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Statistics on Scrambles through the Third Quarter of FY2015

1. Overall

Air Self-Defense Force (ASDF) fighter jets were scrambled for a total of 567 times through the third quarter of FY2015, a decrease of 177 times from the same period of FY2014.

The breakdown of scrambles by country and region shows the ratio of about 66% against Chinese aircraft, about 32% against Russian aircraft, and about 2% against aircraft from other countries and regions. Countries and regions include inferences.

2. Breakdown of Scrambles by Regional Air Defense Force

Through the third quarter of FY2015, fighter jets of the Northern Air Defense Force were scrambled 136 times, those of the Central Air Defense Force 25 times, those of the Western Air Defense Force 54 times, and those of the Southwestern Composite Air Division 352 times.

The number of times of scrambles declined from the same period of FY2014 for all Regional Air Defense Forces.

3. Characteristics of Responses through the First Quarter of FY2015

ASDF fighter jets were scrambled for a total of 373 times against Chinese aircraft, roughly the same level as in the same period of FY2014. In the third quarter of FY2015, five cases of long-range flights from the East China Sea over to the Pacific were made public as unusual flights.

ASDF fighter jets were scrambled 183 times against Russian aircraft, a decline of 186 times from the same period of FY2014. In the third quarter of FY2015, three cases, including a long-range flight going around the periphery of Japan, were made public as unusual flights.

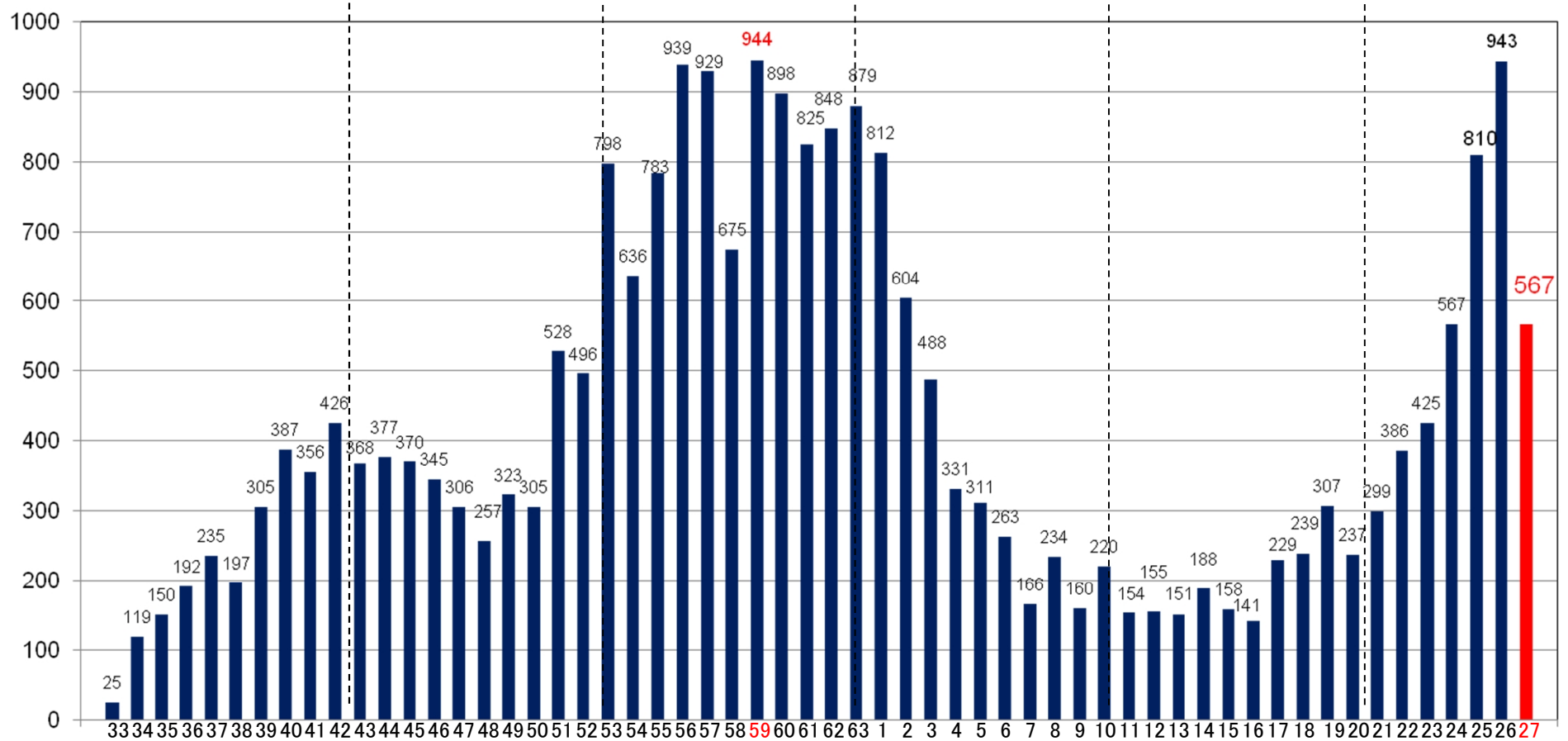
A large number of scrambles were conducted against both Chinese and Russian fighter jets, including against those presumed to be fighter aircraft.

The above data was collected between April 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015.

Number of Scrambles by Fiscal Year

(As of December 31, 2015)

(Number of times)



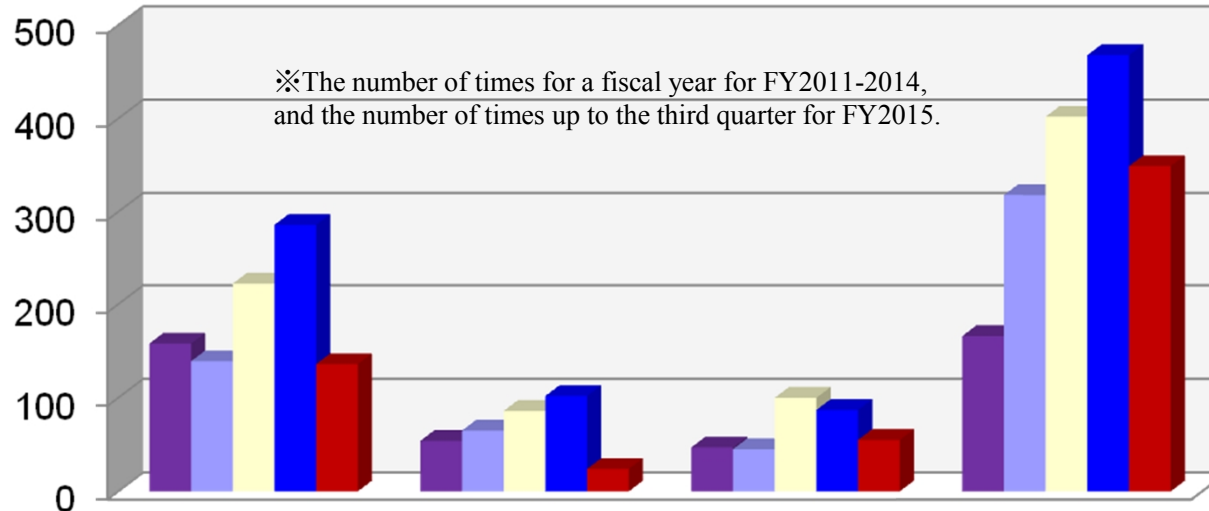
※The cumulative total for a fiscal year up to FY2014, and the number of times up to the third quarter for FY2015.

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Number of Scrambles by Regional Air Defense Force (Past Five Years)

(As of December 31, 2015)

(Number of times)



	Northern Air Defense Force		Central Air Defense Force		Western Air Defense Force		Southwestern Composite Air Division		Total	
	FY	Up to Q3	FY	Up to Q3	FY	Up to Q3	FY	Up to Q3	FY	Up to Q3
■ FY2011	158	123	54	32	47	30	166	150	425	335
■ FY2012	139	100	65	49	45	34	318	166	567	349
■ FY2013	222	158	86	60	100	50	402	295	810	563
■ FY2014	286	213	102	87	87	65	468	379	943	744
■ FY2015		136		25		54		352		567

Number of Scrambles by Country/Region (Past Five Years)

(As of December 31, 2015)

Country/ Region FY	Russia		China		Taiwan		North Korea		Other Countries		Total	
	FY	Up to Q3	FY	Up to Q3	FY	Up to Q3	FY	Up to Q3	FY	Up to Q3	FY	Up to Q3
23	247	175	156	143	5	5	0	0	17	12	425	335
24	248	180	306	160	1	0	0	0	12	9	567	349
25	359	246	415	287	1	1	9	9	26	20	810	563
26	473	369	464	371	1	0	0	0	5	4	943	744
27		183		373		1		0		10		567

※ The number of times of scrambles by country/region includes some unconfirmed cases.

Number of Scrambles by Quarter (FY2015)

1. Number of Scrambles by Regional Air Defense Force

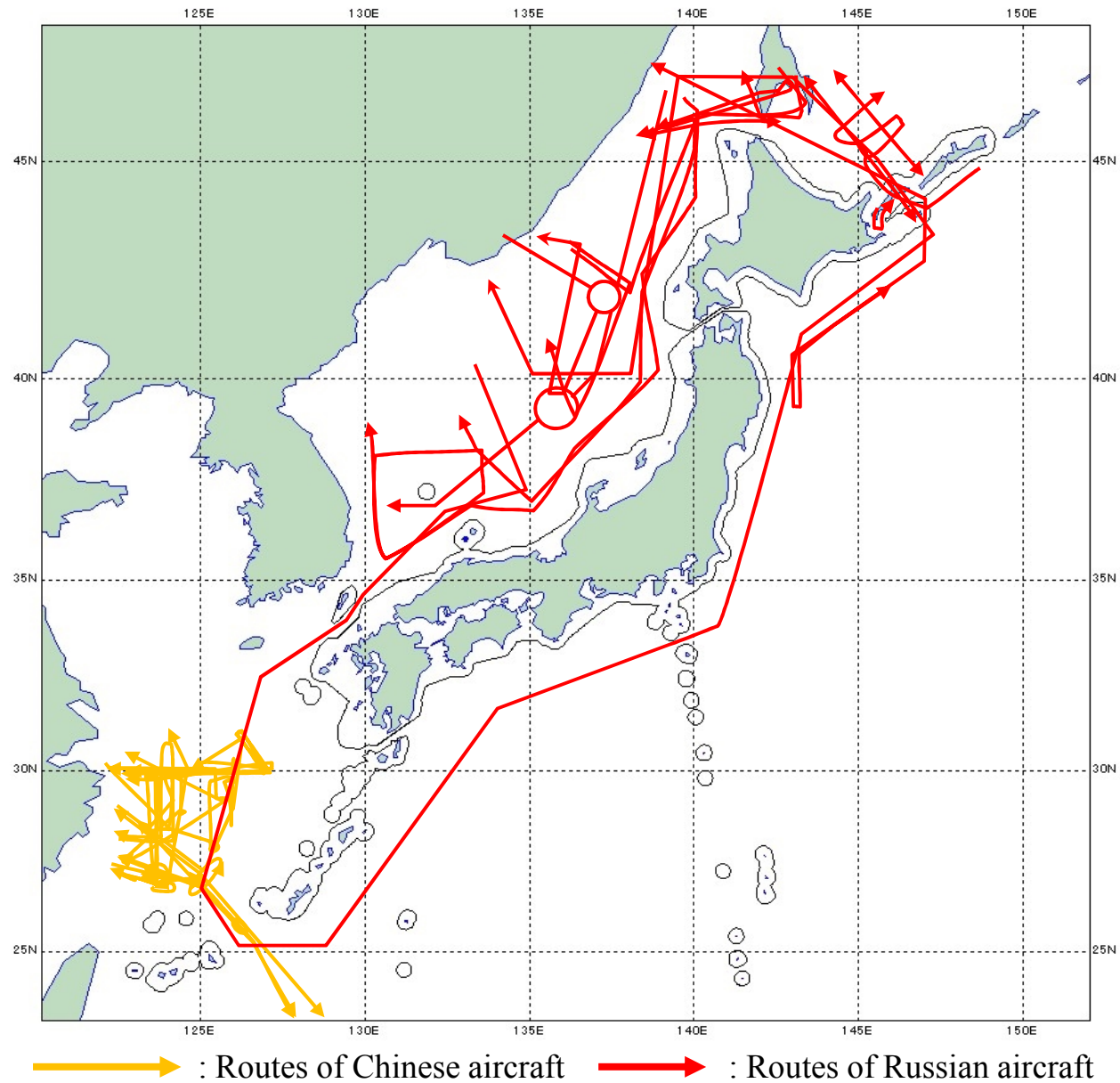
(As of December 31, 2015)

	Northern Air Defense Force	Central Air Defense Force	Western Air Defense Force	Southwestern Composite Air Division	Total
First Quarter	48	6	9	110	173
Second Quarter	43	4	11	112	170
Third Quarter	45	15	34	130	224
Total	136	25	54	352	567



2. Number of Scrambles by Country/Region

	Russia	China	Taiwan	North Korea	Other Countries	Total
First Quarter	57	114	0	0	2	173
Second Quarter	51	117	0	0	2	170
Third Quarter	75	142	1	0	6	224
Total	183	373	1	0	10	567







Flight Pattern Examples of Russian and Chinese Aircraft Subject to Scrambles






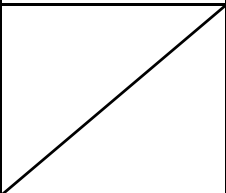
List of Cases Made Public in FY2015 (First Quarter)

	Date	Nationality of Aircraft, etc.	Behavior Description	Photo
1	Thursday, April 2, 2015	Russia Su-24 fighter-bomber One aircraft	Flew over the Sea of Japan from off Hokkaido to off Hokuriku	
2	Thursday, May 21, 2015	China H-6 bomber Two aircraft	Round-trip flights between the East China Sea and the Pacific Ocean	







List of Cases Made Public in FY2015 (Second Quarter ①)

	Date	Nationality of Aircraft, etc.	Behavior Description	Photo
1	Friday, July 3, 2015	Russia IL-20 surveillance aircraft One aircraft	Round-trip flights between off Hokkaido and off Iwate Prefecture	
2	Tuesday, July 7, 2015	Russia IL-20 surveillance aircraft One aircraft	Flight over the Sea of Japan from off Hokkaido to off the Noto Peninsula	
3	Wednesday, July 8, 2015	Russia IL-20 surveillance aircraft One aircraft	Round-trip flights between off Hokkaido and off Iwate Prefecture	
4	Wednesday, July 29, 2015	China Y-8 transport aircraft One aircraft	Round-trip flights between the East China Sea and the Pacific Ocean	
5		China Y-9 transport aircraft One aircraft		
6		China H-6 bomber Two aircraft		


List of Cases Made Public in FY2015 (Second Quarter ②)

	Date	Nationality of Aircraft, etc.	Behavior Description	Photo
7	Thursday, July 30, 2015	China Y-8 transport aircraft One aircraft	Round-trip flights between the East China Sea and the Pacific Ocean	
8		China Y-9 transport aircraft One aircraft		
9		China H-6 bomber Two aircraft		
10	Tuesday, September 15, 2015	Presumed Russian aircraft	Airspace intrusion off the Nemuro Peninsula, Hokkaido	

List of Cases Made Public in FY2015 (Third Quarter ①)

	Date	Nationality of Aircraft, etc.	Behavior Description	Photo	
1	Tuesday, October 27, 2015	Russia Tu-142 bomber Two aircraft	Long-range flight over the Sea of Japan from off Hokkaido to off the Oki Islands		
2	Friday, November 27, 2015	China H-6 bomber Four aircraft	Round-trip flights between the East China Sea and the Pacific Ocean		
3		China Tu-154 intelligence gathering aircraft One aircraft			
4		China Y-8 transport aircraft One aircraft			
5		China H-6 bomber Four aircraft		Long-range flights over the East China Sea	
6		China Y-8 transport aircraft One aircraft			

List of Cases Made Public in FY2015 (Third Quarter ②)

	Date	Nationality of Aircraft, etc.	Behavior Description	Photo
7	Monday, December 21, 2015	Russia Tu-95 bomber Two aircraft	Flights over the Sea of Japan from off Tsushima to the Maritime Province of Siberia, the East China Sea, and the Pacific Ocean	
8		Russia A-50 airborne warning and control system aircraft One aircraft	Long-range flight over the Sea of Japan	