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Event Summary/Chinese Military Activities

May 8, 2026

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

- At around 11:00 p.m., Friday, May 1, 2026, JMSDF spotted PLAN Luyang-III-class DDG x 2 (hull number 119 and 120) and Renhai-class DDG x 1 (hull number 102) sailing southwestward in the waters approximately 60 km northeast of Tsushima Island.
- These PLAN vessels continued to sail southwestward through Tsushima Strait into the East China Sea on May 2.
- The Luyang-III-class DDG (hull number 119) and the Renhai-class DDG (hull number 102) are the same vessels sailed northeastward through Tsushima Strait from March 30 to 31, 2026.
- Luyang-III-class DDG (hull number 120) is the same vessels that conducted the following activities, which were reported in the previous PRs:
 - Sailed northeastward through Tsushima Strait into the Sea of Japan from March 30 to 31.
 - Sailed southwestward through Tsushima Strait into the East China Sea on April 27.
 - Sailed northeastward through Tsushima Strait into the Sea of Japan from April 28 to 29, 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

Luyang-III-class DDG (hull number 119)



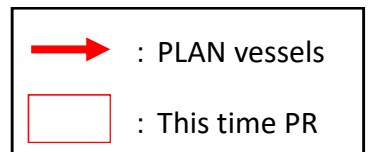
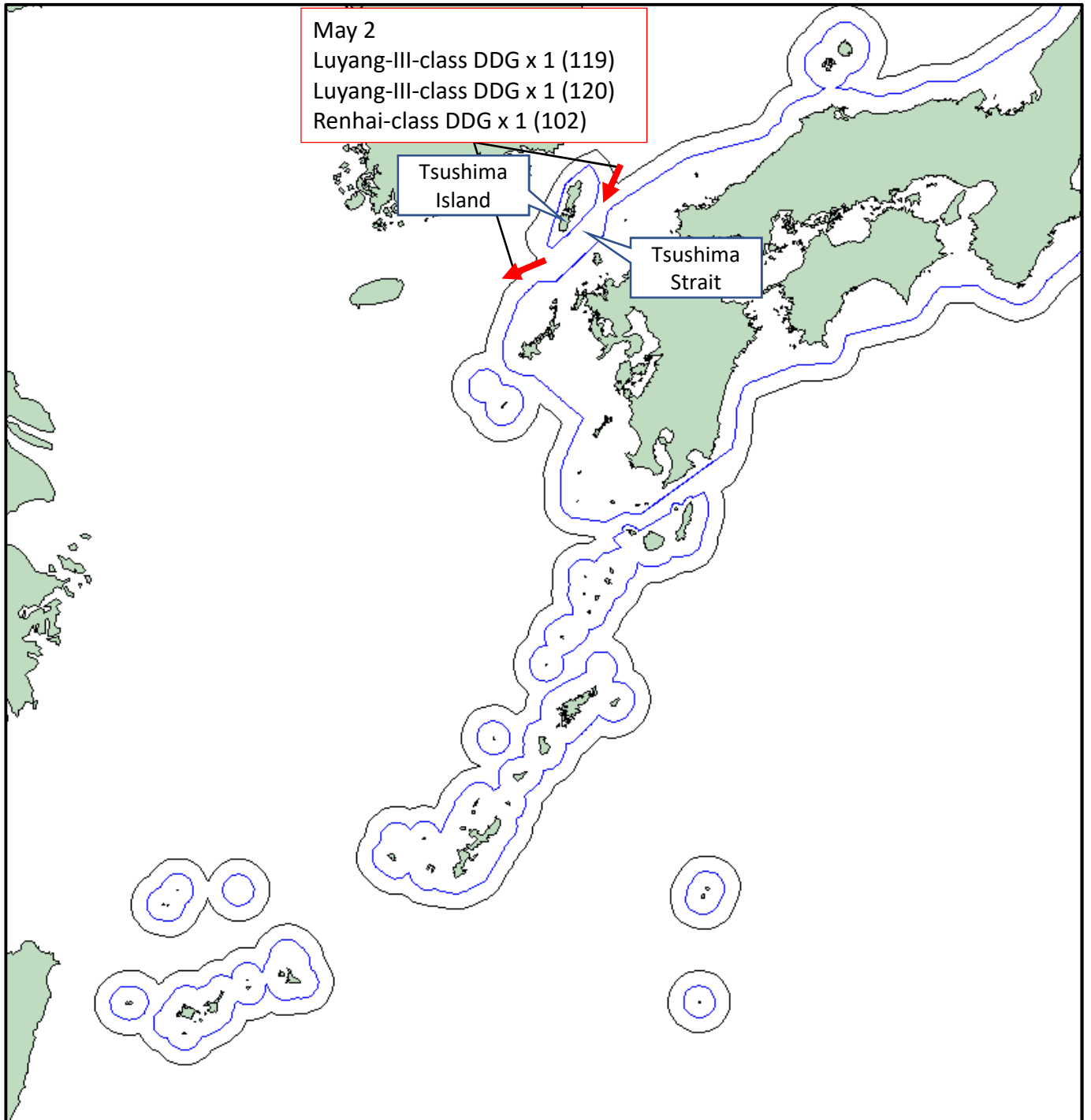
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