



Event Summary/Chinese Military Activities

December 16, 2025

Activities of Chinese Navy Aircraft Carrier

- From December 7, 2025, JMSDF spotted several PLAN vessels, including Kuznetsov-class CV "Liaoning" (hull number 16), sailing in the Pacific Ocean as follows.

Date	Location	PLAN Vessels (Hull Numbers)
Mon., Dec. 8	Approx. 490 km east of Kitadaito-jima Island	Kuznetsov-class CV "Liaoning" (16) Luyang-III-class DDG x 2 (117 and 124) Fuyu-class AOE × 1 (901)
Tue., Dec. 9	Approx. 450 km east of Kitadaito-jima Island	Kuznetsov-class CV "Liaoning" (16) Luyang-III-class DDG x 2 (117 and 124) Fuyu-class AOE × 1 (901)

- In addition, on Monday, December 8, JMSDF confirmed approximately 40 takeoffs and landings by carrier-based fighters and helicopters.
- The number of confirmed takeoffs and landings from December 6 to 8 stood at approximately 140 in total.
- JMSDF assets monitored the activities of these vessels.
- JASDF fighter aircraft scrambled in response to the carrier-based fighters.

ABBREVIATIONS

JMSDF: Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

JASDF: Japan Air Self-Defense Force

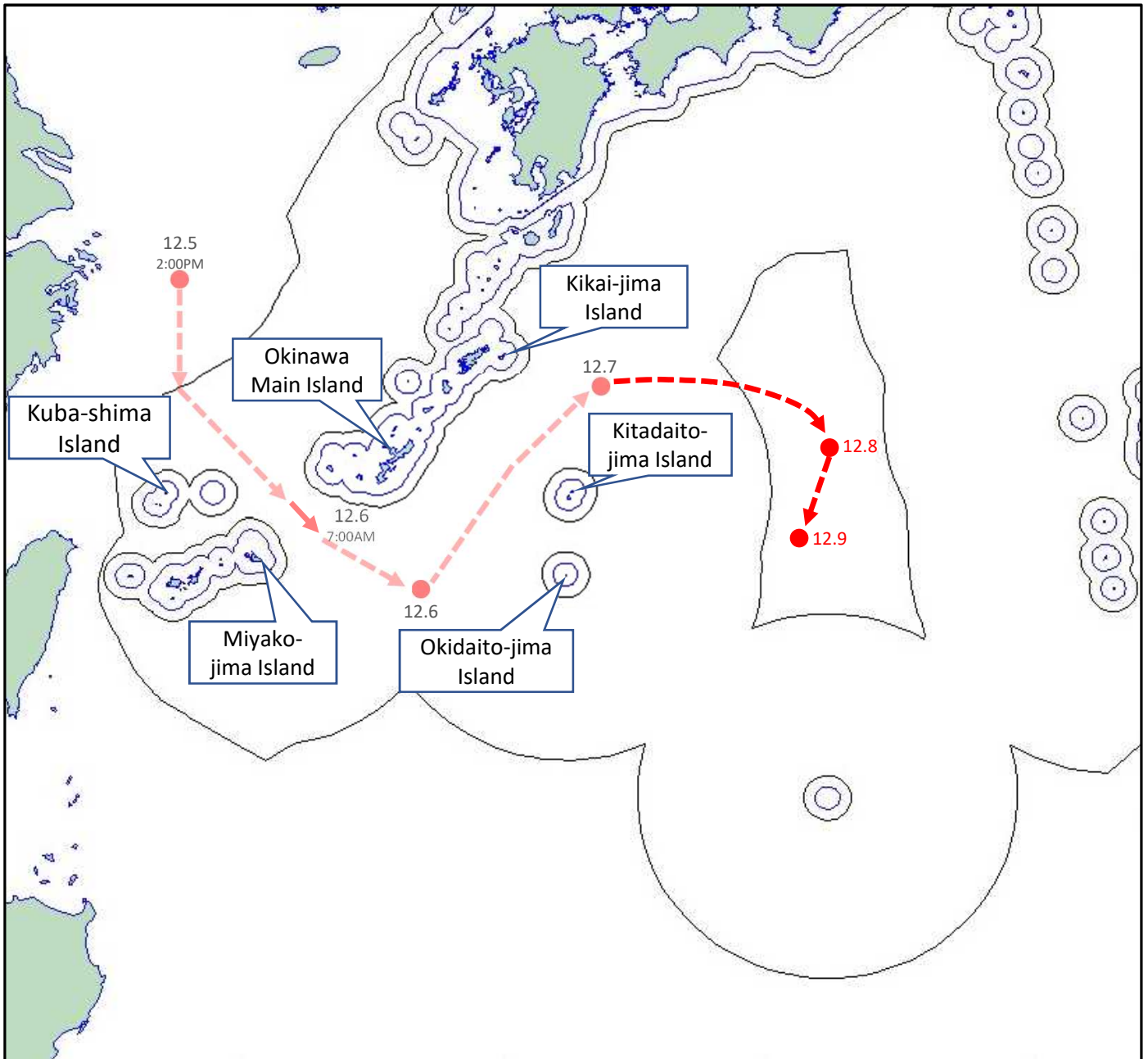
PLAN: People's Liberation Army Navy (China)

CV: Aircraft Carrier

DDG: Guided Missile Destroyer

AOE: Fast Combat Support Vessel

Overview of Activities



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