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Event Summary/Chinese Military Activities

August 5, 2026

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

- At around 9:00 p.m., Sunday, August 2, 2026, JMSDF spotted the following three PLAN vessels sailing southwestward in the waters approximately 50 km northeast of Tsushima Island.
 - Renhai-class DDG x 1 (hull number 103)
 - Luyang-III-class DDG x 1 (hull number 124)
 - Fuchi-class AOR x 1 (hull number 903)
- These PLAN vessels continued to sail southwestward through Tsushima Strait into the East China Sea from August 2 to 3.
- These are the same vessels that conducted the following activities together with RFN vessels from July 16 to 27, which were reported in the previous PRs:
 - Sailed southward through the waters between Okinawa Main Island and Miyako-jima Island into the Pacific Ocean on July 16.
 - Sailed northeastward in waters southwest of Okinotori-shima Island on July 19.
 - Sailed northeastward in the waters southeast of Minami-iwo-to Island and sailed northward in the waters east of Iwo-to Island on July 21.
 - Sailed northeastward in the waters to the southeast and northeast of Cape Inubosaki on July 23.
 - Sailed northeastward in the waters southeast of Cape Nosappu on July 25.
 - Sailed westward through Soya Strait on July 27.
- 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

Renhai-class DDG (hull number 103)



Luyang-III-class DDG (hull number 124)



Fuchi-class AOR (hull number 903)



Overview of Activities

