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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 5:00 p.m., Saturday, January 17, 2026, JMSDF spotted RFN Vishnya-class AGI x 1 (hull number 535) sailing northward in the waters approximately 60 km southwest of Yonaguni-jima Island.
- The RFN vessel sailed as follows from January 17 to 19:
 - Sailed northward in the contiguous zone from southwest to northwest of Yonaguni-jima Island.
 - Sailed eastward in the contiguous zone north of Miyako-jima Island.
 - Sailed eastward through the waters between Okinawa Main Island and Miyako-jima Island.
 - Sailed in the contiguous zone from south to east of Okinawa Main Island.
 - Sailed into the Pacific Ocean.
- This is the same vessel that conducted the following activities, which were reported in the previous PRs:
 - Sailed southwestward through Tsushima Strait on January 7.
 - Sailed as follows from January 13 to 15:
 - Sailed northeastward in the contiguous zone from southwest to north of Yonaguni-jima Island.
 - Sailed in the waters from north to south of Miyako-jima Island, including within the contiguous zone.
 - Sailed into the Pacific Ocean.
- JMSDF assets monitored the activities of the vessel.

ABBREVIATIONS

JMSDF: Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

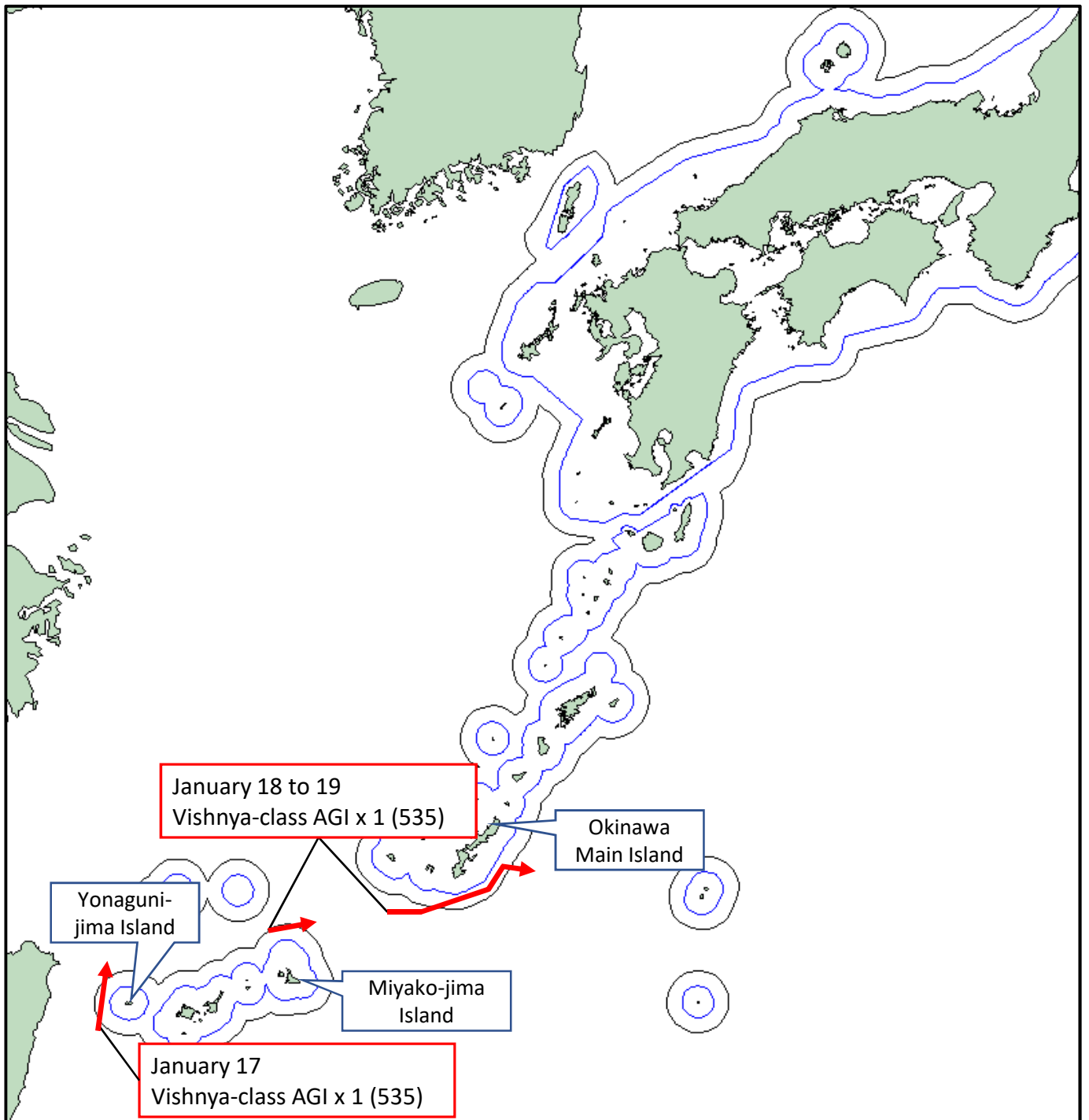
RFN: Russian Federation Navy



AGI: Auxiliary General Intelligence

Vishnya-class AGI (hull number 535)



Overview of Activities



-  : RFN vessel
-  : This time PR

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