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Event Summary/Chinese Military Activities

June 3, 2025

Activities of Chinese Navy Aircraft Carrier

- From May 25 to 26, 2025, JMSDF spotted several PLAN vessels, including Kuznetsov-class CV "Liaoning" (hull number 16), sailing in the East China Sea as follows.

Date and time	Location	PLAN Vessels (Hull Numbers)
Around 8:00 p.m., Sun., May. 25	Approx. 240 km north of Kuba- shima Island	Kuznetsov-class CV "Liaoning" (16) Jiangkai-II-class FFG × 1 (599) Luyang-III-class DDG × 1 (155) Renhai-class DDG × 1 (101)
Around 8:00 p.m., Mon., May. 26	Approx. 190 km northwest of Kume-jima Island	Kuznetsov-class CV "Liaoning" (16) Jiangkai-II-class FFG × 1 (599) Luyang-III-class DDG × 1 (131) Renhai-class DDG × 1 (101)

- During this period, JMSDF observed approximately 120 takeoffs and landings from "Liaoning," including approximately 90 by carrier-based fighters and approximately 30 by carrier-based helicopters.
- Subsequently, "Liaoning" and the Renhai-class DDG × 1 (hull number 101) sailed southeastward through the waters between Okinawa Main Island and Miyako-jima Island into the Pacific Ocean on May 27.
- On the same day, JMSDF observed takeoffs and landings of carrier-based fighters and carrier-based helicopters from "Liaoning" in the waters approximately 190 km southeast of Miyako-jima Island.
- JMSDF assets monitored the activities of these vessels.
- JASDF fighters scrambled in response to the carrier-based fighters.

ABBREVIATIONS

JMSDF: Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

JASDF: Japan Air Self-Defense Force

PLAN: People's Liberation Army Navy (China)

CV: Aircraft Carrier

DDG: Guided Missile Destroyer

FFG: Guided Missile Frigate

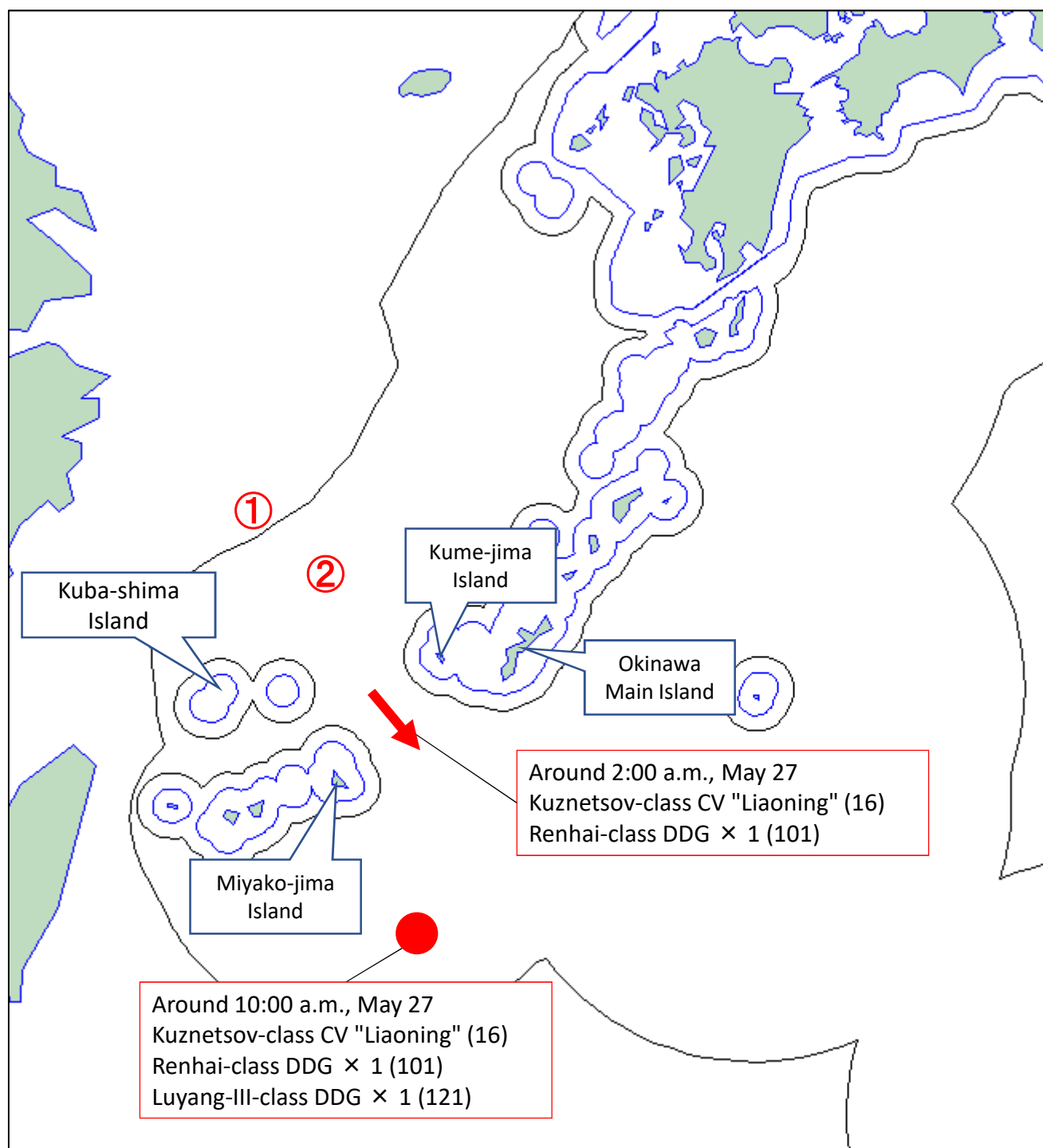
Kuznetsov-class CV "Liaoning" (hull number 16)



Renhai-class DDG × 1 (hull number 101)



Overview of Activities



※Location where JMSDF spotted the PLAN vessels

No.	Date and time
①	Around 8:00 p.m., Sunday, May 25
②	Around 8:00 p.m., Monday, May 26