

# JAPAN JOINT STAFF PRESS RELEASE



## Event Summary/Russian Military Activities

March 17, 2026

### **The activity of a Russian Navy vessel in the waters surrounding Japan.**

- At around 3:00 p.m., Sunday, March 15, 2026, JMSDF spotted RFN Udaloy-III-class DD x 1 (hull number 543) sailing northeastward in the waters approximately 70 km south of Yonaguni-jima Island.
- The RFN vessel continued to sail northeastward through the waters between Yonaguni-jima Island and Iriomote-jima Island into the East China Sea.
- This is the same vessel that sailed southwestward through Tsushima Strait on October 3, 2025 and sailed southwestward through the waters between Yonaguni-jima Island and Iriomote-jima Island into the Pacific Ocean from October 5 to 6.
- JMSDF assets monitored the activities of the vessel.

#### ABBREVIATIONS

JMSDF: Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

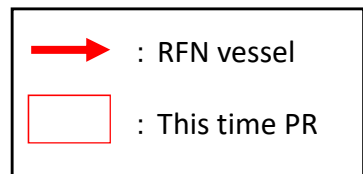
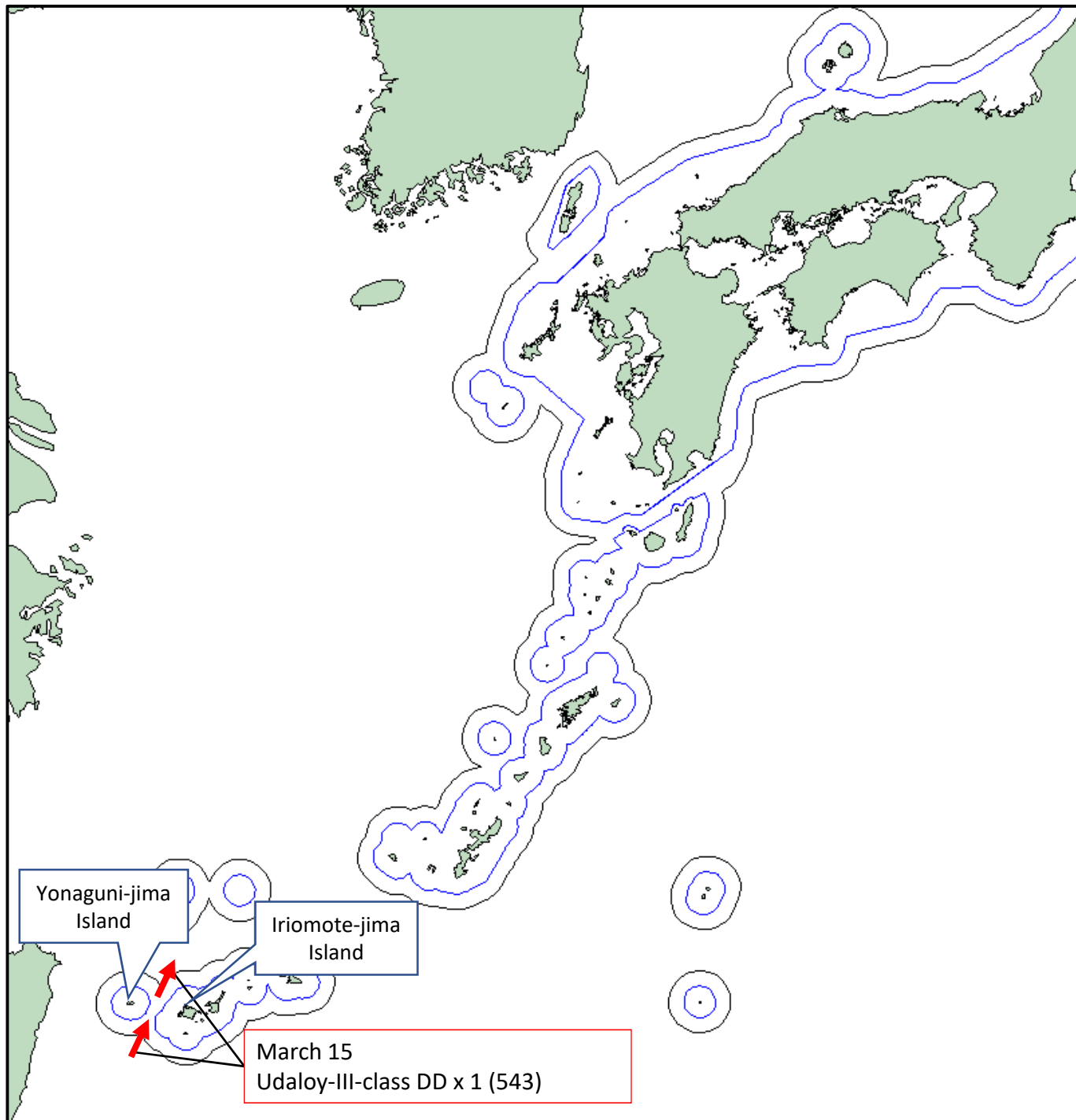
RFN: Russian Federation Navy

DD: Destroyer

Udaloy-III-class DD (hull number 543)



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