

# JOINT STAFF PRESS RELEASE



Event Summary/Russian Military Activities

September 26, 2025

## **A Russian Navy vessel sailed through Japan's strait.**

- At around 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 23, 2025, JMSDF spotted RFN Vishnya-class AGI x 1 (hull number 208) sailing northeastward in the waters approximately 130 km southwest of Tsushima Island.
- The RFN vessel continued to sail northeastward through Tsushima Strait into the Sea of Japan from September 23 to 24.
- This is the same vessel that conducted the following activities, which were reported in the previous PRs:
  - Sailed eastward through Tsugaru Strait and sailed northeastward in the contiguous zone south of Cape Erimo from August 21 to 22, 2025.
  - Sailed southward in the contiguous zone of Miyake-jima Island and continued to sail southwestward in the contiguous zone between Mikura-jima Island and Hachijo-jima Island from September 9, 2025.
  - Sailed around Okinawa Main Island from September 13 to 15, 2025, as follows:
    - Sailed southwestward in the waters from east to south of Okinawa Main Island, including in the contiguous zone.
    - Sailed northwestward in the contiguous zone south of Okinawa Main Island.
    - Sailed northwestward in the contiguous zone southwest of Kumejima Island toward the East China Sea.
- 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 (hull number 208)



# Overview of Activities

