



Event Summary/Chinese Military Activities

December 18, 2025

Activities of Chinese Navy Aircraft Carrier

- From December 9, 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)
Wed., Dec. 10	Approx. 210 km southeast of Okidaito-jima Island	Kuznetsov-class CV "Liaoning" (16) Luyang-III-class DDG x 2 (117 and 124)
Thu., Dec. 11	Approx. 390 km southwest of Okidaito-jima Island	Kuznetsov-class CV "Liaoning" (16) Luyang-III-class DDG x 2 (117 and 124)

- In addition, JMSDF confirmed takeoffs and landings of carrier-based fighters and helicopters as follows.

Date	The number of confirmed takeoffs and landings on the Day
Tue., Dec. 9	Approx. 20 times
Wed., Dec. 10	Approx. 20 times
Thu., Dec. 11	Approx. 60 times
Fri., Dec. 12	Approx. 20 times

- The number of confirmed takeoffs and landings from December 6 to 12 stood at approximately 260 in total.
- Subsequently, the following PLAN vessels sailed northwestward through the waters between Okinawa Main Island and Miyako-jima Island into the East China Sea on December 12.
 - Kuznetsov-class CV "Liaoning" (hull number 16)
 - Renhai-class DDG x 1 (hull number 101)
 - Luyang-III-class DDG x 2 (hull number 117 and 124)
 - Fuyu-class AOE x 1 (hull number 901)

- JMSDF assets monitored the activities of these vessels.
- JASDF fighter aircraft scrambled in response to the carrier-based aircraft.

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

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



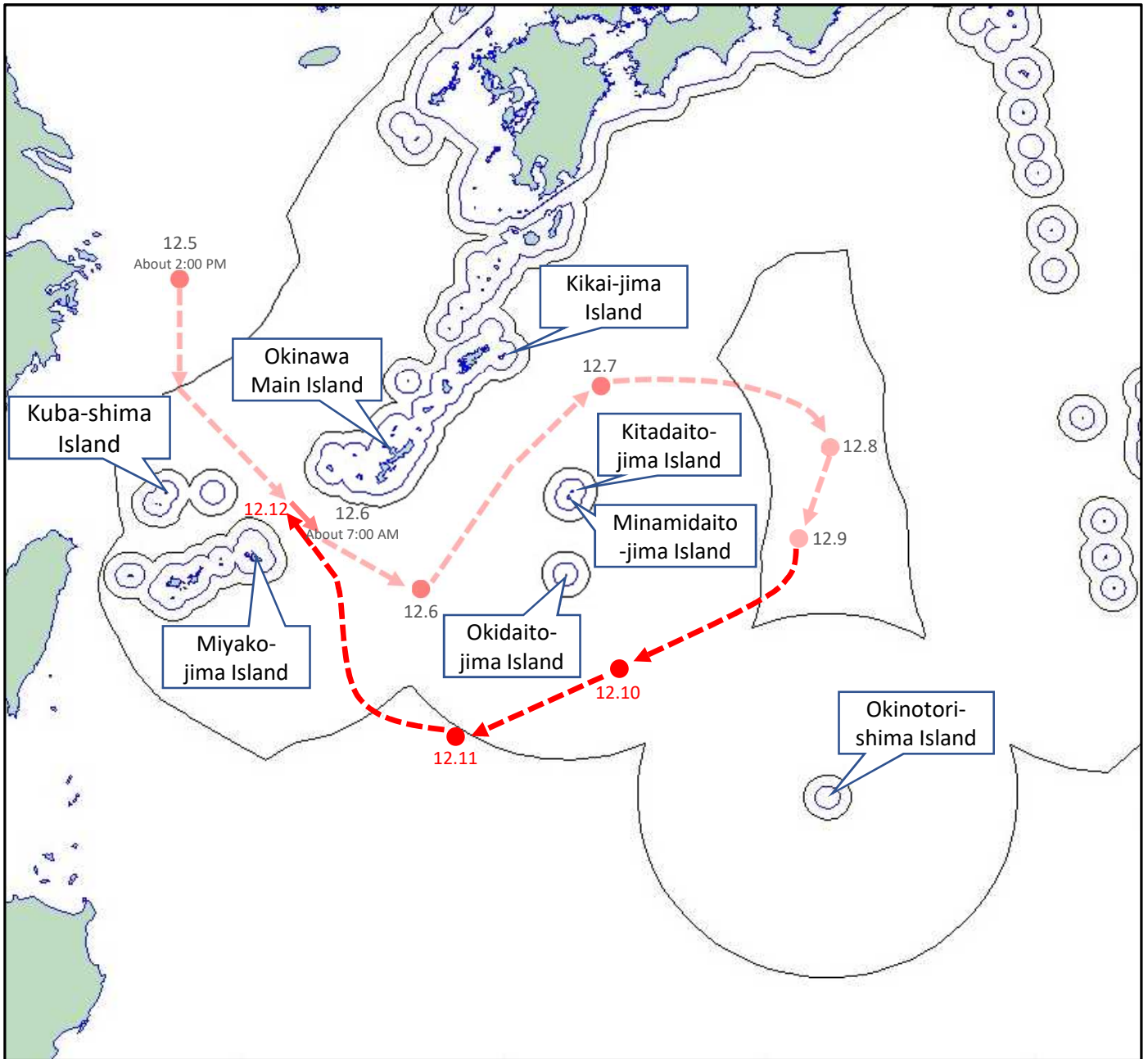
Renhai-class DDG (hull number 101)



Fuyu-class AOE (hull number 901)



Overview of Activities



- - - -> : Activities of "Liaoning"
- - - -> : Activities of "Liaoning" (Previous PRs)