

# JAPAN JOINT STAFF PRESS RELEASE



## Event Summary/Russian Military Activities

April 1, 2026

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

- At around 6:00 a.m. Friday, March 27, 2026, JMSDF spotted RFN Balzam-class AGI x 1 (hull number 80) sailing eastward in the waters approximately 120 km west of Cape Tappi.
- The RFN AGI continued to sail eastward within the contiguous zone around the Tsugaru Strait, then turned around in waters approximately 50 km southwest of Cape Tappi, and subsequently sailed westward toward the Sea of Japan from March 27 to 28.
- JMSDF assets monitored the activities of the vessel.

#### ABBREVIATIONS

JMSDF: Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

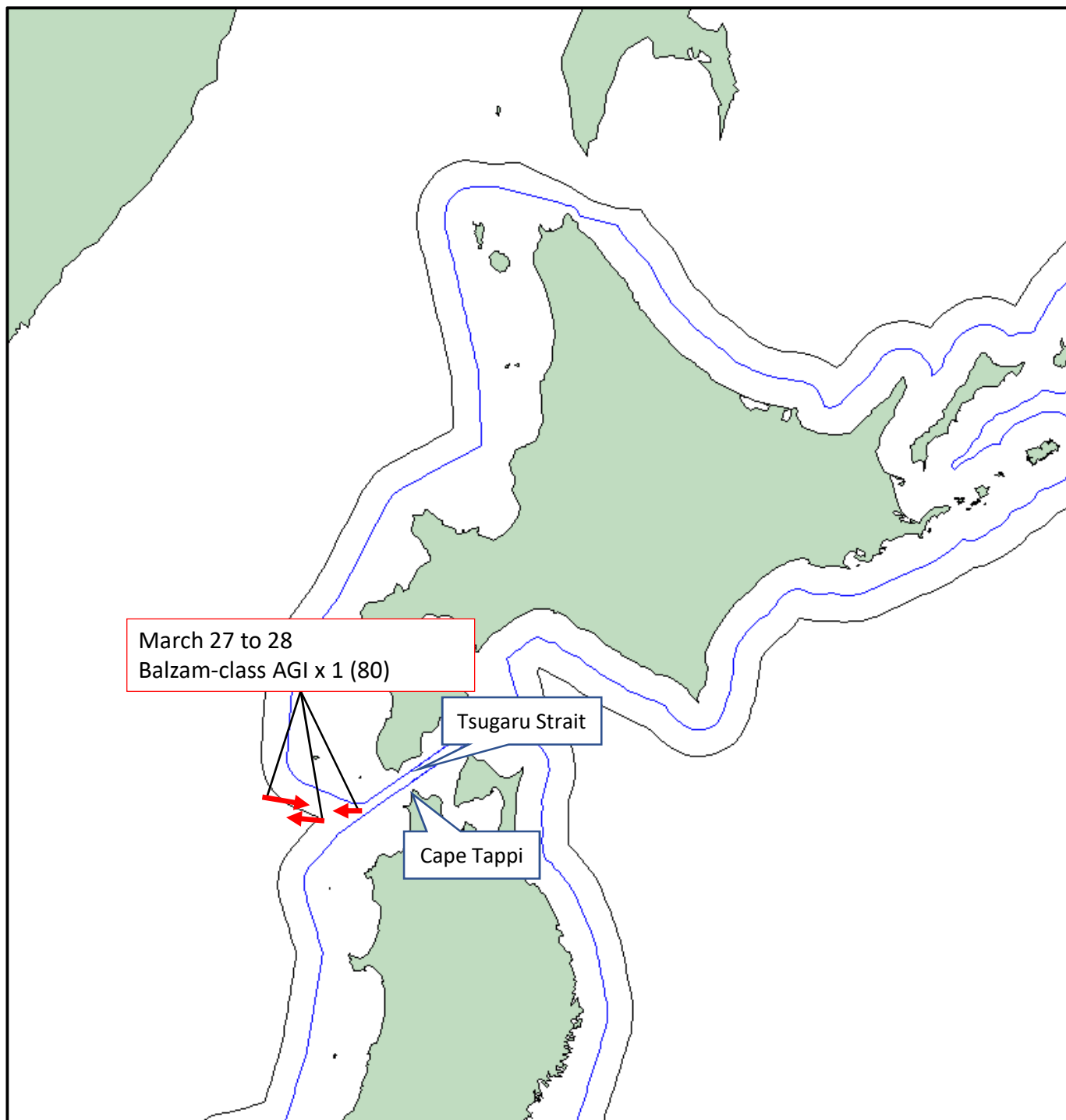
RFN: Russian Federation Navy


AGI: Auxiliary General Intelligence

Balzam-class AGI (hull number 80)



## Overview of Activities



 : RFN vessel