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Event Summary/Chinese Military Activities

August 26, 2026

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

- At around 5:00 a.m., Saturday, August 22, 2026, JMSDF spotted PLAN Luyang-III-class DDG x 1 (hull number 159) and Jiangkai-II-class FFG x 1 (hull number 537) sailing southeastward in the waters approximately 90 km southwest of Kume-jima Island.
- These PLAN vessels continued to sail southward through the waters between Okinawa Main Island and Miyako-jima Island into the Pacific Ocean.

- At around 5:00 a.m. on the same day, JMSDF spotted PLAN Luyang-III-class DDG x 1 (hull number 133) and Jiangkai-II-class FFG x 1 (hull number 535) sailing southward in the waters approximately 70 km west of Kume-jima Island.
- These PLAN vessels continued to sail southward through the waters between Okinawa Main Island and Miyako-jima Island into the Pacific Ocean.

- JMSDF assets monitored the activities of these vessels.

ABBREVIATIONS

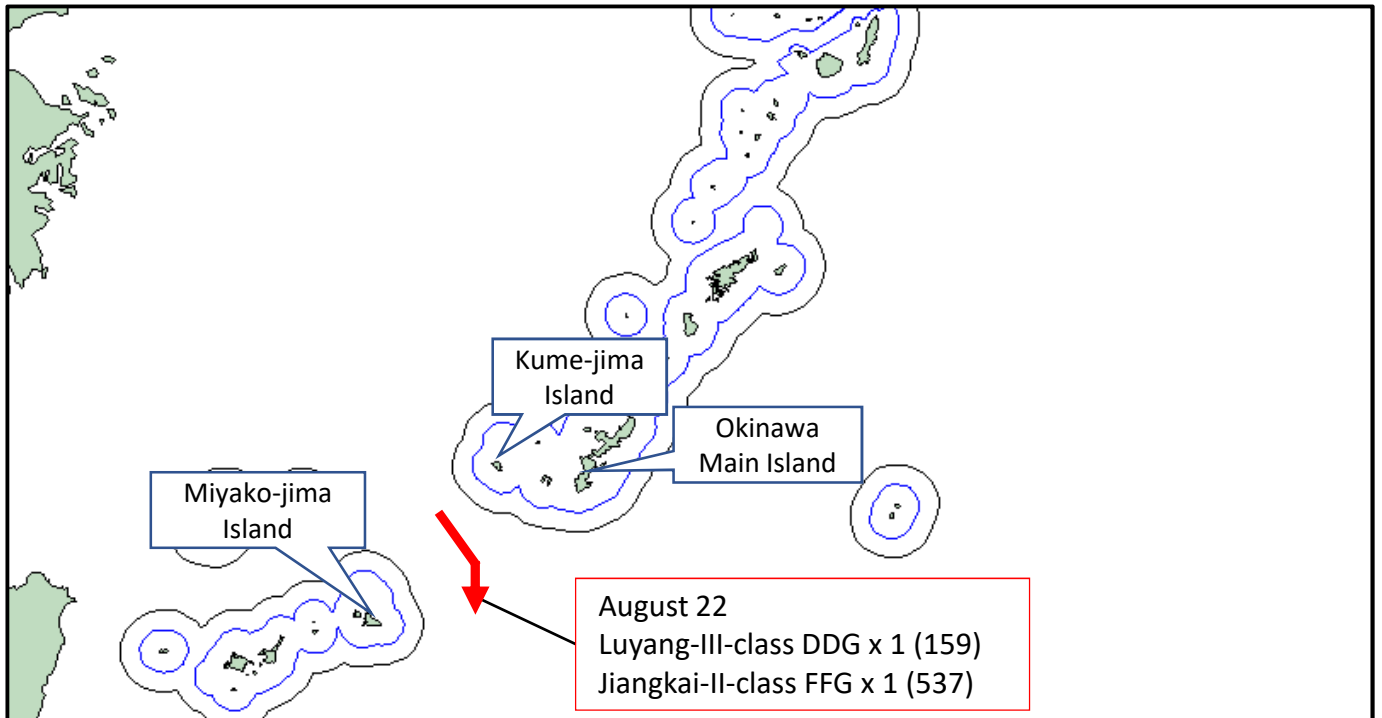
JMSDF: Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

PLAN: People's Liberation Army Navy (China)

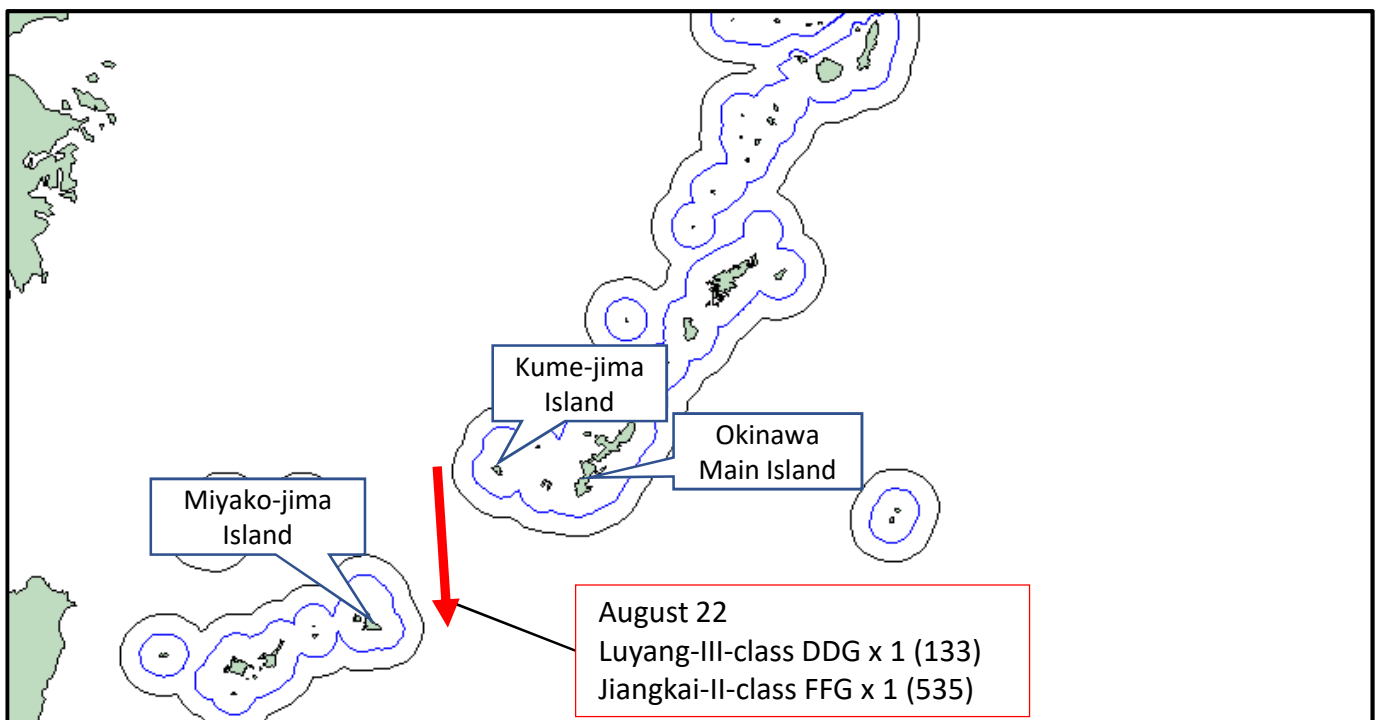
DDG: Guided Missile Destroyer

FFG: Guided Missile Frigate

Overview of Activities



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