

Defense Chronology

Year	Defense	Domestic	International
2018	Jan. 09	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Jan. 09 North-South High Level Official's Meeting
	Jan. 09	FY2017 Japan-U.S. joint exercise (command post exercise) (through February 3)	Jan. 10 A Chinese submerged submarine enters Japan's contiguous zone near Miyakojima Island and Taisho Island (through January 11)
	Jan. 21	Multilateral exercise Cobra Gold 18 (through February 23)	Jan. 11 A Chinese vessel enters Japan's contiguous zone near Taisho Island
	Jan. 15	Japan-Spain Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Jan. 17 A U.S. naval destroyer conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" within 12 nautical miles of Scarborough Shoal in the South China Sea (reported)
	Jan. 26	Japan-France Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting (2+2) (Tokyo)	Jan. 19 The U.S. National Defense Strategy is released
	Jan. 26	Deployment of the first F-35A at ASDF Misawa Air Base	Jan. 29 A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes Tsushima Strait and advances to the Sea of Japan from the East China Sea
	Jan. 27	Japan-France Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Jan. 29 A Chinese vessel sails Tsushima Strait northward and after advancing to the Sea of Japan temporarily, sails the strait southward
	Jan. 29	Disaster relief to provide water supply supports in Sado City, Niigata Prefecture (through February 2)	Jan. 31 U.S. President Trump delivers the State of the Union address
	Jan. 30	Disaster relief to provide water supply supports in Wajima City, Ishikawa Prefecture (through February 2)	Feb. 02 The United States releases the Nuclear Posture Review (NPR)
	Feb. 06	Disaster relief in response to heavy snow in Fukui Prefecture (through February 10)	Feb. 05 Maldives declares a state of emergency
	Feb. 14	Cope North 2018 exercise program (through February 21) (Guam)	Feb. 08 North Korea conducts a military parade
	Feb. 15	Disaster relief to help remove snow in Fukui City, Fukui Prefecture (through February 18)	Feb. 09 PyeongChang Olympics (through February 25)
	Feb. 16	State Minister of Defense Yamamoto attends the Munich Security Conference (through February 18)	Feb. 10 Sri Lanka declares a state of emergency
	Feb. 16	Cabinet Decision on revision of the "Implementation Plans for the International Peace Cooperation Assignment for the United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS)"	Feb. 14 South African President Zuma resigns
	Feb. 21	Disaster relief for collection of fuel, etc. in Tohoku Town, Kamikita Country, Aomori Prefecture (through March 7)	Feb. 15 Ethiopian Prime Minister resigns
	Feb. 26	Japan-ASEAN HA/DR Invitation Program (Kanto Region) (through March 2)	Feb. 15 The United States and other countries denounce Russia for a large scale of damage caused by ransomware "NotPetya" in June 2017
	Mar. 26	Transfer of MSDF's five TC-90 training aircraft to the Philippines completed	Feb. 16 Ethiopia declares a state of emergency
	Mar. 27	22nd Forum for Defense Authorities in the Asia-Pacific Region (Tokyo Defense Forum) (Tokyo) (through March 28)	Feb. 23 U.S.-Australia Summit
	Mar. 27	Establishment of the Ground Component Command and the Amphibious Rapid Deployment Brigade, and first reorganization to rapid deployment divisions/brigades	Feb. 26 A Chinese vessel advances to the Sea of Japan (through February 28)
	Apr. 06	Launch of X-band communications satellite "Kiramek1"	Feb. 27 A Chinese Y-9 intelligence gathering aircraft's passage of Tsushima Strait Western Channel is confirmed for the first time
	Apr. 09	Japan-Vietnam Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Mar. 01 Russian President Putin introduces new weapons at the annual presidential address
	Apr. 09	Disaster relief to provide water supply supports in Oda City, Shimane Prefecture (through April 11)	Mar. 05 1st session of the 13th National People's Congress (NPC) (through March 20)
	Apr. 11	Disaster relief for rescue operations in response to the landslide in Nakatsu City, Oita Prefecture (through April 23)	Mar. 05 ROK special envoys visit North Korea and meet with Chairman Kim Jong-un
	Apr. 20	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Washington, D.C.)	Mar. 09 PyeongChang Paralympics (through March 18)
	Apr. 22	Signing of the Japan-Canada Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA)	Mar. 18 President Putin is re-elected as president (4th term)
	Apr. 29	Disaster relief to provide water supply supports in Irabujima, Miyakojima City, Okinawa Prefecture (through May 2)	Mar. 18 The Turkish government announces taking control of Afrin, Syria
	May 04	Japan-Finland Defense Ministerial Meeting	Mar. 23 Four Chinese bombers, an intelligence gathering aircraft and an electronic warfare aircraft pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to reach the Pacific Ocean and thereafter turn around, pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again and fly to the continent. At the same time, two fighter jets (probable) fly between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island from the East China Sea
	May 06	Japan-Estonia Defense Ministerial Meeting	Mar. 23 Hostage siege in Trèbes, south of France
	May 09	Defense authorities of Japan and China sign the Memorandum on the Maritime and Aerial Communication Mechanism	Mar. 23 A U.S. naval destroyer conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" within 12 nautical miles of the Mischief Reef in the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea (reported)
	May 10	Signing of the Memorandum on Defence Cooperation and Exchanges between the Ministry of Defense of Japan and the Ministry of Defence of the United Arab Emirates	Mar. 25 Chairman Kim Jong-un of North Korea visits China (through March 28)
	May 10	2nd Japan-ASEAN Ship Rider Cooperation Program (Indonesia-Malaysia) (through May 15)	Mar. 26 China-North Korea Summit
	May 15	Cabinet Decision adopted on "Basic Plan on Ocean Policy"	Mar. 26 Presidential election in Egypt
	May 18	Cabinet Decision on revision of the "Implementation Plans for the International Peace Cooperation Assignment for the United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS)"	Apr. 05 Three Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island and advances to the Pacific Ocean
	May 21	Japan-Singapore Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Apr. 10 An aircraft that appears to be a Chinese unmanned aircraft vehicle (BZK-005) files over the East China Sea (within Japan's air defense identification zone)
	May 22	Participation in the Pacific Partnership 2018 (through June 2)	Apr. 12 China conducts a naval review on the South China Sea
	May 29	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Hawaii)	Apr. 14 The United States, United Kingdom and France conduct military operations against facilities related to chemical weapons in Syria
	Jun. 02	Defense Minister Onodera attends the 17th Shangri-La Dialogue (hosted by IISS) (through June 3)	Apr. 18 Two Chinese bombers pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to reach the Pacific Ocean and fly toward the Bashi Channel
	Jun. 02	Japan-U.K. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Apr. 19 Two Chinese bombers, two fighter jets (probable), an electronic warfare aircraft and an intelligence gathering aircraft pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to reach the Pacific Ocean and thereafter the two bombers, an electronic warfare aircraft and an intelligence gathering aircraft fly toward the Bashi Channel
	Jun. 02	Japan-Philippines Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Apr. 20 North Korea announces a halt to "nuclear test and intercontinental ballistic rocket test-fire" and abolishment of nuclear test sites
	Jun. 02	Japan-Germany Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Apr. 20 Two Chinese bombers pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to reach the Pacific Ocean and fly toward the Bashi Channel
	Jun. 02	Japan-U.S.-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Apr. 20 A flight of carrier-based fighter jets (probable) of the Chinese aircraft carrier "Liaoning" over the Pacific Ocean is confirmed for the first time
	Jun. 02	Japan-Vietnam Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Apr. 21 Seven Chinese vessels including the aircraft carrier "Liaoning" pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island and advance to the East China Sea
	Jun. 03	Japan-U.S.-ROK Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Apr. 24 A Chinese vessel advances to the Sea of Japan (through April 29)
	Jun. 03	Japan-ROK Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Apr. 26 Two Chinese bombers, two fighter jets (probable), an electronic warfare aircraft and an intelligence gathering aircraft pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to reach the Pacific Ocean. The two fighter jets (probable) turn around and pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again to fly toward the continent. The two bombers, an electronic warfare aircraft and an intelligence gathering aircraft fly toward the Bashi Channel
	Jun. 03	Japan-France Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Apr. 27 The Inter-Korean Summit, Panmunjom Declaration agreement
	Jun. 08	Launch of the Maritime and Aerial Communication Mechanism between the Defense Authorities of Japan and China	Apr. 28 A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes Tsushima Strait and advances to the Sea of Japan from the East China Sea
	Jun. 14	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	May 08 China-North Korea Summit
Jun. 18	Disaster relief in response to Northern Osaka Prefecture Earthquake (through June 26)	May 08 U.S. President Trump announces withdrawal from the nuclear agreement with Iran	
Jun. 19	FY2018 Joint Exercise for Rescue (JXR) (through June 22)	May 11 Two Chinese bombers and two fighter jets (probable) pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to reach the Pacific Ocean. Thereafter, the two fighter jets (probable) turn around and pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again to fly toward the continent. Two bombers fly toward the Bashi Channel. Two bombers, an intelligence gathering aircraft and an electronic warfare aircraft pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island from the Pacific Ocean in the direction of the Bashi Channel and move to the East China Sea	
Jun. 29	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	May 12 Attack occurs near the Paris Opera House in the center of Paris, France	
Jul. 06	Disaster relief in response to July 2018 Flooding Disaster (through August 18)	May 13 Terror attacks by suicide bombers occur in churches in Surabaya, Indonesia	
Jul. 11	Cabinet Decision on disaster relief call-up order for Ready Reserve Personnel in response to July 2018 Flooding Disaster	May 13 China conducts the first sea trial of its first domestic aircraft carrier (through May 18)	
Jul. 11	Disaster relief call-up order for Ready Reserve Personnel is issued (through July 31)	May 18 A Chinese bomber and other aircraft conduct a takeoff and landing training in the South China Sea (pointed out as Woody Island, the Paracel Islands)	
Jul. 13	Signing of the Japan-France Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA)	May 21 The United States releases a new Iran strategy	
Jul. 31	Japan-Russia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Moscow)	May 25 Two Chinese bombers pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island through to the East China Sea	
Jul. 31	Japan-Russia Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting (2+2) (Moscow)	May 26 The Inter-Korean Summit	
Aug. 06	Disaster relief to provide water and food in Tozawa Village, Mogami County, Yamagata Prefecture (through August 8)	May 27 A U.S. naval destroyer and cruiser conduct the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" within 12 nautical miles of the Paracel Islands in the South China Sea (reported)	
Aug. 10	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Jun. 03 A Chinese vessel passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island and advances to the Pacific Ocean	
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		Jun. 04 A Chinese vessel passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island and moves to the East China Sea	
		Jun. 12 U.S.-North Korea Summit	
		Jun. 17 A Chinese vessel sails southeastward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the Pacific Ocean	
		Jun. 18 U.S. DoD announces suspension of the Freedom Guardian exercise	
		Jun. 19 Chairman Kim Jong-Un visits China (through June 20)	
		Jun. 19 China-North Korea Summit	
		Jun. 22 U.S. DoD announces suspension of the Korean Marine Exchange Program	
		Jun. 23 A Chinese vessel sails northward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea	
		Jun. 24 A Chinese vessel advances to the Sea of Japan (through June 29)	
		Jun. 24 Presidential election and general election in Turkey	
		Jun. 27 Permanent ceasefire agreed in South Sudan	
		Jun. 29 A Chinese hospital ship enters Japan's contiguous zone north of Taisho Island, Senkaku Islands	
		Jun. 29 Relocation of the Headquarters of U.S. Forces Korea from Seoul to Pyeongtaek	
		Jun. 29 U.S. NBC reports that North Korea has increased its production of fuel for nuclear weapons (enriched uranium) at secret sites	

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	<p>Aug. 10 Disaster relief to search for missing aircraft near Mt. Kusatsu-Shirane, Gunma Prefecture (through August 11)</p> <p>Aug. 20 Japan-India Defense Ministerial Meeting (Delhi)</p> <p>Aug. 21 Japan-Sri Lanka Defense Ministerial Meeting (Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte)</p> <p>Sep. 01 FY2018 Exercise for the rescue of Japanese nationals and others overseas (outside Japan) (through September 9)</p> <p>Sep. 03 Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation</p> <p>Sep. 06 Disaster relief in response to the 2018 Hokkaido Eastern Iburi Earthquake (through October 14)</p> <p>Sep. 07 Cabinet Decision on disaster relief call-up order for Ready Reserve Personnel in response to the 2018 Hokkaido Eastern Iburi Earthquake</p> <p>Sep. 07 Disaster relief call-up order for Ready Reserve Personnel is issued (through September 24)</p> <p>Sep. 09 Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum (Nagoya)</p> <p>Sep. 11 Japan-Malaysia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)</p> <p>Sep. 21 Japan-Estonia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)</p> <p>Oct. 02 Minister of Defense Iwaya came into office</p> <p>Oct. 03 International disaster relief activities in response to the earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia (through October 25)</p> <p>Oct. 10 Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Sydney)</p> <p>Oct. 10 Japan-Australia Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting (2+2) (Sydney)</p> <p>Oct. 13 FY2018 Tomodachi Rescue Exercise (TREC) Joint Disaster Response Exercise with U.S. Forces (through October 14)</p> <p>Oct. 14 Troop review commemorating the SDF anniversary</p> <p>Oct. 19 Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)</p> <p>Oct. 19 Japan-China Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)</p> <p>Oct. 19 Japan-U.S.-ROK Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)</p> <p>Oct. 20 Japan-ROK Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)</p> <p>Oct. 20 Japan-ASEAN Defense Ministers' Informal Meeting (Singapore)</p> <p>Oct. 20 5th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (Singapore)</p> <p>Oct. 24 Disaster relief to provide water supply support in Suo-oshima Town, Yamaguchi Prefecture (through November 7)</p> <p>Oct. 29 Keen Sword19/30FTX (through November 8)</p> <p>Dec. 06 Disaster relief for search and rescue of U.S. aircraft crew off the coast of Shikoku (through December 11)</p> <p>Dec. 11 FY2018 Exercise for the rescue of Japanese nationals and others overseas (in Japan) (through December 14)</p> <p>Dec. 20 Incident of an ROK naval vessel directing its fire-control radar at MSDF patrol aircraft occurs</p> <p>Dec. 25 First disaster relief in response to classical swine fever (CSF) outbreak in Seki City, Gifu Prefecture (through December 27)</p> <p>Dec. 26 1st annual and experts' meeting of the Maritime and Aerial Communication Mechanism between the Defense Authorities of Japan and China (Beijing)</p> <p>Dec. 28 Footage of the incident of an ROK naval vessel directing its fire-control radar at MSDF patrol aircraft released</p>	<p>Nov. 19 Japan-Burkina Faso Summit (Tokyo)</p> <p>Nov. 27 Japan-Jordan Summit (Tokyo)</p> <p>Nov. 30 G20 Buenos Aires Summit (Buenos Aires) (through December 1)</p> <p>Nov. 30 Japan-France Summit (Buenos Aires)</p> <p>Nov. 30 Japan-U.S. Summit (Buenos Aires)</p> <p>Nov. 30 Japan-India Summit (Buenos Aires)</p> <p>Nov. 30 Japan-China Summit (Buenos Aires)</p> <p>Nov. 30 Tachikawa Branch of Tokyo District Court renders judgement in 9th and 12th Yokota Air Base noise suits</p> <p>Dec. 01 Japan-Russia Summit (Buenos Aires)</p> <p>Dec. 01 Japan-U.K. Summit (Buenos Aires)</p> <p>Dec. 01 Japan-Turkey Summit (Buenos Aires)</p> <p>Dec. 01 Japan-EU Summit (Buenos Aires)</p> <p>Dec. 02 Japan-Uruguay Summit (Montevideo)</p> <p>Dec. 02 Japan-Paraguay Summit (Asuncion)</p> <p>Dec. 05 Fukuoka High Court renders judgement on a demand for an injunctive order for actions that crush the reef, etc. (Futenma Replacement Facility construction project)</p> <p>Dec. 11 Japan-Ghana Summit (Tokyo)</p> <p>Dec. 13 Japan-Mongolia Summit (Tokyo)</p> <p>Dec. 18 Japan-Zambia Summit (Tokyo)</p> <p>Dec. 18 National Security Council and Cabinet Decisions on "National Defense Program Guidelines for FY2019 and beyond," and "Medium Term Defense Program (FY2019-FY2023)"</p>	<p>Jul. 01 China Coast Guard is integrated into the People's Armed Police</p> <p>Jul. 07 Two U.S. vessels transit through the Taiwan Strait</p> <p>Jul. 10 ROK Government announces suspension of its independent "Ulchi exercise" in the summer of 2018, followed by suspension of U.S.-ROK joint exercises</p> <p>Jul. 12 NATO Summit Brussels 2018</p> <p>Jul. 23 "38 North," a website dedicated to analysis of North Korea, announces the start of dismantlement of the main facility on the satellite launch site in Dongchang-ni "The report on August 22 announces that no new dismantlement activity has been apparent since August 3"</p> <p>Jul. 27 A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes the Tsushima Strait from the East China Sea to reach the Sea of Japan. Thereafter it turns around, and flies to the East China Sea again</p> <p>Jul. 27 A Chinese vessel advances to the Sea of Japan</p> <p>Aug. 03 China announces a successful launch test of its new model of a hypersonic projectile</p> <p>Aug. 06 Three Chinese vessels sail westbound from the Osumi Strait to the East China Sea</p> <p>Aug. 08 Three Chinese vessels sail eastbound from the Osumi Strait to the Pacific Ocean</p> <p>Aug. 14 A car attack occurs in London, U.K.</p> <p>Aug. 28 A Chinese vessel advances to the Sea of Japan (through August 29)</p> <p>Aug. 29 A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes the Tsushima Strait from the East China Sea to reach the Sea of Japan. Thereafter it turns around, and flies to the East China Sea again</p> <p>Aug. 29 14 Russian vessels sail through the Soya Strait and move to the Sea of Okhotsk (through August 30)</p> <p>Sep. 01 Two Russian patrol aircraft fly and circle around Japan</p> <p>Sep. 01 28 Russian vessels sail through the Soya Strait and moved to the Sea of Japan (through September 2)</p> <p>Sep. 06 U.S.-India Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting (2+2)</p> <p>Sep. 09 North Korea stages a military parade commemorating the 70th anniversary of its foundation as a nation in Pyongyang, without ICBM or other ballistic missiles</p> <p>Sep. 11 Russia starts the exercise phase of a large scale military exercise "Vostok 2018" (through September 17)</p> <p>Sep. 12 Government of South Sudan and relevant parties including anti-government forces sign the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict</p> <p>Sep. 14 Inter-Korean Liaison Office opens (Kaesong)</p> <p>Sep. 18 U.S. DoD releases its Cyber Strategy</p> <p>Sep. 18 President of the ROK Moon Jae-in visits North Korea (through September 20)</p> <p>Sep. 18 The Inter-Korean Summit (through September 19)</p> <p>Sep. 18 Syrian Army accidentally shoots down a Russian aircraft</p> <p>Sep. 19 Three Russian aircraft, including a fighter, make a long-distance flight over the Sea of Japan (an Su-35 fighter is confirmed through scramble for the first time)</p> <p>Sep. 20 U.S. DoD designates the Equipment Development Department of the Central Military Commission of China as a subject to sanctions</p> <p>Sep. 24 U.S. Government notifies Congress of the sales of weapons to Taiwan (worth US\$330 million)</p> <p>Sep. 30 A U.S. naval destroyer conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" within 12 nautical miles of Gaven Reefs and Johnson South Reef in the Spratly Islands (reported)</p> <p>Sep. 30 A Chinese naval destroyer approaches abnormally close to a U.S. vessel</p> <p>Oct. 02 Three Chinese vessels sail northward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea</p> <p>Oct. 02 Inauguration of a new government in Iraq</p> <p>Oct. 02 A Saudi Arabian journalist dies in the Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Turkey</p> <p>Oct. 04 U.S. releases National Strategy for Counterterrorism</p> <p>Oct. 19 U.S. and ROK Governments announce suspension of the Vigilant Ace exercise, a joint military exercise scheduled for December 2018</p> <p>Oct. 20 President Trump announces an intention to withdraw from the INF Treaty</p> <p>Oct. 20 General election in Afghanistan (House of the People)</p> <p>Oct. 22 Two U.S. vessels transit through the Taiwan Strait</p> <p>Oct. 22 First ASEAN-China maritime exercise (Zhanjiang) (through October 28)</p> <p>Oct. 25 Prime Minister Abe visits China (through October 27)</p> <p>Oct. 25 Israel-Oman Summit</p> <p>Oct. 28 A Chinese vessel advances to the Sea of Japan (through October 29)</p> <p>Oct. 29 A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes the Tsushima Strait from the East China Sea to reach the Sea of Japan. Thereafter it turns around, and flies to the East China Sea again</p> <p>Nov. 11 Ceremony commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I (Paris)</p> <p>Nov. 17 APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting (Papua New Guinea) (through November 18)</p> <p>Nov. 24 Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen resigns as chairperson of the Democratic Progressive Party after suffering a major defeat in the general election</p> <p>Nov. 25 A Chinese vessel advances to the Sea of Japan (through November 26)</p> <p>Nov. 26 A U.S. naval cruiser conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around the Paracel Islands in the South China Sea (reported)</p> <p>Nov. 26 A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes the Tsushima Strait from the East China Sea to reach the Sea of Japan. Thereafter it turns around, and flies to the East China Sea again</p> <p>Nov. 28 Two U.S. vessels transit through the Taiwan Strait</p> <p>Dec. 01 U.S.-China Summit (Osaka)</p> <p>Dec. 05 A U.S. naval destroyer conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around the Peter the Great Gulf (reported)</p> <p>Dec. 06 Yemen peace talks (through December 13)</p> <p>Dec. 07 A Chinese vessel sails southeastward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the Pacific Ocean</p> <p>Dec. 08 A Chinese vessel sails westward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea</p> <p>Dec. 11 A Chinese vessel sails southeastward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the Pacific Ocean</p> <p>Dec. 12 A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to reach the Pacific Ocean. After flying to off the coast of Amami Oshima Island, it turns around, and passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again</p> <p>Dec. 14 A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to reach the Pacific Ocean. After flying to off the coast of Amami Oshima Island, it turns around, and passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again</p> <p>Dec. 14 A Chinese vessel sails northwestward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea</p> <p>Dec. 27 UAE reopens its embassy in Syria</p> <p>Dec. 27 A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes the Tsushima Strait from the East China Sea to reach the Sea of Japan. Thereafter it turns around, and flies to the East China Sea again</p>
2019	<p>Jan. 11 Japan-France Defense Ministerial Meeting (Brest)</p> <p>Jan. 11 Japan-France Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting (2+2) (Brest)</p> <p>Jan. 14 Multilateral exercise Cobra Gold 19 (through February 23)</p> <p>Jan. 17 Meeting between Defense Minister Iwaya and Acting Secretary of Defense Shanahan (Washington, D.C.)</p> <p>Jan. 21 FY2018 SDF Joint Exercises (command post exercise) (through January 26)</p> <p>Jan. 21 The MOD published its final statement regarding the incident of an ROK naval vessel directing its fire-control radar at MSDF patrol aircraft</p> <p>Jan. 23 Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)</p> <p>Jan. 23 Disaster relief in response to forest fire in Tokigawa Town, Hiki County, Saitama Prefecture (through January 25)</p> <p>Jan. 24 Disaster relief in response to forest fire in Tanabe City, Wakayama Prefecture (through January 26)</p> <p>Feb. 05 Japan-Finland Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)</p> <p>Feb. 05 Disaster relief in response to classical swine fever (CSF) outbreak in Aichi Prefecture, etc. (through February 9)</p> <p>Feb. 14 Disaster relief in response to classical swine fever (CSF) outbreak in Tahara City, Aichi Prefecture (through February 20)</p>	<p>Jan. 08 Japan-Rwanda Summit (Tokyo)</p> <p>Jan. 09 Japan-Netherlands Summit (Rotterdam)</p> <p>Jan. 10 Japan-U.K. Summit (London)</p> <p>Jan. 22 Japan-Russia Summit (Moscow)</p> <p>Jan. 23 Japan-Brazil Summit (Davos)</p> <p>Jan. 29 Japan-Qatar Summit (Tokyo)</p> <p>Feb. 04 Japan-Germany Summit (Tokyo)</p> <p>Feb. 15 Japan-Australia Summit (Tokyo)</p> <p>Feb. 20 Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Conversation</p> <p>Feb. 28 Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Conversation</p> <p>Mar. 08 Japan-Palau Summit (Tokyo)</p> <p>Mar. 24 Replacement of government aircraft from B-747 to B-777</p> <p>Mar. 31 Return of the land at Makiminato Service Area near Gate 5</p> <p>Apr. 04 Japan-Panama Summit (Tokyo)</p> <p>Apr. 16 Naha Branch of Fukuoka High Court renders judgement in 3rd and 5th Futenma Air Station noise suits</p> <p>Apr. 23 Japan-France Summit (Paris)</p> <p>Apr. 24 Japan-Italy Summit (Rome)</p> <p>Apr. 24 Japan-Poland Summit (Bratislava)</p> <p>Apr. 25 Japan-Slovakia Summit (Bratislava)</p> <p>Apr. 25 3rd "V4 plus Japan" Summit Meeting (Bratislava)</p>	<p>Jan. 01 A U.S. Aegis destroyer conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" in the Paracel Islands</p> <p>Jan. 01 Chairman Kim Jong-un expresses his intention to neither make and test nuclear weapons any longer nor use and proliferate them in his "New Year's Address" in 2019</p> <p>Jan. 07 Chairman Kim Jong-un visits China (through January 10)</p> <p>Jan. 07 A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" within 12 nautical miles around the Paracel Islands</p> <p>Jan. 15 ROK releases Defense White Paper 2018</p> <p>Jan. 17 United States releases the Missile Defense Review (MDR)</p> <p>Jan. 24 Two U.S. vessels transit through the Taiwan Strait</p> <p>Jan. 24 Three Chinese vessels sail northwestward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea</p> <p>Feb. 02 U.S. provides Russia with formal notice to withdrawal from the INF Treaty</p> <p>Feb. 11 Two U.S. destroyers conduct the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around the Mischief Reef</p> <p>Feb. 16 Three Chinese vessels advance to the Sea of Japan (through February 24)</p> <p>Feb. 23 A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes the Tsushima Strait from the East China Sea to reach the Sea of Japan. Thereafter it turns around and flies to the East China Sea again</p> <p>Feb. 25 Two U.S. vessels transit through the Taiwan Strait</p> <p>Feb. 27 2nd U.S.-North Korea Summit Meeting (through February 28)</p> <p>Mar. 04 Russia notifies the U.S. of the suspension of Russia's obligation under the INF Treaty</p> <p>Mar. 15 51 people are killed in a shooting incident in Christchurch, New Zealand</p> <p>Mar. 19 A flight by a Chinese Y-9 patrol aircraft within Japan's air defense identification zone in the East China Sea is confirmed for the first time</p> <p>Mar. 24 General election in Thailand (House of Representatives)</p> <p>Mar. 24 Two U.S. vessels transit through the Taiwan Strait</p>

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2019	Feb. 19		Mar. 25 U.S. President Trump recognizes Israel's sovereign right over the Golan Heights
	Feb. 20	Apr. 25 Japan-Czech Summit (Bratislava)	Mar. 28 Three Chinese vessels sail eastbound from the Osumi Strait to the Pacific Ocean
	Mar. 03	Apr. 25 Japan-EU Summit (Brussels)	Mar. 30 Four Chinese bombers, an intelligence gathering aircraft, and two presumed fighter jets fly from the East China Sea. After passing between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island and fly over the Pacific Ocean. Thereafter they turn around, and pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again
	Mar. 08	Apr. 26 Japan-U.S. Summit (Washington, D.C.)	Mar. 31 Two Chinese military aircraft cross over the "median line" of the Taiwan Strait
	Mar. 12	Apr. 26 Japan-Canada Summit (Ottawa)	Apr. 01 A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft and two bombers fly from the East China Sea. After passing between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island and fly over the Pacific Ocean, they turn around, and pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again
	Mar. 12	Apr. 30 Tairrei-Seiden-no-gi	Apr. 02 Three Russian vessels sail southbound from the Tsushima Strait southward and move to the East China Sea
	Mar. 25		Apr. 02 Three Chinese vessels sail northwestward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea
	Mar. 26		Apr. 05 Three Chinese vessels sail southward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island temporarily to the Pacific Ocean
	Mar. 27		Apr. 05 A Russian patrol aircraft flies from off the coast of Sanin through off the coast of the Noto Peninsula
	Mar. 28		Apr. 06 A French vessel transits through the Taiwan Strait
	Apr. 02		Apr. 09 General election in Israel
	Apr. 05		Apr. 15 A Chinese vessel sails between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island southeastward, and advances to the Pacific Ocean temporarily. However, on the same day, the vessel sails between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island northwestward to the East China Sea
	Apr. 09		Apr. 15 Four Chinese bombers and an electronic warfare aircraft fly from the Bashi Channel, pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island, and fly to the East China Sea
	Apr. 10		Apr. 15 U.S. Government notifies Congress of the sales of weapons to Taiwan (worth US\$500 million)
	Apr. 17		Apr. 17 Presidential election in Indonesia
	Apr. 17		Apr. 21 Bomb attacks by Islamic extremists occur simultaneously in Colombo and other places, Sri Lanka
	Apr. 19		Apr. 24 Chairman Kim Jong-un visits Russia (through April 26)
	Apr. 19		Apr. 26 Five Russian vessels sail southbound from the Tsushima Strait to the East China Sea
	Apr. 23		Apr. 28 Two U.S. vessels transit through the Taiwan Strait
	May 02	May 01 Japan-Vietnam Defense Ministerial Meeting (Hanoi)	May 01 Kenji-to-Shokei-no-gi
May 17	May 01 Cabinet Decision on revision of the "Implementation Plans for the International Peace Cooperation Assignment for the United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS)"	May 01 Sokui-go-Choken-no-gi	May 04 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
May 17	May 06 Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Conversation	May 06 Enactment of the revised Act on Prohibition of Flight of UASs around and over Key Facilities	May 06 Two U.S. vessels conduct the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" within 12 nautical miles of Gaven Reefs and Johnson South Reef
May 17	May 17 Disaster relief in response to classical swine fever (CSF) outbreak in Tahara City, Aichi Prefecture. (through May 20)	May 17 Japan-U.S. Summit (Tokyo)	May 06 Five Russian vessels sail northbound from the Tsushima Strait to the Sea of Japan
May 18	May 27 Japan-Bangladesh Summit (Tokyo)	May 29 Japan-Laos Summit (Tokyo)	May 09 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
May 19	May 30 Japan-Saudi Arabia Summit Telephone Conversation	May 30 Japan-Laos Summit (Tokyo)	May 11 Three Russian vessels sail eastbound from the Tsugaru Strait to the Pacific Ocean
May 19	May 31 Japan-UAE Summit Telephone Conversation	May 31 Japan-Saudi Arabia Summit (Osaka)	May 19 Federal election in Australia
May 21	May 31 Japan-Malaysia Summit (Tokyo)	May 31 Japan-UAE Summit Telephone Conversation	May 19 A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" within 12 nautical miles of Scarborough Shoal in Zhongsha Islands
May 22	May 31 Japan-Cambodia Summit (Tokyo)	May 31 Japan-Philippines Summit (Tokyo)	May 22 Two U.S. vessels transit through the Taiwan Strait
May 23	May 31 Tokyo High Court renders judgement in 10th and 11th Yokota Air Base noise suits	Jun. 06 Japan-Philippines Summit (Tokyo)	May 23 Pakistan conducts a test launch of ballistic missiles
May 23	Jun. 10 Japan-Singapore Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Jun. 10 Japan-Switzerland Summit (Tokyo)	May 26 A Chinese vessel sails southward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island, and advances to the Pacific Ocean temporarily. However, on May 30, the vessel sails northward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea
May 27	Jun. 12 Japan-Qatar Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Jun. 12 Japan-Iran Summit (Teheran)	May 27 Taiwan conducts a military field exercise "Han Kuang 35" (through May 31)
May 27	Jun. 14 Disaster relief in response to forest fire in Hinohara Village, Tokyo (through May 29)	Jun. 14 Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Conversation	May 29 A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft flies from the East China Sea. After passing between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island and flying over the Pacific Ocean, it turns around, and passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again. In addition, just around the same time, a Chinese electronic warfare aircraft flies over the East China Sea to near the Tsushima Strait
May 27	Jun. 25 Disaster relief to rescue missing persons due to ship collision off the coast of Inubosaki, Chiba Prefecture (through May 31)	Jun. 25 Japan-UAE Summit Telephone Conversation	May 30 Inauguration of 2nd Modi government of India
May 27	Jun. 26 Disaster relief in response to forest fire in Oumu Town, Hokkaido (through June 4)	Jun. 26 Japan-France Summit (Tokyo)	Jun. 01 U.S. DoD releases the Indo-Pacific Strategy Report (IPSR)
May 30	Jun. 27 Japan-EU Summit (Osaka)	Jun. 27 Japan-EU Summit (Osaka)	Jun. 07 U.S. Navy ship and a Russian Navy ship sail abnormally close to each other in the Philippine Sea
May 30	Jun. 27 Japan-Russia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Jun. 27 Japan-India Summit (Osaka)	Jun. 08 Two Russian vessels sail eastbound from the Soya Strait to the Sea of Okhotsk
Jun. 01	Jun. 27 Japan-Russia Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting (2+2) (Tokyo)	Jun. 27 Japan-Argentina Summit (Osaka)	Jun. 08 Two Russian vessels sail northward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea
Jun. 01	Jun. 27 Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Jun. 27 Japan-Egypt Summit (Osaka)	Jun. 10 Six Chinese vessels including the aircraft carrier "Liaoning," sail southward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the Pacific Ocean
Jun. 01	Jun. 27 Japan-China Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Jun. 27 Japan-Australia Summit (Osaka)	Jun. 12 Three Russian vessels sail northbound from the Tsushima Strait
Jun. 01	Jun. 28 Japan-U.S.-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Jun. 28 G20 Osaka Summit chaired by Prime Minister Abe (through June 29)	Jun. 13 Commercial vessels, including one related to Japan, are suffered near the Straits of Hormuz
Jun. 01	Jun. 28 Japan-U.S.-ROK Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Jun. 28 Japan-U.S. Summit (Osaka)	Jun. 14 China Coast Guard vessels sail in the Japanese contiguous zone around Senkaku Islands for the longest-ever period of 64 consecutive days
Jun. 03	Jun. 28 Japan-Canada Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Jun. 28 Japan-Germany Summit (Osaka)	Jun. 16 A Chinese vessel sails northwestward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea
Jun. 04	Jun. 28 Meeting between Defense Minister Iwaya and Acting Secretary of Defense Shanahan (Tokyo)	Jun. 28 Japan-Thailand Summit (Osaka)	Jun. 16 A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft flies from the East China Sea. After passing between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island and flying over the Pacific Ocean, it turns around, and passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again
Jun. 05	Jun. 29 Disaster relief in response to classical swine fever (CSF) outbreak in Yamagata City, Gifu Prefecture, etc. (through June 8)	Jun. 29 Japan-South Africa Summit (Osaka)	Jun. 18 Two Canadian vessels transit through the Taiwan Strait
Jun. 17	Jun. 29 Establishment of Aegis Ashore Introduction Promotion Headquarters	Jun. 29 Japan-Brazil Summit (Osaka)	Jun. 20 Two Russian bombers fly around Japan, and intrude into Japan's territorial airspace twice when flying northward over the Pacific Ocean
Jun. 21	Jun. 30 Disaster relief in response to forest fire in Kitagawa Village, Aki County, Kochi Prefecture (through June 22)	Jun. 30 Japan-Russia Summit (Osaka)	Jun. 20 Iran shoots down a U.S. drone over the Straits of Hormuz
Jun. 25	Jul. 23 Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Jul. 23 Japan-Saudi Arabia Summit Telephone Conversation	Jun. 20 President Xi Jinping visits North Korea (the first visit to North Korea by a Chinese president since the last visit by then President Hu Jintao 14 years earlier in 2005. President Xi visits North Korea for the first time in about 11 years since his last visit in 2008 as Vice President)
Jun. 26	Aug. 02 Effectuation of the Japan-France Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA)	Aug. 02 Japan-U.K. Summit Telephone Conversation	Jun. 21 Two Russian vessels sail eastbound from the Soya Strait
Jun. 29	Aug. 24 Disaster relief in response to classical swine fever (CSF) outbreak in Nishio City, Aichi Prefecture (through July 2)	Aug. 24 Japan-Germany Summit (Biarritz)	Jun. 23 ASEAN Summit Meeting adopts "ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific" (AOIP)
Jul. 03	Aug. 24 Disaster relief in response to classical swine fever (CSF) outbreak in Ena City, Gifu Prefecture (through July 5)	Aug. 24 Japan-Canada Summit (Biarritz)	Jun. 23 Two Russian vessels sail westbound from the Soya Strait
Jul. 18	Aug. 24 Effectuation of the Japan-Canada Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA)	Aug. 24 Japan-U.S. Summit (Biarritz)	Jun. 30 Leaders of U.S. and North Korea meet at Panmunjom
Jul. 24	Aug. 25 Disaster relief in response to classical swine fever (CSF) outbreak in Inabe City, Mie Prefecture (through July 5)	Aug. 25 Japan-U.S. Summit (Biarritz)	Jul. 01 14 sailors were killed in a fire on a Russian submarine
Jul. 25	Aug. 25 Revision of the Guidelines Regarding Off-Base U.S. Military Aircraft Accidents in Japan	Aug. 25 Japan-Chile Summit (Biarritz)	Jul. 02 China conducts the first test launch of anti-ship ballistic missiles in the South China Sea from June through July (reported)
Aug. 07	Aug. 26 Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Aug. 26 Japan-U.K. Summit (Biarritz)	Jul. 06 Two Chinese vessels sail southbound from the Tsushima Strait
Aug. 28	Aug. 28 Disaster relief in response to the flooding caused by heavy rain accompanying a front in August 2019 (through October 7)	Aug. 28 7th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD7) (through August 30)	Jul. 08 U.S. Government notifies Congress of the sales of weapons to Taiwan (worth US\$2.2 billion)
Sep. 02	Aug. 28 Japan-India Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Aug. 28 Japan-Egypt Summit (Biarritz)	Jul. 12 U.S. Force announces the outline of the National Military Strategy
Sep. 10	Aug. 28 Disaster relief in response to the 2019 Boso Peninsula Typhoon (Typhoon Faxai) (through October 7)	Aug. 28 Japan-South Africa Summit (Yokohama)	Jul. 15 Two Russian vessels sail westbound from the Soya Strait
Sep. 17	Aug. 28 Disaster relief to search for a missing fishing boat eastern offshore of Cape Noshappu, Hokkaido	Aug. 28 Japan-Algeria Summit (Yokohama)	Jul. 22 A Chinese vessel sails northbound from the Tsushima Strait, and advances to the Sea of Japan temporarily. However, on July 23, the vessel sails southbound from the Tsushima Strait to the East China Sea
Sep. 21	Aug. 28 Disaster relief in response to classical swine fever (CSF) outbreak in Ena City, Gifu Prefecture (through September 24)	Aug. 28 Japan-Kenya Summit (Yokohama)	Jul. 23 Two Chinese bombers and two Russian bombers pass through the Tsushima Strait and fly southward over the East China Sea. Thereafter, the two Chinese bombers fly northward to the continent, while the two Russian bombers pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island and fly over the Pacific Ocean. After turning around, the Russian bombers pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again, fly northward over the East China Sea, and pass through the Tsushima Strait again. In addition, an early warning and control aircraft A-50 that reportedly supports the Russian bombers intrudes into Japan's territorial airspace over Takeshima Island
Sep. 21	Aug. 29 Disaster relief to search for a missing person in Doshi Village, Minamitsuru County, Yamaguchi Prefecture	Aug. 29 Japan-Mali Summit (Yokohama)	Jul. 24 A U.S. vessel transits through the Taiwan Strait
Sep. 23	Aug. 29 Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Aug. 29 Japan-Guinea Summit (Yokohama)	Jul. 24 China releases the 10th Defense White Paper "China's National Defense in the New Era" (for the first time in about four years)
Sep. 25	Aug. 29 Japan-U.S. Summit (New York)	Aug. 29 Japan-Uganda Summit (Yokohama)	Jul. 25 A U.S. vessel transits through the Taiwan Strait
		Aug. 29 Japan-Cabo Verde Summit (Yokohama)	Jul. 25 Four Chinese vessels sail southward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the Pacific Ocean
		Aug. 29 Japan-Rwanda Summit (Yokohama)	Jul. 25 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
		Aug. 29 Japan-Mauritius Summit (Yokohama)	Jul. 27 Two Chinese vessels sail southward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the Pacific Ocean
		Aug. 29 Japan-Central African Republic Summit (Yokohama)	Jul. 31 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles (probable)

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Oct. 01	Japan-Iran Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Aug. 29 Japan-Namibia Summit (Yokohama)	Aug. 01 Two Russian vessels sail westbound from the Soya Strait
Oct. 03	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Aug. 29 Japan-Senegal Summit (Yokohama)	Aug. 01 Six Chinese vessels sail northward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea
Oct. 03	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Aug. 29 Japan-Niger Summit (Yokohama)	Aug. 02 Russian Prime Minister Medvedev visits Etorofu Island
Oct. 03	Japan-Saudi Arabia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Aug. 29 Japan-Sierra Leone Summit (Yokohama)	Aug. 02 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles (probable)
Oct. 09	Japan-Laos State Defense Minister-Level Meeting (Tokyo)	Aug. 29 Japan-Sao Tome and Principe Summit (Yokohama)	Aug. 02 Termination of the INF Treaty
Oct. 09	Signing of the Memorandum between the Ministry of Defense of Japan and the Ministry of National Defence of the Lao People's Democratic Republic on Cooperation and Exchanges in the Field of Defence	Aug. 29 Japan-Nigeria Summit (Yokohama)	Aug. 06 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
Oct. 12	Disaster relief in response to the 2019 East Japan Typhoon (Typhoon Hagibis) (through November 30)	Aug. 30 Japan-Zimbabwe Summit (Yokohama)	Aug. 08 A Russian vessel sails eastbound from the Soya Strait
Oct. 14	Cabinet Decision on disaster relief call-up orders for Ready Reserve Personnel and Reserve Personnel in response to the 2019 East Japan Typhoon (Typhoon Hagibis)	Aug. 30 Japan-Liberia Summit (Yokohama)	Aug. 08 Two Russian patrol aircraft pass the Tsushima Strait from the Sea of Japan, and fly to the East China Sea
Oct. 14	Disaster relief call-up orders for Ready Reserve Personnel and Reserve Personnel are issued (through November 9)	Aug. 30 Japan-Benin Summit (Yokohama)	Aug. 08 Several people including personnel of the Russian Ministry of Defence and a national nuclear-related company are killed due to an explosion accompanying radiation leakage at a military facility near Arkhangelsk, northern Russia
Oct. 16	Japan-Qatar Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Aug. 30 Japan-Zambia Summit (Yokohama)	Aug. 10 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
Oct. 24	Telephone Conversation between Defense Minister Kono and Commander in Chief of Bahrain Defense Force	Aug. 30 Japan-Madagascar Summit (Yokohama)	Aug. 15 Three Russian vessels sail eastbound from the Soya Strait
Oct. 24	Japan-UAE Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Aug. 31 Japan-Seychelles Summit (Tokyo)	Aug. 16 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
Oct. 25	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Aug. 31 Japan-Eswatini Summit (Tokyo)	Aug. 16 UN Security Council holds a closed-door on Kashmir
Oct. 28	Japan-Oman Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Aug. 31 Japan-Comoros Summit (Tokyo)	Aug. 18 Two Chinese vessels sail northbound from the Tsushima Strait
Oct. 29	Japan-India Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Aug. 31 Japan-Cote d'Ivoire Summit (Tokyo)	Aug. 20 U.S. Government notifies Congress of the sale of weapons to Taiwan (worth US\$8 billion)
Oct. 29	Japan-Denmark Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Aug. 31 Japan-Lesotho Summit (Tokyo)	Aug. 22 Two Chinese vessels sail southbound from the Tsushima Strait
Nov. 08	Japan-U.K. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Aug. 31 Japan-Tanzania Summit (Tokyo)	Aug. 23 A U.S. vessel transits through the Taiwan Strait
Nov. 12	Cabinet Decision on Revision of the Implementation Plan for the International Peace Cooperation Assignments in Sinai Peninsula	Aug. 31 Japan-Somalia Summit (Tokyo)	Aug. 24 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
Nov. 12	Cabinet Decision on continuation of counter-piracy mission	Aug. 31 Japan-Ghana Summit (Tokyo)	Aug. 25 Seven Russian vessels sail eastbound from the Soya Strait
Nov. 16	6th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus and 5th ASEAN-Japan Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting (Thailand) (through November 18)	Sep. 05 Japan-India Summit (Vladivostok)	Aug. 28 A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" within 12 nautical miles of Fiery Cross Reef and Mischief Reef, the Spratly Islands
Nov. 17	Announcement of "Vientiane Vision 2.0"	Sep. 05 Japan-Mongolia Summit (Vladivostok)	Aug. 29 A U.S. military aircraft fly over the Taiwan Strait
Nov. 17	Japan-Thailand Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok)	Sep. 05 Japan-Russia Summit (Vladivostok)	Aug. 29 The United States founds the Space Command as the 11th unified combatant command
Nov. 17	Signing of the Memorandum of Arrangement between the Ministry of Defense of Japan and the Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of Thailand on Cooperation and Exchanges in the Field of Defence	Sep. 13 Japan-Kosovo Summit (Tokyo)	Sep. 02 First ASEAN-U.S. Maritime Exercise (AUMX) (through September 6)
Nov. 17	Japan-ROK Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok)	Sep. 18 Japan-Australia Summit Telephone Conversation	Sep. 05 A U.K. vessel sails around the Paracel Islands
Nov. 17	Japan-India Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok)	Sep. 19 Japan-New Zealand Summit (Tokyo)	Sep. 07 U.S. President announces cancellation of peace talks with the Taliban
Nov. 17	Japan-U.S.-ROK Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok)	Sep. 23 Japan-Indonesia Summit (Tokyo)	Sep. 10 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
Nov. 17	Japan-New Zealand Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok)	Sep. 23 Japan-Jordan Summit (New York)	Sep. 10 A Canadian vessel transits through the Taiwan Strait
Nov. 17	Japan-Philippines Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok)	Sep. 24 Japan-Iran Summit (New York)	Sep. 11 Two Russian vessels sail westbound from the Soya Strait
Nov. 17	Japan-Myanmar Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok)	Sep. 25 Japan-U.S. Summit (New York)	Sep. 11 Taiwan releases the 15th National Defense Report (for the first time in two years)
Nov. 17	Japan-Singapore Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok)	Sep. 25 Japan-EU Summit (Brussels)	Sep. 13 A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" in the waters near the Paracel Islands
Nov. 18	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok)	Sep. 25 Japan-Sao Summit (Tokyo)	Sep. 14 An oil facility in Saudi Arabia is attacked
Nov. 18	Japan-Indonesia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok)	Oct. 02 Japan-EU Summit (Tokyo)	Sep. 16 SCO member countries including China participate in a large military exercise held in the Central Military District in Russia (through September 21)
Nov. 20	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Oct. 17 Japan-Jordan Summit Telephone Conversation	Sep. 16 Two Russian vessels sail westbound from the Soya Strait
Nov. 20	2019 Japan-Australia Defence Ministers Kono/ Reynolds Joint Statement on Advancing Defense Cooperation	Oct. 21 Japan-Maldives Summit (Tokyo)	Sep. 16 "Tsentr 2019," a strategic command post exercise by Russia (through September 21)
Nov. 21	International disaster relief activities for heavy rains and floods in the Republic of Djibouti (Djibouti) (through November 23)	Oct. 21 Meeting between Prime Minister Abe and State Counsellor of Myanmar (Tokyo)	Sep. 17 2nd General election in Israel
Nov. 23	15th ISS Regional Security Summit (Manama Dialogue) (Bahrain) (through November 24)	Oct. 21 Japan-Palestine Summit (Tokyo)	Sep. 17 Two Russian vessels sail westbound from the Soya Strait
Nov. 23	Japan-France Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bahrain)	Oct. 21 Japan-Nepal Summit (Tokyo)	Sep. 20 A U.S. vessel transits through the Taiwan Strait
Nov. 23	Meeting between Defense Minister Kono and Commander in Chief of Bahrain Defense Force (Bahrain)	Oct. 21 Japan-Slovakia Summit (Tokyo)	Sep. 21 Solomon Islands establishes diplomatic relations with China (and severs its diplomatic relations with Taiwan [September 16])
Nov. 27	Japan-Germany Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Oct. 21 Japan-Serbia Summit (Tokyo)	Sep. 26 A U.S. military aircraft flies over the Taiwan Strait
Nov. 30	Japan-India Defense Ministerial Meeting (Delhi)	Oct. 21 Japan-Finland Summit (Tokyo)	Sep. 27 Kiribati establishes diplomatic relations with China (and severs its diplomatic relations with Taiwan [September 20])
Nov. 30	Japan-India Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting (2+2) (Delhi)	Oct. 21 Japan-Micronesia Summit (Tokyo)	Oct. 01 China conducts a military parade to celebrate the 70th anniversary of its founding
Dec. 02	NATO cyber defense exercise Cyber Coalition 2019 (through December 6)	Oct. 21 Japan-Palau Summit (Tokyo)	Oct. 01 Three Russian vessels sail eastbound from the Soya Strait
Dec. 03	Japan-Mongolia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Oct. 21 Japan-Mongolia Summit (Tokyo)	Oct. 02 North Korea launches an SLBM (fell into Japan's exclusive economic zone (EEZ))
Dec. 14	19th Doha Forum (Doha)	Oct. 21 Japan-Romania Summit (Tokyo)	Oct. 07 Three Russian vessels sail southwestward from the Tsushima Strait
Dec. 14	Japan-Qatar Defense Ministerial Meeting (Doha)	Oct. 21 Japan-Ukraine Summit (Tokyo)	Oct. 09 Turkey begins military operations in northern Syria
Dec. 14	Japan-Malaysia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Doha)	Oct. 21 Japan-Kosovo Summit (Tokyo)	Oct. 14 Russian Eastern Military District announces that it started a large military exercise in the Sakhalin and Primorsky regions involving up to 8,000 personnel
Dec. 15	Meeting between Defense Minister Kono and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of Jordan (Amman)	Oct. 21 Japan-Lesotho Summit (Tokyo)	Oct. 15 Grom-2019, a Russian strategic nuclear forces exercise (through October 17)
Dec. 18	Japan-China Defense Ministerial Meeting (Beijing)	Oct. 21 Japan-Eswatini Summit (Tokyo)	Oct. 22 Two Russian bombers pass the Tsushima Strait from the Sea of Japan, and fly to the East China Sea
Dec. 19	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Oct. 21 Japan-Niger Summit (Tokyo)	Oct. 25 Two Chinese vessels sail northbound from the Tsushima Strait
Dec. 20	Japan-Indonesia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Oct. 21 Japan-Cote d'Ivoire Summit (Tokyo)	Oct. 27 Two Russian bombers fly from the Sea of Japan to the East China Sea
Dec. 21	Disaster relief to search for a fishing boat near Mikurajima Island (Izu Islands)	Oct. 22 Sokuirei-Seiden-no-gi	Oct. 27 Three Chinese vessels sail northward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea
Dec. 25	Japan-Saudi Arabia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Oct. 23 Japan-Slovenia Summit (Tokyo)	Oct. 29 Two Chinese vessels sail southbound from the Tsushima Strait
Dec. 26	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Oct. 23 Japan-Singapore Summit (Tokyo)	Oct. 29 A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes the Tsushima Strait from the East China Sea to reach the Sea of Japan. Thereafter it turns around and flies to the East China Sea again
Dec. 27	Cabinet Decision on the Government's Efforts to Ensure the Safety of Japan-Related Vessels in the Middle East	Oct. 23 Japan-Pakistan Summit (Tokyo)	Oct. 31 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
Dec. 28	Japan-Djibouti Defense Ministerial Meeting (Djibouti)	Oct. 23 Japan-Afghanistan Summit (Tokyo)	Nov. 09 The command center of the International Maritime Security Construct (IMSC) opens in Bahrain
Dec. 29	Japan-Oman Defense Ministerial Meeting (Muscat)	Oct. 23 Japan-Nauru Summit (Tokyo)	Nov. 12 A U.S. vessel transits through the Taiwan Strait
		Oct. 23 Japan-Marshall Islands Summit (Tokyo)	Nov. 17 A Chinese indigenous aircraft carrier transits through the Taiwan Strait for the first time
		Oct. 23 Japan-Brazil Summit (Tokyo)	Nov. 17 The United States and the ROK announce the postponement of a U.S.-ROK air exercise as an act of goodwill to contribute to an environment conducive to diplomacy and the advancement of peace
		Oct. 23 Japan-Kyrgyz Summit (Tokyo)	Nov. 20 A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" within 12 nautical miles of Mischief Reef, the Spratly Islands
		Oct. 23 Japan-Turkmenistan Summit (Tokyo)	Nov. 21 A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around the Paracel Islands
		Oct. 23 Japan-Kazakhstan Summit (Tokyo)	Nov. 27 Two Russian bombers fly from the Sea of Japan to the East China Sea
		Oct. 23 Japan-Germany Summit (Tokyo)	Nov. 27 Four Chinese vessels sail eastbound from the Osumi Strait to the Pacific Ocean
		Oct. 23 Japan-Montenegro Summit (Tokyo)	Nov. 28 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
		Oct. 23 Japan-Slovenia Summit (Tokyo)	Nov. 28 A Chinese vessel sails northbound from the Tsushima Strait, and advances to the Sea of Japan temporarily. However, on November 29, the vessel sails southbound from the Tsushima Strait to the East China Sea
		Oct. 24 Meeting between Prime Minister Abe and Prime Minister of the ROK (Tokyo)	Nov. 29 A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes the Tsushima Strait from the East China Sea to reach the Sea of Japan. Thereafter it turns around and flies to the East China Sea again
		Oct. 24 Japan-Armenia Summit (Tokyo)	Dec. 04 A Japanese doctor is killed in eastern Afghanistan by unidentified gunmen
		Oct. 24 Japan-Guatemala Summit (Tokyo)	Dec. 07 A U.K. vessel transits through the Taiwan Strait
		Oct. 24 Japan-Albania Summit (Tokyo)	Dec. 08 North Korea announces that it conducted a "crucial test" at Sohae satellite launching station (Tongch'ang-ri) on December 7
		Oct. 24 Japan-Georgia Summit (Tokyo)	Dec. 10 Vietnam releases the 2019 National Defence White Paper
		Oct. 24 Japan-Panama Summit (Tokyo)	Dec. 12 U.S. DoD announces that it conducted a flight test of a prototype of a conventionally-configured ground-launched ballistic missile with a range of more than 500 km
		Oct. 24 Japan-Bulgaria Summit (Tokyo)	Dec. 14 North Korea announces that it conducted a "crucial test" at Sohae satellite launching station (Tongch'ang-ri) on December 13
		Oct. 24 Japan-Czech Summit (Tokyo)	Dec. 16 Four Chinese vessels sail northward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea
		Oct. 25 Hiroshima High Court renders judgment in 1st, 2nd and 3rd Iwakuni Air Base noise suits	Dec. 16 Three Russian vessels sail northbound from the Tsushima Strait
		Nov. 01 Japan-Chile Summit Telephone Conversation	Dec. 17 China's first indigenous aircraft carrier was named "Shandong" and commissioned in Sanya of Hainan Island
		Nov. 03 ASEAN-related Summit Meetings (Bangkok) (through November 5)	Dec. 20 The United States establishes the Space Force as the sixth branch of the military
		Nov. 04 Japan-Thailand Summit (Bangkok)	Dec. 24 A Russian Su-57 5th generation fighter crashes during a test flight
		Nov. 04 22nd ASEAN Plus Three (Japan-China-ROK) Summit Meeting (Bangkok)	Dec. 26 Chinese aircraft carrier "Shandong" transits the Taiwan Strait
		Nov. 04 Japan-China Summit (Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China) (Bangkok)	Dec. 26 A Chinese vessel sails northbound from the Tsushima Strait, and advances to the Sea of Japan temporarily. However, on December 27, the vessel sails southbound from the Tsushima Strait to the East China Sea
		Nov. 04 Japan-India Summit (Bangkok)	Dec. 27 A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes the Tsushima Strait from the East China Sea to reach the Sea of Japan. Thereafter it turns around and flies to the East China Sea again
		Nov. 04 Japan-Singapore Summit (Bangkok)	Dec. 28 North Korea holds the Plenary Meeting of the Central Committee of the KWP
		Nov. 04 14th East Asia Summit (EAS) (Bangkok)	28-31
		Nov. 04 Japan-Philippines Summit (Bangkok)	Dec. 30 Indonesia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs lodges a diplomatic protest over the illegal operation by Chinese fishing fleet escorted by China's Coast Guard in Indonesia's EEZ around the Natuna Islands
		Nov. 04 22nd Japan-ASEAN Summit Meeting (Bangkok)	
		Nov. 04 3rd RCEP Summit (Bangkok)	
		Nov. 04 Japan-Indonesia Summit (Bangkok)	
		Nov. 04 Japan-Vietnam Summit (Bangkok)	
		Nov. 10 11th Japan-Mekong Summit Meeting (Bangkok)	
		Nov. 12 Shukuga-onretsu-no-gi	
		Nov. 14 Attends Reception for Celebrating 25 Years of Diplomatic Relations with Japan (Tokyo)	
		Nov. 25 Japan-Micronesia Summit (Tokyo)	
		Nov. 29 Meeting with His Holiness Pope Francis (Tokyo)	
		Nov. 29 Japan-El Salvador Summit (Tokyo)	
		Dec. 02 Japan-EU Summit Telephone Conversation	
		Dec. 06 Japan-Hungary Summit (Tokyo)	

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		Dec. 12 Japan-Jamaica Summit (Tokyo) Dec. 19 Japan-Uzbekistan Summit (Tokyo) Dec. 20 Japan-Iran Summit (Tokyo) Dec. 21 Japan-U.K. Summit Telephone Conversation Dec. 21 Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Conversation Dec. 23 Japan-China Summit (China) Dec. 24 8th Japan-China-ROK Trilateral Summit (Chengdu) (through December 25) Dec. 24 Japan-ROK Summit (Chengdu)	
2020	Jan. 07 Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation Jan. 08 Disaster relief in response to classical swine fever (CSF) outbreak in Uruma City and Okinawa City, Okinawa Prefecture (through January 20) Jan. 09 Japan-India Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation Jan. 09 Japan-Iran Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation Jan. 14 Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Washington, D.C.) Jan. 15 International disaster relief activities in Australia (Australia) (through February 8) Jan. 20 2nd annual and experts' meetings of the Maritime and Aerial Communication Mechanism between the Defense Authorities of Japan and China (Tokyo) Jan. 26 Multilateral exercise Cobra Gold 20 (through March 9) Jan. 31 Disaster relief for prevention of the spread of COVID-19 (through March 16) Feb. 02 Disaster relief in response to classical swine fever (CSF) outbreak in Okinawa City, Okinawa Prefecture (through February 4) Feb. 13 Cabinet Decision on disaster relief call-up orders for Ready Reserve Personnel and Reserve Personnel for prevention of the spread of COVID-19 Feb. 13 Disaster relief call-up order for Reserve Personnel is issued (through March 16) Feb. 15 56th Munich Security Conference (Munich) Feb. 15 Japan-Ukraine Defense Ministerial Meeting (Munich) Feb. 15 Japan-Canada Defense Ministerial Meeting (Munich) Feb. 15 Japan-France Defense Ministerial Meeting (Munich) Feb. 15 Japan-Germany Defense Ministerial Meeting (Munich) Feb. 15 Meeting between Defense Minister Kono and High Representative of EU Borrell (Munich) Feb. 15 Meeting between Defense Minister Kono and NATO Secretary General Stoltenberg (Munich) Feb. 18 Disaster relief to search for persons in distress in Mt. Asahi, Hokkaido (through February 21) Mar. 01 Disaster relief to search for and rescue crew members of a cargo ship sunk off the coast of Shimokita, Aomori Prefecture (through March 3) Mar. 02 Japan-UAE Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation Mar. 28 Disaster relief for reinforcement of border control against COVID-19 (through May 31) Apr. 17 Japan-France Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation Apr. 24 Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation Apr. 24 Japan-Germany Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation Apr. 28 Japan-U.K. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation May 01 Japan-Canada Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation May 07 Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation May 08 Japan-India Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation May 12 Japan-Philippines Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation May 15 Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation May 19 Japan-New Zealand Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference May 19 Japan-Singapore Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation May 19 Japan-Indonesia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation May 20 Japan-Italy Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation Jun. 01 Japan-Mongolia Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference Jun. 09 Japan-UAE Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference Jun. 16 Japan-PNG Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Jan. 07 Japan-Australia Summit Telephone Conversation Jan. 11 Japan-Canada Summit Telephone Conversation Jan. 12 Japan-Saudi Arabia Summit (Riyadh) Jan. 13 Japan-UAE Summit (Abu Dhabi) Jan. 14 Japan-Oman Summit (Muscat) Jan. 21 Japan-Poland Summit (Tokyo) Jan. 23 Tokyo High Court renders judgment in 9th and 12th Yokota Air Base noise suits Feb. 10 Japan-Estonia Summit (Tokyo) Mar. 12 Kanazawa District Court renders judgment in the 5th and 6th Komatsu Air Base noise suits Mar. 13 Japan-France Summit Telephone Conversation Mar. 15 Japan-U.K. Summit Telephone Conversation	Jan. 03 The U.S. military kills Qasem Soleimani, commander of the Quds Force of Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Jan. 08 Iranian military forces shoot down a Ukrainian plane Jan. 09 Iran carries out a ballistic missile attack on Iraqi bases hosting U.S. troops Jan. 11 The Taiwanese presidential election is held, and incumbent President Tsai of the Democratic Progressive Party is reelected Jan. 15 Russian Prime Minister announces the resignation of the Cabinet Jan. 16 A U.S. vessel transits through the Taiwan Strait Jan. 20 Malaysia releases its first defense white paper Jan. 21 A new Russian Cabinet is launched Jan. 25 A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around Fiery Cross Reef, the Spratly Islands Jan. 31 U.K. departs from the EU Feb. 04 U.S. DoD announces the deployment of the low-yield nuclear warhead to be carried by SLBMs Feb. 06 The United States announces the death of the leader of AQAP Feb. 09 Four Chinese bombers fly from the Bashi Channel, pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island, and fly to the East China Sea Feb. 10 A Chinese military aircraft crosses over the "median line" of the Taiwan Strait Feb. 11 The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines notifies the United States of the termination of the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA) Feb. 12 Two Russian vessels sail southwestward from the Tsushima Strait Feb. 12 A U.S. military aircraft flies over the Taiwan Strait Feb. 15 A U.S. vessel transits through the Taiwan Strait Feb. 21 Parliamentary elections in Iran Feb. 27 Two Russian fighter-bombers fly within Japan's air defense identification zone in the Sea of Okhotsk (Su-34 fighter-bomber is confirmed through scramble for the first time) Feb. 27 The United States and the ROK announce the postponement of U.S.-ROK joint exercises to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus outbreak Feb. 29 The United States signs a peace agreement with the Taliban Mar. 02 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles Mar. 09 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles Mar. 10 A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around the Paracel Islands Mar. 18 Four Chinese vessels sail northward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea Mar. 21 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles Mar. 24 A Chinese vessel sails northbound from the Tsushima Strait, and advances to the Sea of Japan temporarily. However, on March 25, the vessel sails southbound from the Tsushima Strait to the East China Sea Mar. 24 Two Russian bombers pass the Sea of Okhotsk from the Sea of Japan to reach the Pacific Ocean. At the same time two fighters and two Russian aircraft (presumed) fly over the Sea of Japan Mar. 25 A Chinese aircraft passes the Tsushima Strait from the East China Sea to reach the Sea of Japan. Thereafter it turns around and flies to the East China Sea again Mar. 25 A U.S. vessel transits through the Taiwan Strait Mar. 26 18 Russian vessels sail eastbound from the Soya Strait Mar. 26 Two Russian vessels sail northeastward from the Tsushima Strait Mar. 29 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles Apr. 10 Six Chinese vessels including the aircraft carrier "Liaoning" sail southward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the Pacific Ocean Apr. 10 A U.S. vessel sails through the Taiwan Strait Apr. 15 The U.S. the Space Command announces that Russia conducted a launch test of a ground-launched anti-satellite missile Apr. 18 China announces establishment of the Xisha District and the Nansha District under the Sansha City of Hainan Province Apr. 23 A U.S. vessel sails through the Taiwan Strait Apr. 28 Six Chinese vessels including the aircraft carrier "Liaoning" sail northward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea Apr. 28 A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around the Paracel Islands Apr. 29 A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around the Spratly Islands Apr. 29 Three Chinese vessels sail southeastward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the Pacific Ocean May 05 Standoff between Chinese and Indian forces along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) (border of Ladakh, India) May 09 Standoff between Chinese and Indian forces along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) (border of Sikkim, India) May 14 A U.S. vessel sails through the Taiwan Strait May 24 North Korea announces that it will hold the enlarged meeting of the Central Military Commission of the KWP May 28 A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around the Paracel Islands May 29 Three Chinese vessels sail southeastward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the Pacific Ocean

