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Event Summary/Chinese and Russian Military Activities

December 11, 2025

Chinese and Russian aircraft activity around Japan

- On Tuesday, December 9, 2025, JASDF spotted Chinese and Russian bombers conducted a long-distance joint flight around Japan.
 - Two Russian Tu-95 bombers, which flew from the Sea of Japan toward the East China Sea, rendezvoused with two Chinese H-6 bombers over the East China Sea. And they flew to the Pacific Ocean off the coast of the main island of Shikoku.
 - Four Chinese J-16 fighters joined the bombers while they flew between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako-jima Island.
 - One Russian A-50 AEW&C aircraft and two Russian Su-30 fighters were also spotted in the Sea of Japan.
- JASDF fighters conducted scrambles to monitor the activity of the aircraft.

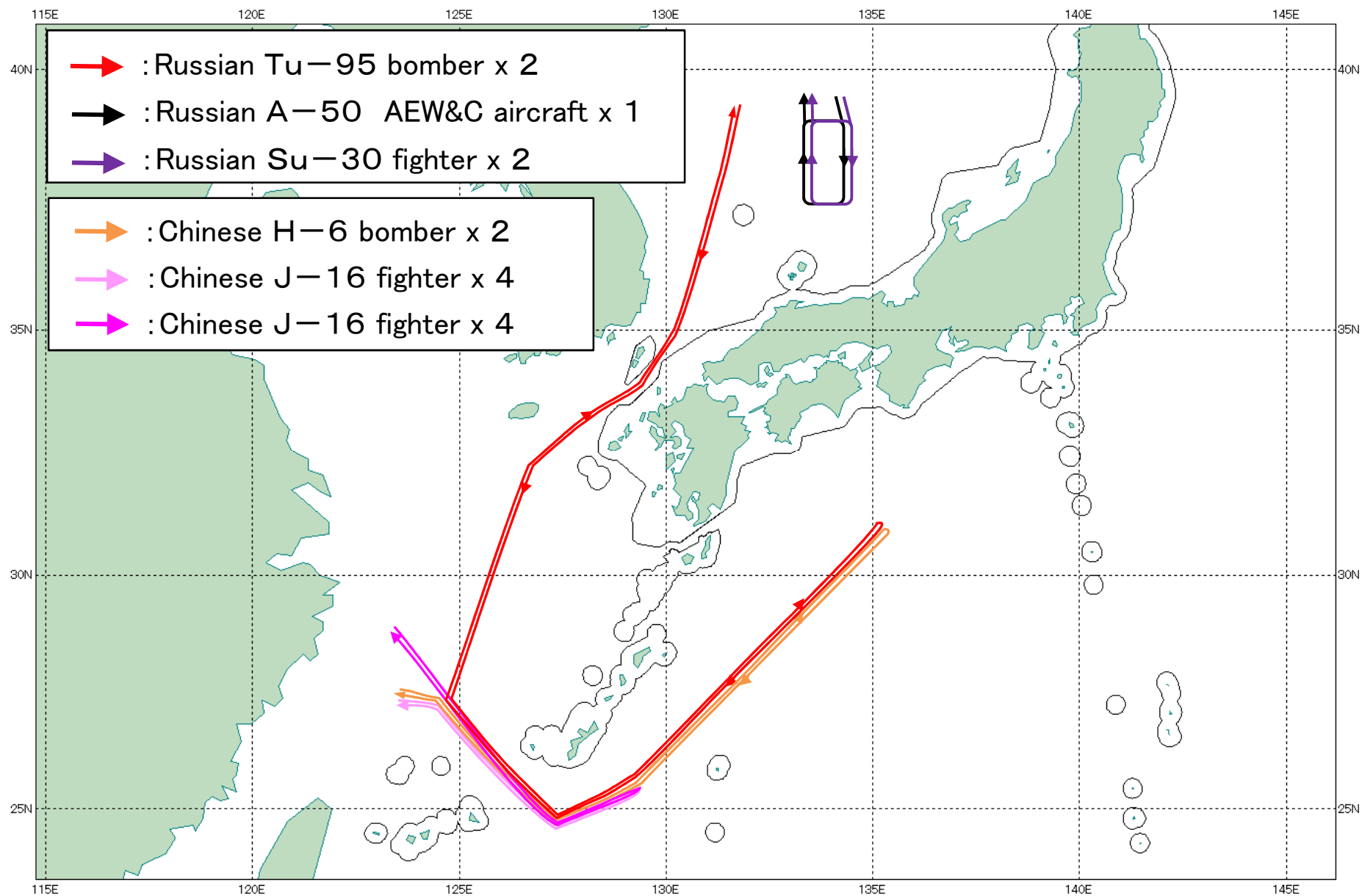
ATTACHMENT: Overview of the aircraft's activity

ABBREVIATIONS

JASDF: Japan Air Self-Defense Force

AEW&C: Airborne Early Warning and Control

Overview of Activity



Russian Tu-95 bomber



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Chinese H-6 bomber



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Russian Tu-95 bomber and Chinese J-16 fighter



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