185 miles

MALAYSIA



***Reuters*** **says new satellite images show piles of gravel and compaction cranes in operation, building what analysts say will be one of China's most important offshore bases**

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