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Event Summary/Russian Military Activities

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A Russian Navy vessel sailed through waters in Japan's southwest.

- At around 3:00 p.m., Monday, January 12, 2026, JMSDF spotted RFN Vishnya-class AGI x 1 (hull number 535) sailing southwestward in the waters approximately 60 km northwest of Yonaguni-jima Island.
- The RFN vessel sailed as follows from January 13 to 15:
 - Sailed northeastward in the contiguous zone from southwest to north of Yonaguni-jima.
 - Sailed in the waters from north to south of Miyako-jima Island, including within the contiguous zone.
 - Sailed into the Pacific Ocean.
- This is the same vessel that sailed southwestward through Tsushima Strait on January 7.
- 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 535)



Overview of Activities

