

# JAPAN JOINT STAFF PRESS RELEASE



## Event Summary/Chinese Military Activities

May 20, 2026

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

- At around 11:00 a.m., Monday, May 18, 2026, JMSDF spotted PLAN Jiangkai-III-class FFG x 1 (hull number 545) and Fuyu-class AOE x 1 (hull number 901) sailing southward in the waters approximately 520 km northwest of Kume-jima Island.
- This marks the first time that JMSDF has confirmed the Jiangkai-III-class FFG while conducting surveillance activities.
- These PLAN vessels continued to sail southeastward through the waters between Okinawa Main Island and Miyako-jima Island into the Pacific Ocean on May 19.
- JMSDF assets monitored the activities of these vessels.

#### ABBREVIATIONS

JMSDF: Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

PLAN: People's Liberation Army Navy (China)

FFG: Guided Missile Frigate

AOE: Fast Combat Support Vessel

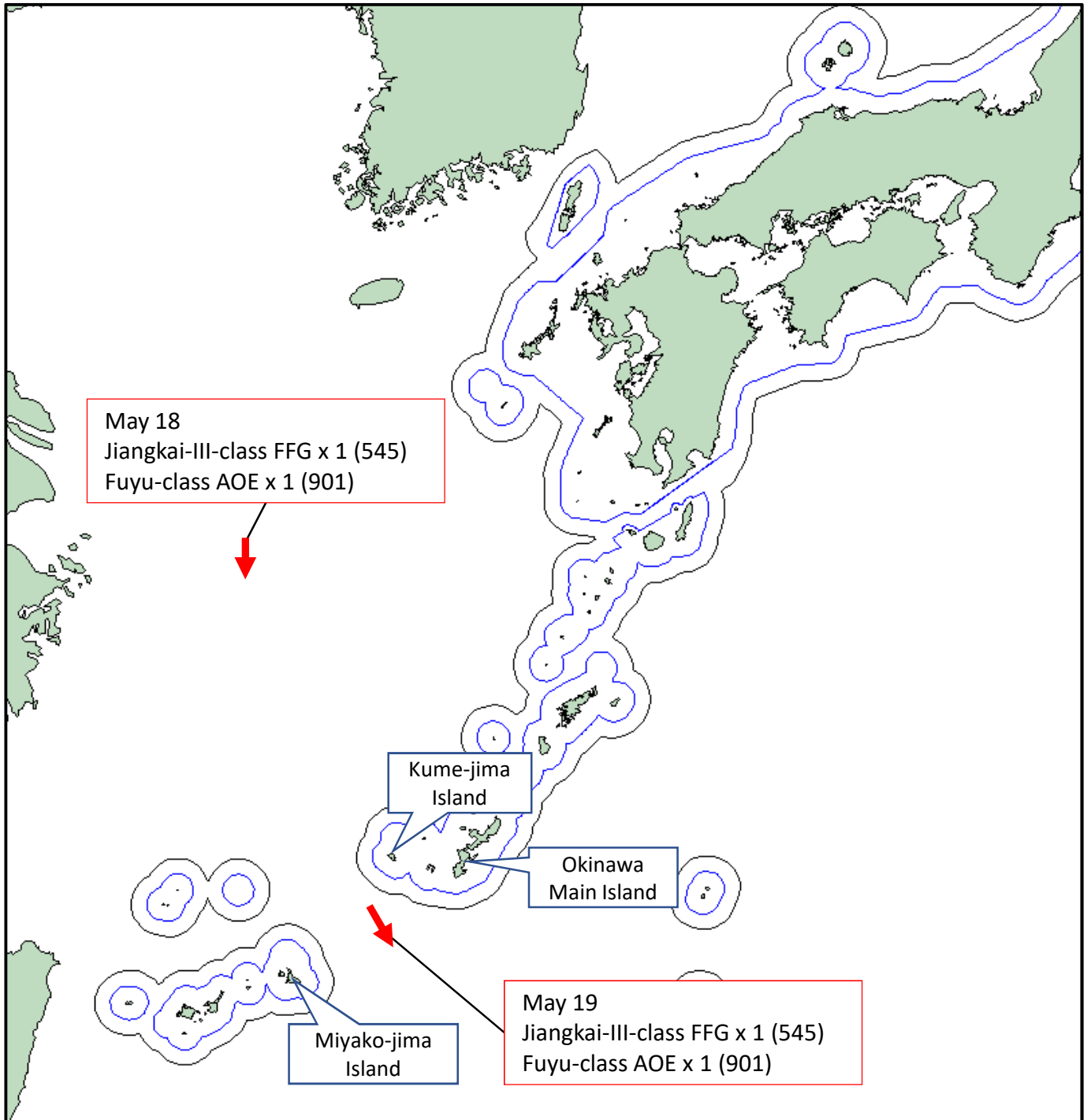
Jiangkai-III-class FFG (hull number 545)



Fuyu-class AOE (hull number 901)



# Overview of Activities



→ : PLAN vessels