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Event Summary/ Chinese and Russian Military Activities

July 24, 2026

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

- At around 6:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 21, 2026, JMSDF spotted the following four PLAN and RFN vessels sailing northeastward in the waters approximately 170 km southeast of Minami-iwo-to Island.
 - PLAN Renhai-class DDG x 1 (hull number 103)
 - PLAN Luyang-III-class DDG x 1 (hull number 124)
 - PLAN Fuchi-class AOR x 1 (hull number 903)
 - RFN Steregushchiy-class FFG x 1 (hull number 343)
- These vessels continued to sail northward in the waters approximately 220 km east of Iwo-to Island.
- These are the same vessels that sailed southward through the waters between Okinawa Main Island and Miyako-jima Island into the Pacific Ocean on July 16 and sailed northeastward in waters southwest of Okinotori-shima Island on July 19.
- The PLAN Luyang III-class DDG x 1 (hull number 124) is the same vessel that conducted a live-fire exercise in waters approximately 180 km southwest of Okinotori-shima Island.
- JMSDF assets monitored the activities of these vessels.

ABBREVIATIONS

JMSDF: Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force
PLAN: People's Liberation Army Navy (China)
RFN: Russian Federation Navy
DDG: Guided Missile Destroyer
AOR: Replenishment Oiler
FFG: Guided Missile Frigate

Overview of Activities

