



July 29, 2026

Quarterly report on JASDF fighters scramble (The first quarter of FY2026)

1. Overview

- The total number of scrambles conducted by JASDF fighters up to the first quarter of FY2026 is 181.
- The breakdown of scrambles by country/region including estimates was approximately 77% for Chinese aircraft and 23% for Russian aircraft.

2. Trends seen this quarter

- Chinese and Russian aircraft's intensive activities were confirmed as follows:
 - Russian IL-20 intelligence gathering aircraft flew over the Sea of Japan and the Pacific Ocean
 - Chinese Y-9 intelligence gathering aircraft flew over the Sea of Japan
 - Chinese H-6 bombers and Russian Tu-95 bombers conducted a long-distance joint flight

ABBREVIATIONS

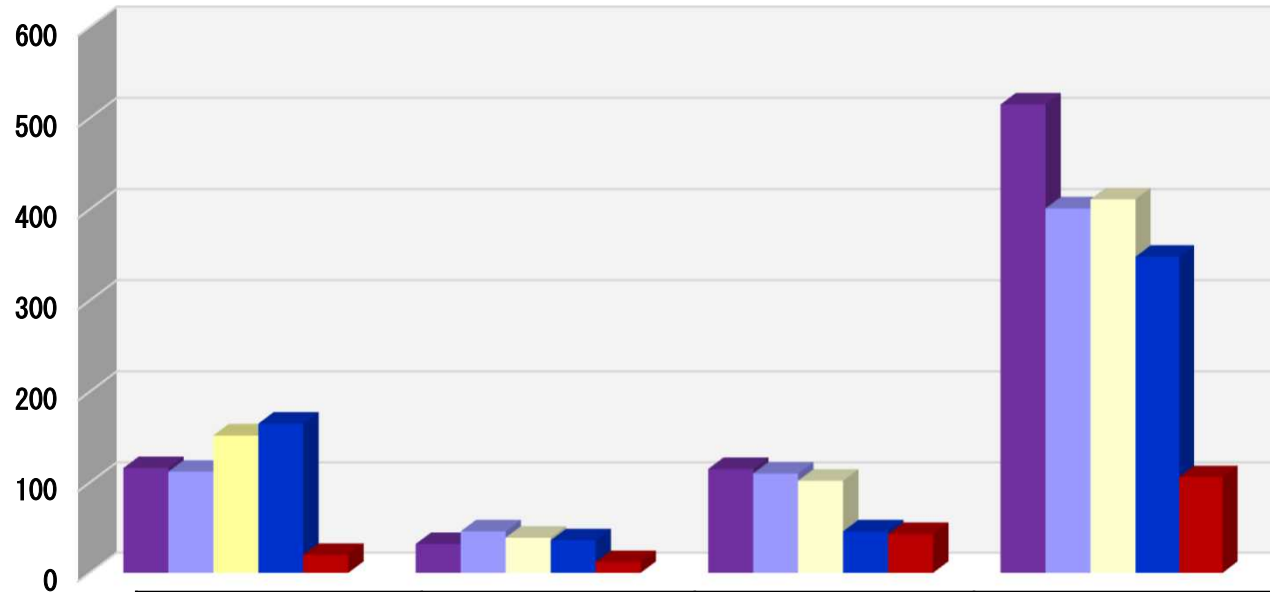
JASDF : Japan Air Self-Defense Force

FY : fiscal year [From Apr.1 to Mar.31]

Details of Scrambles conducted by Air Defense Force

As of June 30, 2026

(Times)



		Northern		Central		Western		Southwestern		TOTAL	
		FY	1st Quarter	FY	1st Quarter	FY	1st Quarter	FY	1st Quarter	FY	1st Quarter
	2022	116	45	32	5	115	33	515	152	778	235
	2023	112	48	46	18	110	26	401	146	669	238
	2024	152	44	39	5	102	28	411	82	704	159
	2025	165	27	36	4	46	8	348	118	595	157
	2026	—	20	—	12	—	43	—	106	—	181

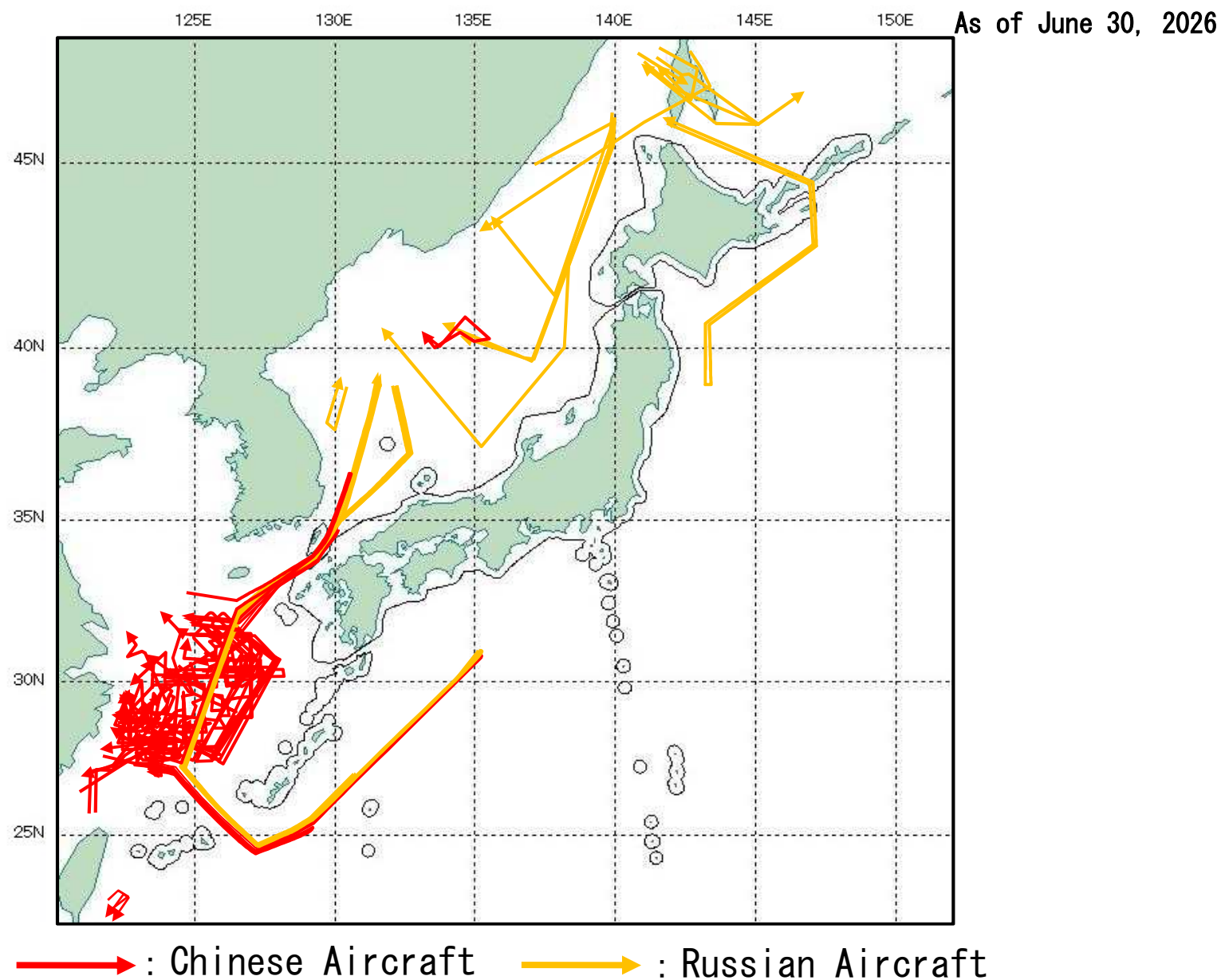
Details of Scrambles (Country and Region)

As of June 30, 2026

Country/ Region FY	Russia		China		North Korea		Others		TOTAL	
	FY	1st Quarter	FY	1st Quarter	FY	1st Quarter	FY	1st Quarter	FY	1st Quarter
2022	150	58	575	171	0	0	53	6	778	235
2023	174	73	479	157	2	0	14	8	669	238
2024	237	52	464	105	0	0	3	2	704	159
2025	214	32	366	122	0	0	15	3	595	157
2026	—	42	—	139	—	0	—	0	—	181

※ The chart includes information about presumed affiliation of spotted aircraft.

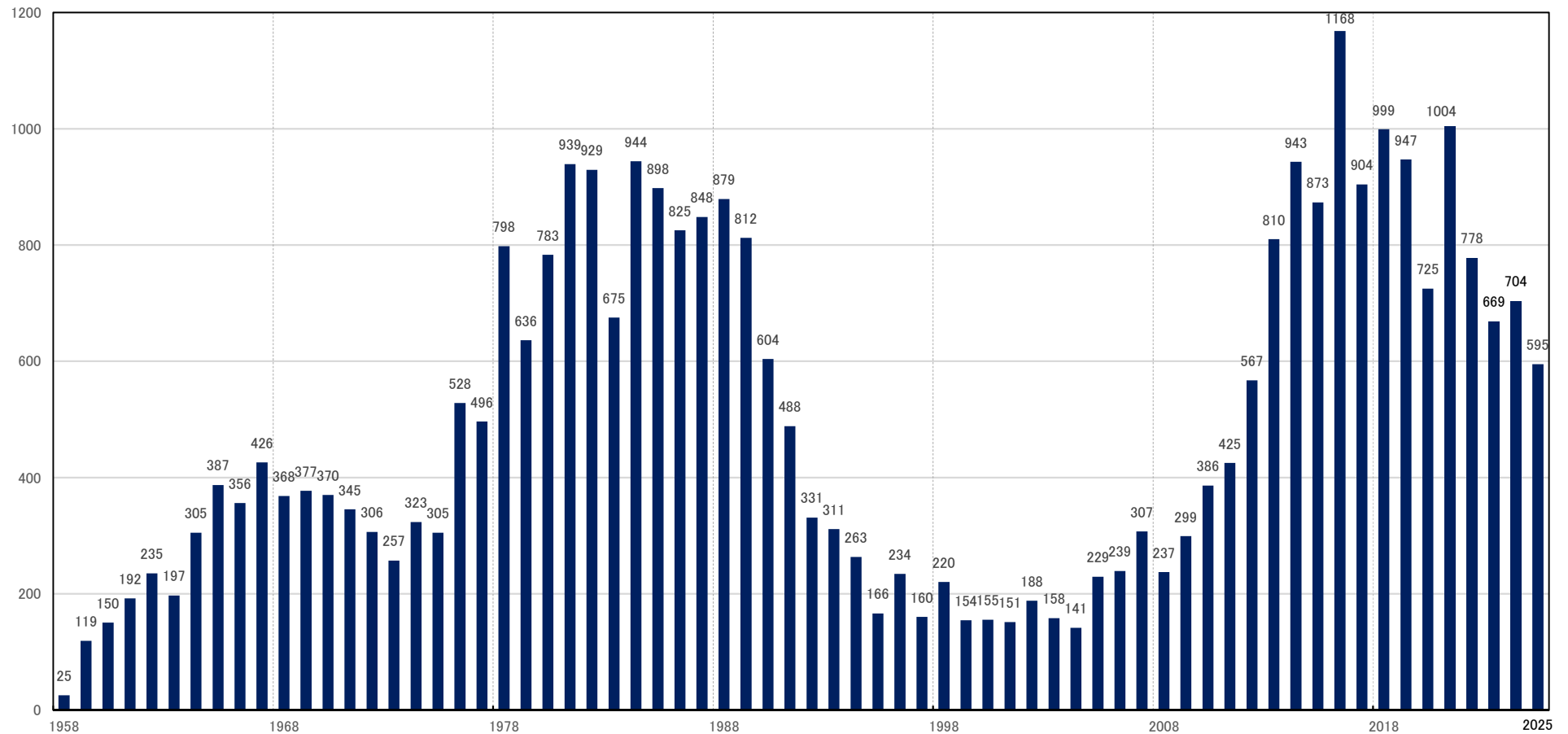
Sample Flight Patterns of Russian Aircraft and Chinese Aircraft (The first quarter of FY2026)



Number of Scrambles

As of March 31, 2026

(Times)



(FY)