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Event Summary/Chinese Military Activities

April 23, 2026

The activity of Chinese Navy vessels in the waters surrounding Japan.

- At around 3:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 22, JMSDF spotted PLAN Luyang-III-class DDG x 1 (hull number 133) and Jiangkai-II-class FFG x 1 (hull number 577) sailing northwestward in the waters approximately 80 km south of Hateruma-jima Island.
- These PLAN vessels continued to sail northeastward through the waters between Yonaguni-jima Island and Iriomote-jima Island into the East China Sea.
- These are the same vessels that sailed northeastward through the waters between Amami-Oshima Island and Yokoate-jima Island into the Pacific Ocean April 19, 2026.
- JMSDF assets monitored the activities of these vessels.

ABBREVIATIONS

JMSDF: Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

PLAN: People's Liberation Army Navy (China)

DDG: Guided Missile Destroyer

FFG: Guided Missile Frigate

Luyang-III-class DDG (hull number 133)



Jiangkai-II-class FFG (hull number 577)



Overview of Activities

