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Quarterly report on JASDF fighters scramble (The third quarter of FY2025)

1. Overview

- The total number of scrambles conducted by JASDF fighters up to the third quarter of FY2025 is 448. Details are as follows:

Country/Region	Russia	China	Taiwan	North Korea	Others	TOTAL
Number	130 (29 %)	304 (68 %)	1 (less than 1 %)	0	13 (3 %)	448

(※)The chart includes information about presumed affiliation of spotted aircraft.

2. Trends seen this quarter

- Chinese and Russian aircraft's intensive activities were confirmed as follows:
 - Russian Tu-95 bombers and fighters flew over the Sea of Japan
 - PLA aircraft carrier conducted approximately 260 times takeoffs and landings by carrier-based aircraft over the Pacific Ocean
 - PLA and AFRF bombers conducted a long-distance joint flight
 - Chinese H-6 bombers, fighters and others flew over the sea between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island
- December 6, 2025, J-15 fighter aircraft, which launched from a PLA aircraft carrier, intermittently illuminated F-15 fighter aircraft of the JASDF by its radar, The F-15 fighter aircraft were conducting airspace intrusion countermeasures against the J-15 fighter aircraft.

ABBREVIATIONS

JASDF: Japan Air Self-Defense Force

FY: fiscal year [From Apr.1 to Mar.31]

PLA: People's Liberation Army

AFRF: Armed Forces of the Russian Federation

Details of Scrambles conducted by Air Defense Command

As of December 31, 2025

FY	Northern		Central		Western		Southwestern		TOTAL	
	FY	3 rd Quarter	FY	3 rd Quarter	FY	3 rd Quarter	FY	3 rd Quarter	FY	3 rd Quarter
2021	217	163	31	23	104	74	652	525	1004	785
2022	116	86	32	21	115	91	515	414	778	612
2023	112	94	46	37	110	97	401	327	669	555
2024	152	122	39	25	102	71	411	303	704	521
2025	—	101	—	21	—	39	—	287	—	448

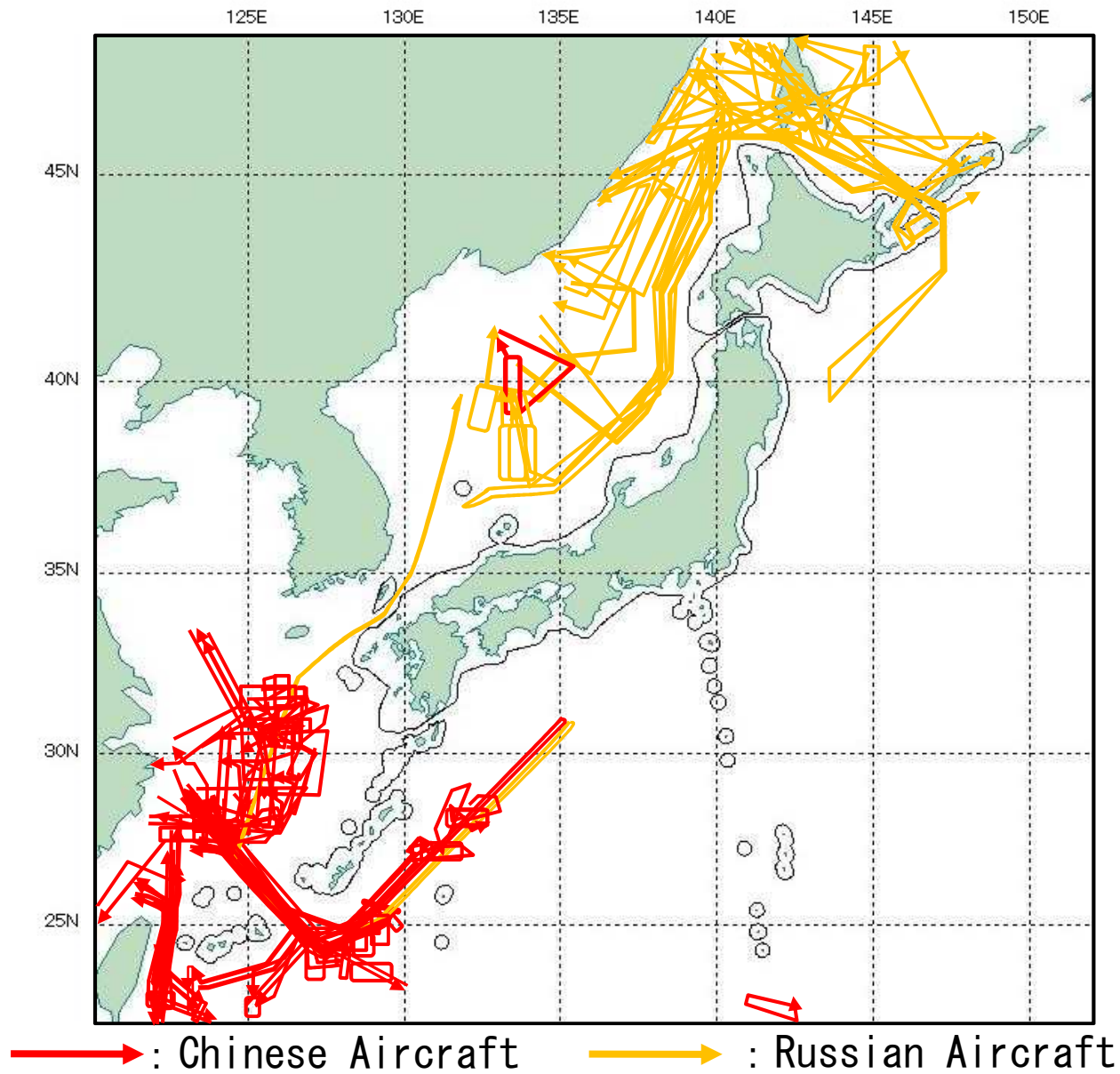
Details of Scrambles (Country and Region)

As of December 31, 2025

Country/ Region FY	Russia		China		Taiwan		North Korea		Others		TOTAL	
	FY	3 rd Quarter	FY	3 rd Quarter	FY	3 rd Quarter	FY	3 rd Quarter	FY	3 rd Quarter	FY	3 rd Quarter
2021	266	199	722	571	3	3	0	0	13	12	1004	785
2022	150	133	575	462	0	0	0	0	53	17	778	612
2023	174	148	479	392	1	1	2	2	13	12	669	555
2024	237	173	464	345	0	0	0	0	3	3	704	521
2025	—	130	—	304	—	1	—	0	—	13	—	448

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Flight Patterns of Russian Aircraft and Chinese Aircraft (e.g.)



Number of Scrambles

As of March 31, 2025

(Times)

