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Event Summary/Russian Military Activities

May 14, 2026

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

- At around 11:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 12, 2026, JMSDF spotted the following ten vessels sailing southwestward in the waters approximately 50 km northwest of Iriomote-jima Island.
 - RFN Steregushchiy-class FFG x 2 (hull number 333 and 343)
 - RFN Dubna-class AOR x 1
 - RFN Balk-class ATA x 1
 - Cargo ship x 6
- These vessels continued to sail southwestward through the waters between Yonaguni-jima Island and Iriomote-jima Island into the Pacific Ocean from May 12 to 13.
- These are the same vessels that sailed southwestward through Tsushima Strait from May 9 to 10.
- JMSDF assets monitored the activities of these vessels.

ABBREVIATIONS

JMSDF: Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

RFN: Russian Federation Navy

FFG: Guided Missile Frigate

AOR: Replenishment Oiler

ATA: Auxiliary Ocean Tug

RFN Steregushchiy-class FFG (hull number 333)



RFN Steregushchiy-class FFG (hull number 343)



RFN Dubna-class AOR



RFN Balk-class ATA



Cargo ship x 6





Overview of Activities

