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Event Summary/Chinese Military Activities

October 20, 2026

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

- At around 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 16, 2026, JMSDF spotted the following three PLAN vessels sailing northeastward in the waters approximately 220 km south of Miyako-jima Island.
  - Luyang-III-class DDG x 1 (hull number 122)
  - Jiangkai-II-class FFG x 1 (hull number 576)
  - Fuchi-class AOR x 1 (hull number 889)

- These PLAN vessels continued to sail northwestward through the waters between Okinawa Main Island and Miyako-jima Island into the East China Sea on October 17.

- 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
AOR: Replenishment Oiler

Luyang-III-class DDG (hull number 122)



Jiangkai-II-class FFG (hull number 576)



Fuchi-class AOR (hull number 889)



Overview of Activities

