

U.S. Force Explodes 1st Mine Off Haiphong

Washington, March 9 (Reuters) - The United States minesweeping force off North Vietnam had its first success today - it detonated one mine.

The Navy announcement said that this was the first time in three days of sweeping that the force had found a mine.

The mine was said to have been detonated in the main Haiphong shipping channel.

The Pentagon has said that a number of the mines planted in North Vietnamese waters may have self-deactivated.

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