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Event Summary/Chinese Military Activities

June 23, 2026

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

- At around 0:00 a.m., Saturday, June 20, 2026, JMSDF spotted the following three PLAN vessels sailing northwestward in the waters approximately 130 km east of Miyako-jima Island.
 - Kuznetsov-class CV " Liaoning " (hull number 16)
 - Renhai-class DDG x 1 (hull number 104)
 - Luyang-III-class DDG x 1 (hull number 124)
- These PLAN vessels continued to sail northwestward through the waters between Okinawa Main Island and Miyako-jima Island into the East China Sea.
- These are the same vessels that conducted the following activities as reported in the previous PRs:
 - Sailed in the Pacific Ocean on May 25.
 - Conducted takeoffs and landings of carrier-based fighters and helicopters from May 26 to 28.
 - Sailed southeastward in the waters east of the Philippines in the Pacific Ocean on May 29.
- JMSDF assets monitored the activities of these vessels.

ABBREVIATIONS

JMSDF: Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force
PLAN: People's Liberation Army Navy (China)
CV: Aircraft Carrier
DDG: Guided Missile Destroyer
FFG: Guided Missile Frigate

Kuznetsov-class CV " Liaoning " (hull number 16)



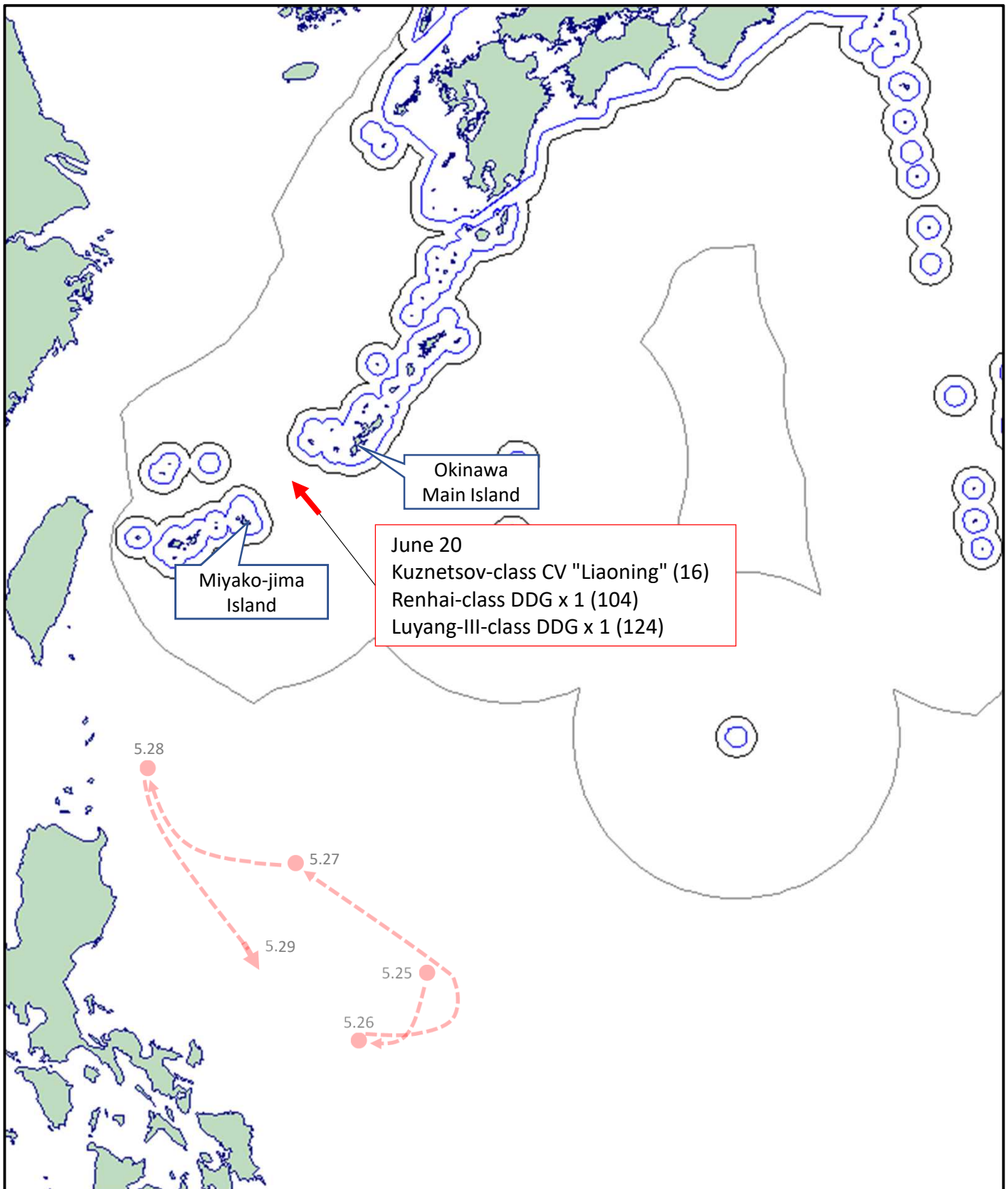
Renhai-class DDG (hull number 104)



Luyang-III-class DDG (hull number 124)



Overview of Activities



June 20
Kuznetsov-class CV "Liaoning" (16)
Renhai-class DDG x 1 (104)
Luyang-III-class DDG x 1 (124)

- : PLAN vessels
- - - - : Activities of "Liaoning" (Previous PRs)