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Event Summary/Russian Military Activities

March 12, 2025

A Russian Navy vessel sailed through Japan's strait.

- At around 6:00 p.m., Thursday, March 6, 2025, JMSDF spotted a RFN Vishnya-class AGI (hull number 535) sailing northeastward in the waters approximately 120 km southwest of Tsushima Island.
- The RFN AGI continued to sail northeastward through Tsushima Strait into the Sea of Japan from March 6 to 7.
- This is the same vessel conducted the following activities:
 - Sailed southwestward through Tsushima Strait from February 16 to 17, 2025,
 - Sailed in the waters from north of Tori-shima Island to southeast of Okinawa Main Island, including inside Japan's contiguous zone, from February 19 to 20, 2025,
 - Sailed in Japan's contiguous zone from southwest of Okinawa Main Island to west of Tori-shima Island, March 4, 2025.
- JMSDF assets monitored the activities of the vessel.

ABBREVIATIONS

JMSDF: Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

RFN: Russian Federation Navy

AGI: Auxiliary General Intelligence

Vishnya-class AGI (535)



Overview of Activities

