

Philippines sends trash back to Canada after Duterte escalates row

Notes & Cues:	<p><b>Article:</b></p> <p>The Philippines has started returning dozens of shipping containers full of trash to Canada after a long-running row over waste exports that has tested diplomatic ties amid threats from firebrand President Rodrigo Duterte.</p> <p>The 69 containers were loaded overnight onto a vessel at the port of Subic, northwest of Manila, and left on Friday for a month-long journey to the Canadian city of Vancouver.</p> <p>The Philippines had accused Canada of stalling, prompting angry rebukes from Duterte, a volatile but hugely popular president known for his tirades against Western governments.</p> <p>The Philippines is the latest Southeast Asian nation to take issue with developed nations they say use the region as a dumping ground for waste.</p> <p>Environmental activists gathered in Subic as the containers were being prepared, holding banners that said "never again" and "we are not the world's dump site." Some carried cardboard boxes made to look like shipping containers bearing signs that read "good riddance" and "Canada take back your trash".</p> <p>"The waste trade is a very unacceptable practice. It is a deplorable practice, " Greenpeace Philippines director Lea Guerrero told reporters.</p>
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