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Event Summary/Chinese Military Activities

October 19, 2026

Activities of a Chinese Navy Aircraft Carrier

- On Wednesday, October 14, 2026, JMSDF spotted several PLAN vessels, including Kuznetsov-class CV "Liaoning" (hull number 16), sailing in the waters approximately 250 km south of Ishigaki-jima Island.
- In addition, JMSDF observed approximately 10 takeoffs and landings of carrier-based fighters and helicopters from the "Liaoning".
- Subsequently, on October 15, the following four PLAN vessels were confirmed sailing toward the South China Sea.
 - 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)
- JMSDF assets monitored the activities of these vessels.

ABBREVIATIONS

JMSDF: Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

PLAN: People's Liberation Army Navy (China)

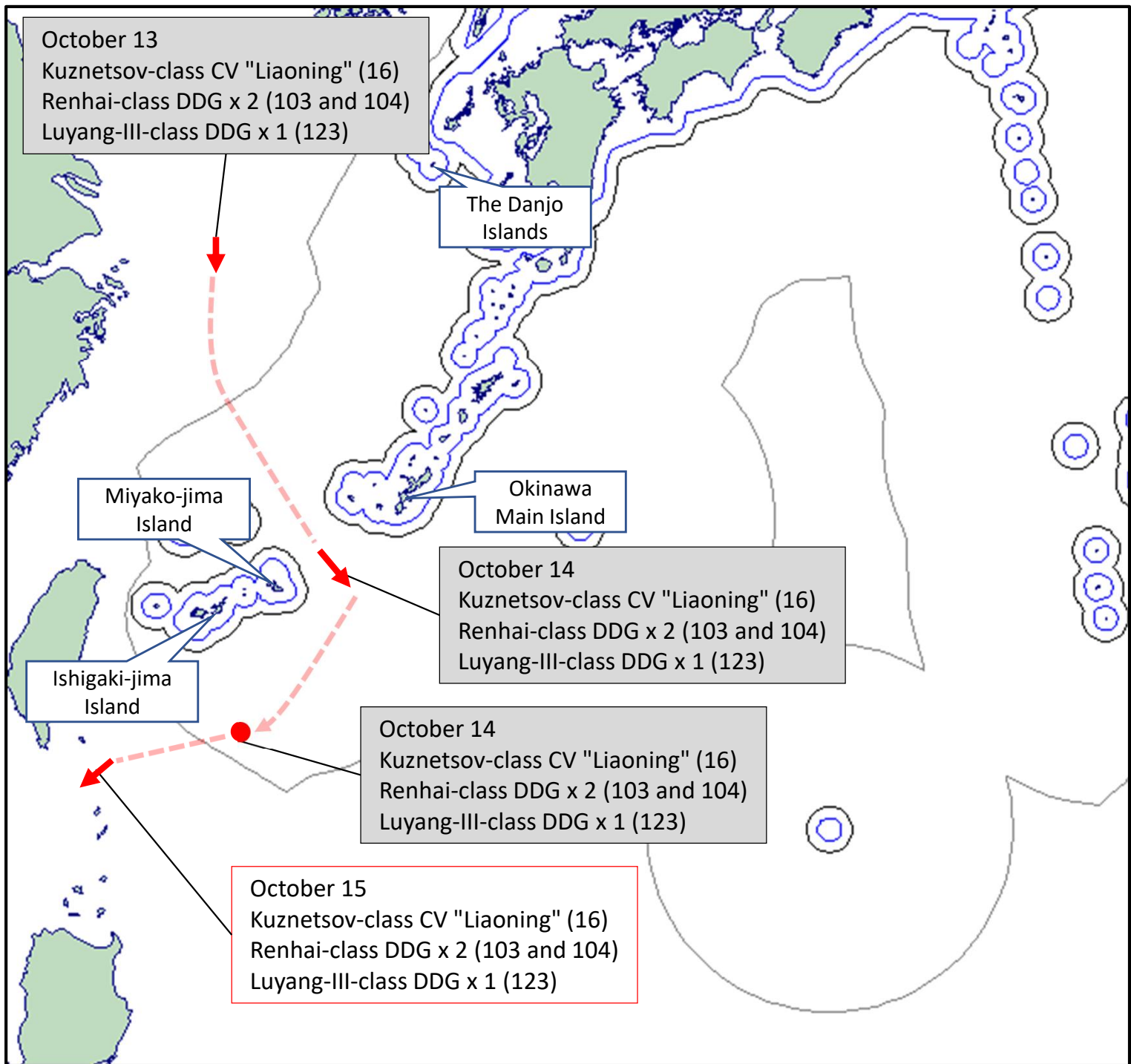
CV: Aircraft Carrier

DDG: Guided Missile Destroyer

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



Overview of Activities



-  : PLAN vessels
-  : Activities of "Liaoning"
-  : This time PR
-  : Previous PRs