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Event Summary/Chinese Military Activities

October 16, 2026

Activities of a Chinese Navy Aircraft Carrier

- At around 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 13, 2026, JMSDF spotted the following four PLAN vessels sailing southward in the waters approximately 390 km southwest of the Danjo Islands.
 - Kuznetsov-class CV "Liaoning" (hull number 16)
 - Renhai-class DDG x 2 (hull number 103 and 104)
 - Luyang-III-class DDG x 1 (hull number 123)
- On October 14, these PLAN vessels continued to sail southeastward through the waters between Okinawa Main Island and Miyako-jima Island into the Pacific Ocean.
- Subsequently, on the same day, JMSDF observed takeoffs and landings of carrier-based fighter aircraft from the "Liaoning" in waters approximately 250 km south of Ishigaki-jima Island.
- JMSDF assets monitored the activities of these vessels.
- JASDF fighter aircraft scrambled in response to the carrier-based aircraft.

ABBREVIATIONS

JMSDF: Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

JASDF: Japan Air Self-Defense Force

PLAN: People's Liberation Army Navy (China)

CV: Aircraft Carrier

DDG: Guided Missile Destroyer

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



Renhai-class DDG (hull number 103)



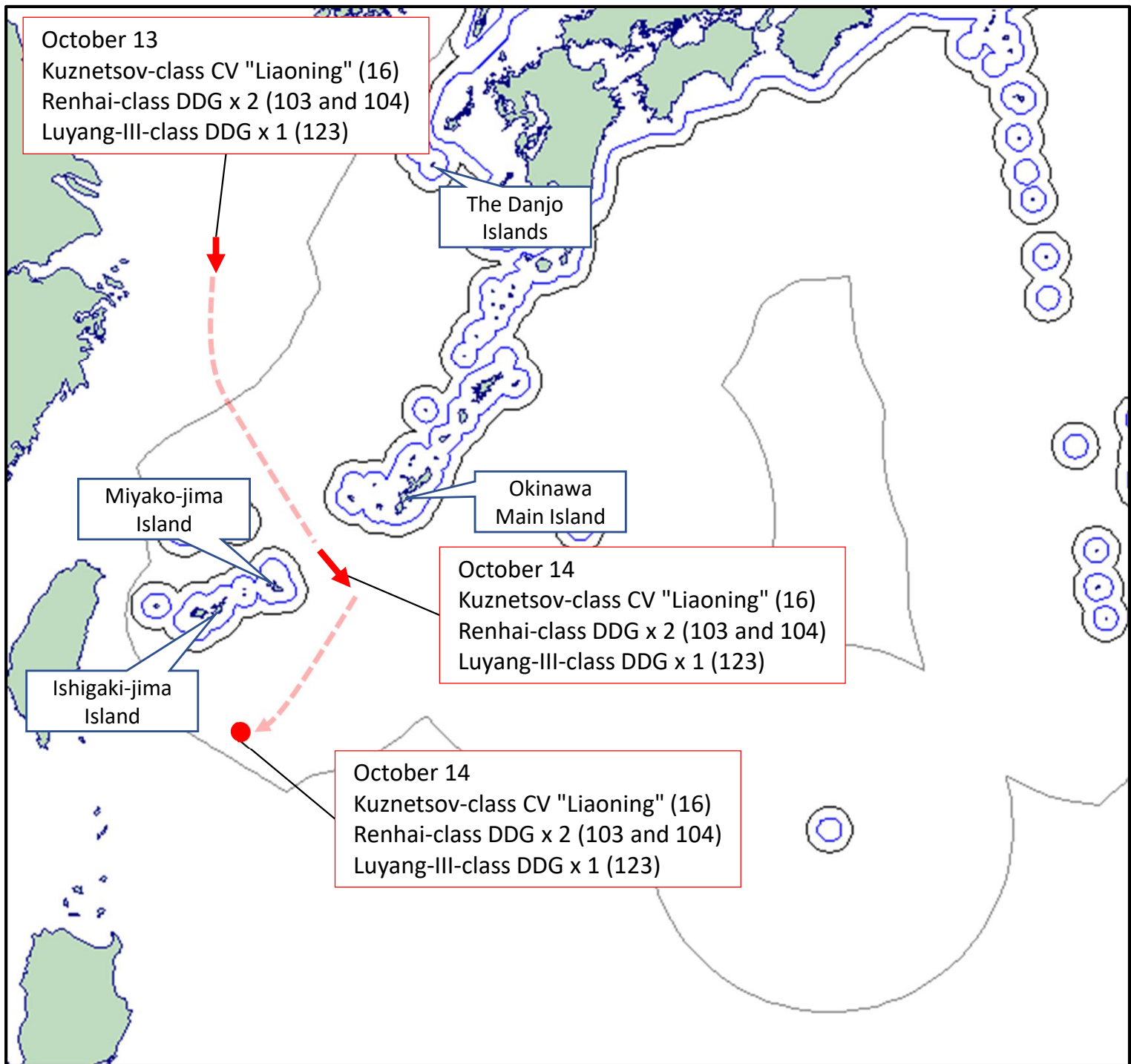
Renhai-class DDG (hull number 104)



Luyang-III-class DDG (hull number 123)



Overview of Activities



→ : PLAN vessels

● → : Activities of "Liaoning"