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Event Summary/Chinese Military Activities

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Activities of Chinese Navy Aircraft Carrier

- JMSDF spotted several PLAN vessels, including the Chinese Kuznetsov-class CV "Liaoning" (hull number 16) and "Shandong" (hull number 17), sailing in the Pacific Ocean since June 17 2025.
- JMSDF observed takeoffs and landings of carrier-based fighters and carrier-based helicopters from "Liaoning" and "Shandong."
- The overview of the activities, the number of takeoffs and landings and other information are shown in the attached sheet.
- Subsequently, the following PLAN vessels sailed northwestward through the waters between Okinawa Main Island and Miyako-jima Island into the East China Sea on June 20.
 - Kuznetsov-class CV "Liaoning" (hull number 16)
 - Luyang-III-class DDG × 2 (hull number 121 and 122)
 - Renhai-class DDG × 2 (hull number 101 and 104)
 - Fuyu-class AOE × 1 (hull number 901)
- JMSDF assets monitored the activities of these vessels.

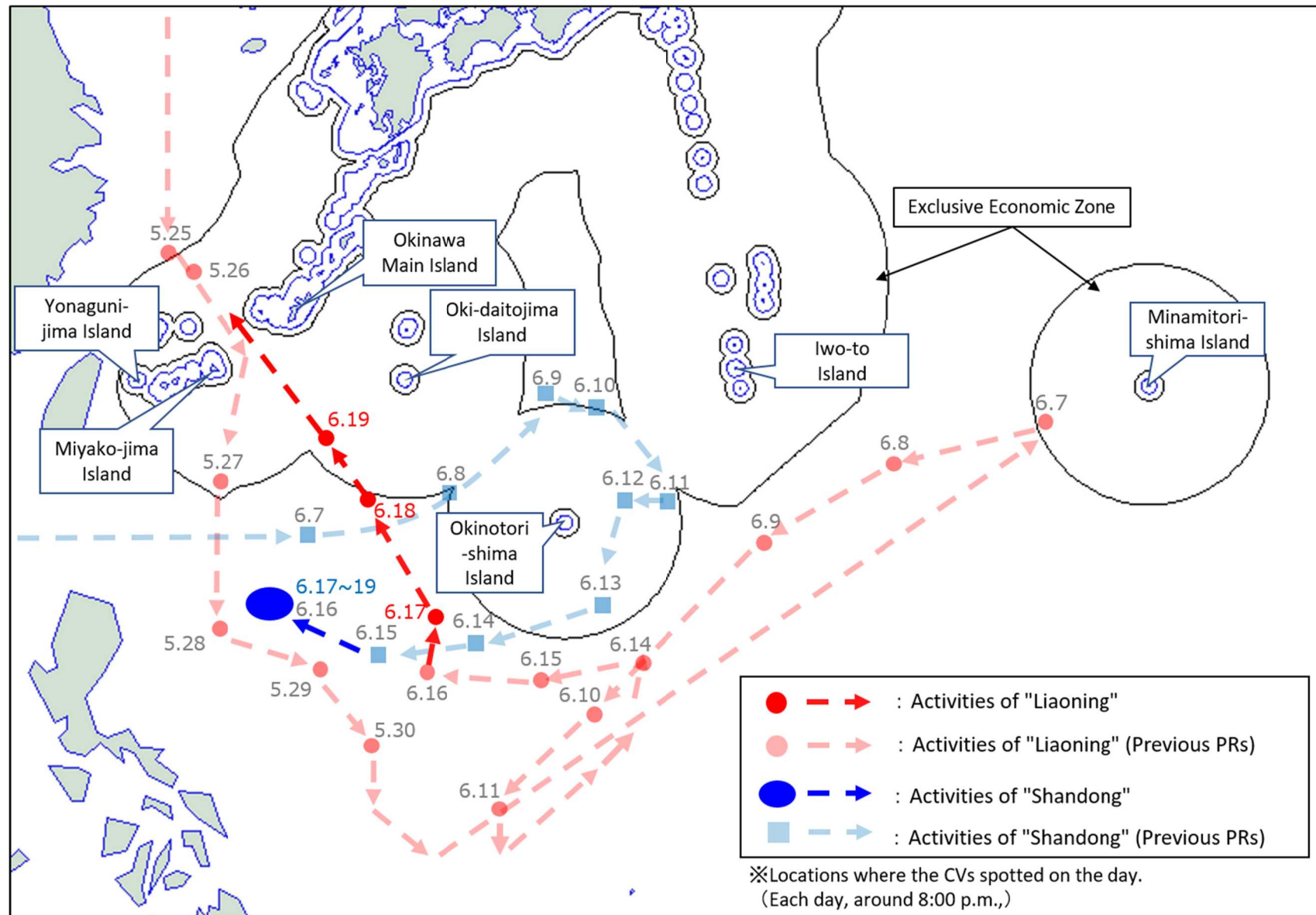
ABBREVIATIONS

JMSDF: Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

PLAN: People's Liberation Army Navy (China)

CV: Aircraft Carrier

Overview of Activities of the Kuznetsov-class CV "Liaoning" and "Shandong"



The number of observed takeoffs and landings, etc. of "Liaoning" (hull number 16)

Date and time	Location	Spotted PLAN Vessels (Hull Numbers)	The number of observed takeoffs and landings on the Day
Around 8:00 p.m., Tue., Jun. 17	Approx. 510 km southwest of Okinotori-shima Island	Kuznetsov-class CV "Liaoning" (16) Luyang-III-class DDG × 1 (122)	Approx. 80 times
Around 8:00 p.m., Wed., Jun. 18	Approx. 380 km south of Oki- daitojima Island	Kuznetsov-class CV "Liaoning" (16) Luyang-III-class DDG × 1 (122)	Approx. 30 times
Around 8:00 p.m., Thu., Jun. 19	Approx. 410 km southeast of Miyako-jima Island	Kuznetsov-class CV "Liaoning" (16) Luyang-III-class DDG × 1 (122)	Approx. 40 times

- During this period, JMSDF observed approximately 150 takeoffs and landings from "Liaoning."
- Including the number of confirmed takeoffs and landings from May 25 to 29, June 8 to 11, June 14 to 16, the number stood at approximately 700 in total.

The number of observed takeoffs and landings, etc. of "Shandong" (hull number 17)

Date and time	Location	Spotted PLAN Vessels (Hull Numbers)	The number of observed takeoffs and landings on the Day
Around 8:00 p.m., Tue., Jun. 17	Approx. 710 km southeast of Miyako-jima Island	Kuznetsov-class CV "Shandong" (17) Luyang-III-class DDG × 1 (165) Renhai-class DDG × 1 (106)	Approx. 40 times
Around 8:00 p.m., Wed., Jun. 18	Approx. 780 km southeast of Miyako-jima Island	Kuznetsov-class CV "Shandong" (17) Luyang-III-class DDG × 1 (165)	Approx. 30 times
Around 8:00 p.m., Thu., Jun. 19	Approx. 750 km southeast of Miyako-jima Island	Kuznetsov-class CV "Shandong" (17) Luyang-III-class DDG × 1 (165)	Approx. 50 times

- During this period, JMSDF observed approximately 120 takeoffs and landings from "Shandong."
- Including the number of confirmed takeoffs and landings from June 9 to 16, the number stood at approximately 350 in total.

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



Kuznetsov-class CV "Shandong" (hull number 17)

