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Event Summary/ Chinese Military Activities

October 21, 2026

Chinese aircraft activity around Japan

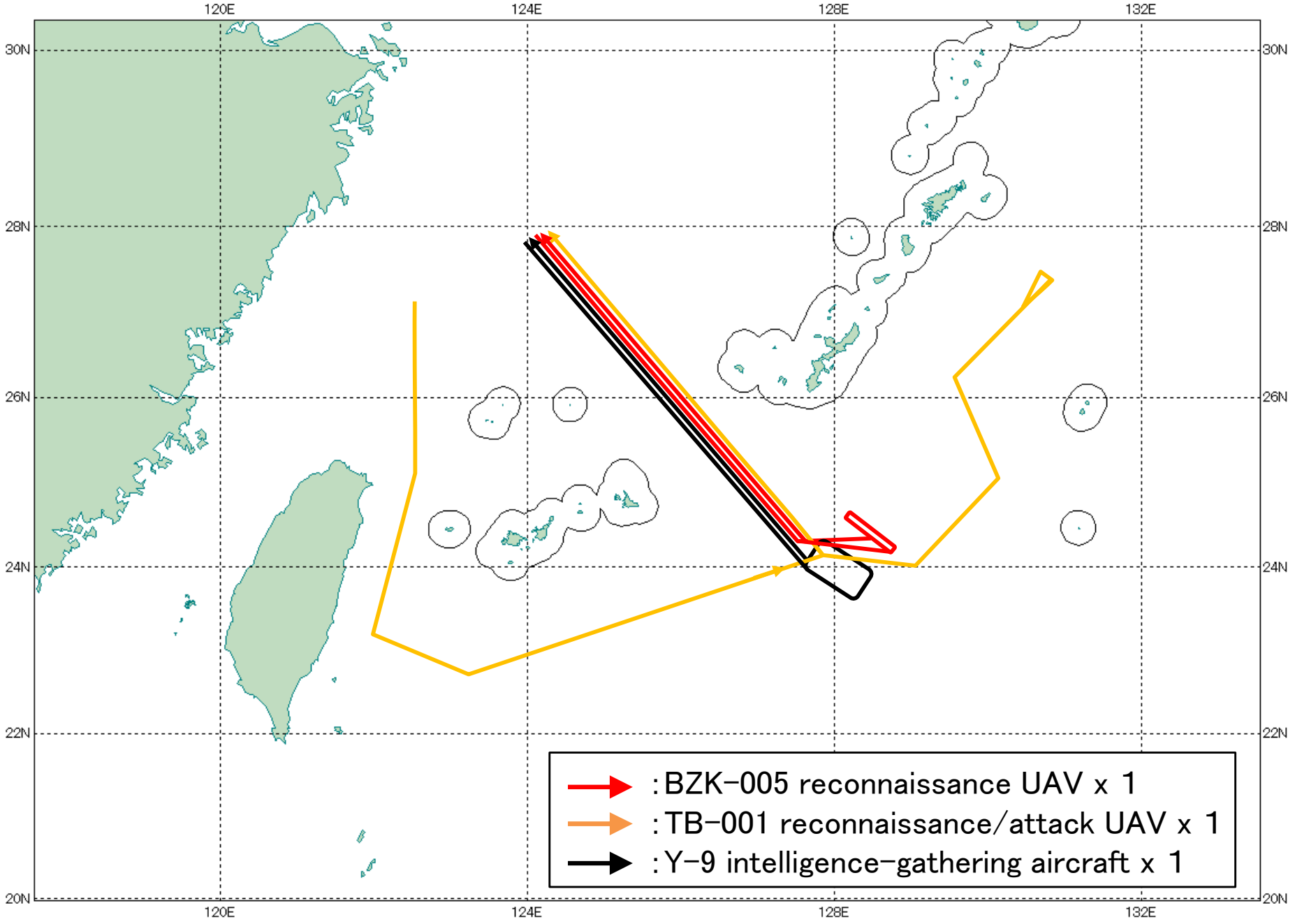
- From the morning through the afternoon of Monday, October 19, 2026, JASDF spotted Chinese aircraft over the East China Sea and the Pacific Ocean.

- JASDF fighters conducted scrambles to monitor the activity of these aircraft.

ATTACHMENT: Overview of Activity

ABBREVIATIONS
JASDF: Japan Air Self-Defense Force

Overview of Activity



TB-001 reconnaissance/attack UAV



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BZK-005 reconnaissance UAV
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Y-9 intelligence-gathering aircraft



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