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Event Summary/Chinese Military Activities

January 6, 2026

Chinese aircraft activity around Japan

- In the P.M., Monday, December 29, 2025, JASDF spotted aircraft over the East China Sea and the Pacific Ocean.
 - The aircraft were:
 - H-6 bomber x 2
 - J-16 fighter x 2
 - Y-9 intelligence-gathering aircraft x 2
 - Chinese fighter x 2 (presumed affiliation, type and number)

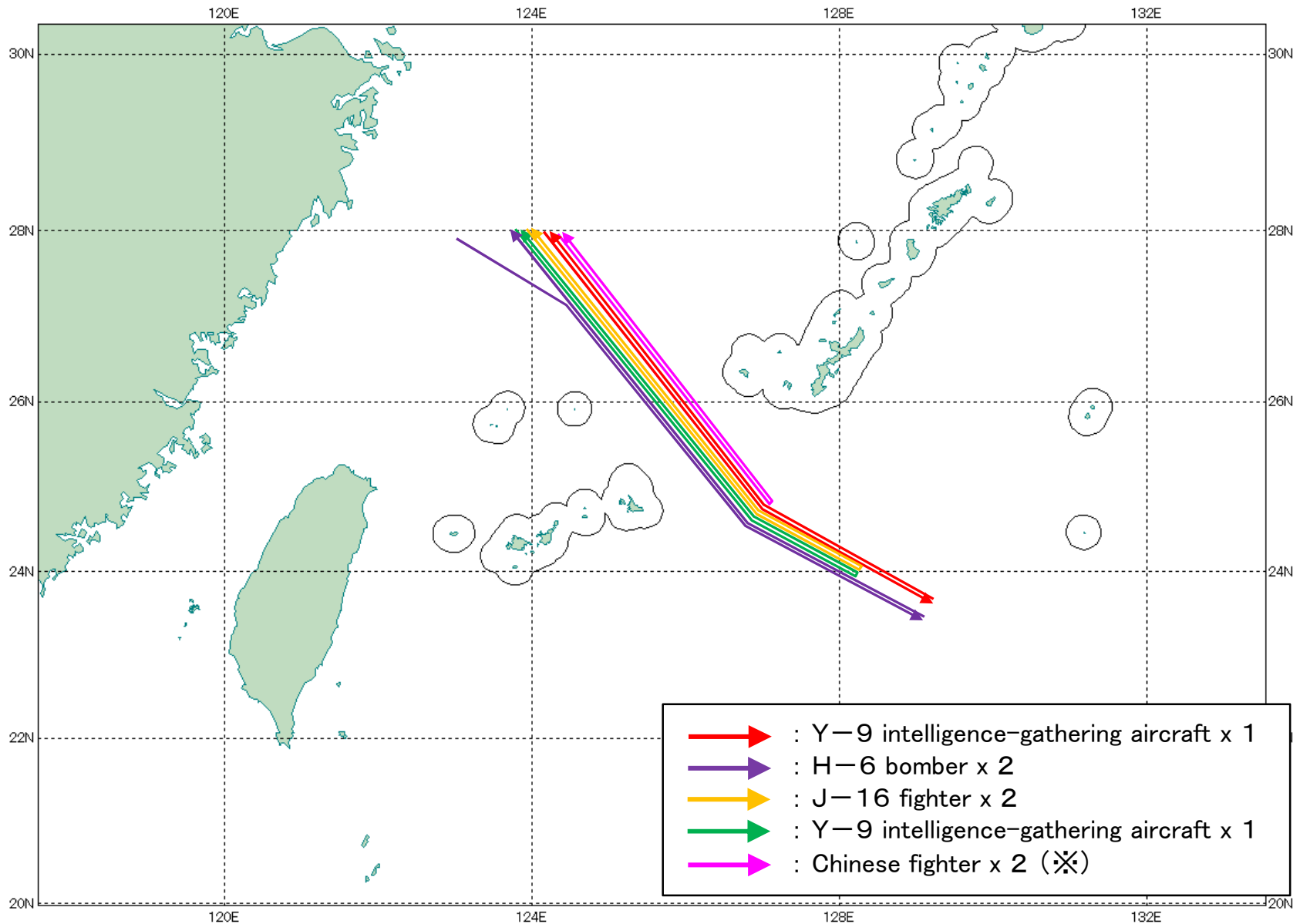
- JASDF fighters conducted scrambles to monitor the activity of the aircraft.

ATTACHMENT: Overview of Activities

ABBREVIATIONS

JASDF: Japan Air Self-Defense Force

Overview of Activities



(✕) Presumed affiliation/type/number of aircraft

Y-9 intelligence-gathering aircraft



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H-6 bomber



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J-16 fighter



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