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Event Summary/ Chinese Military Activities

October 23, 2026

**Chinese aircraft activity around Japan**

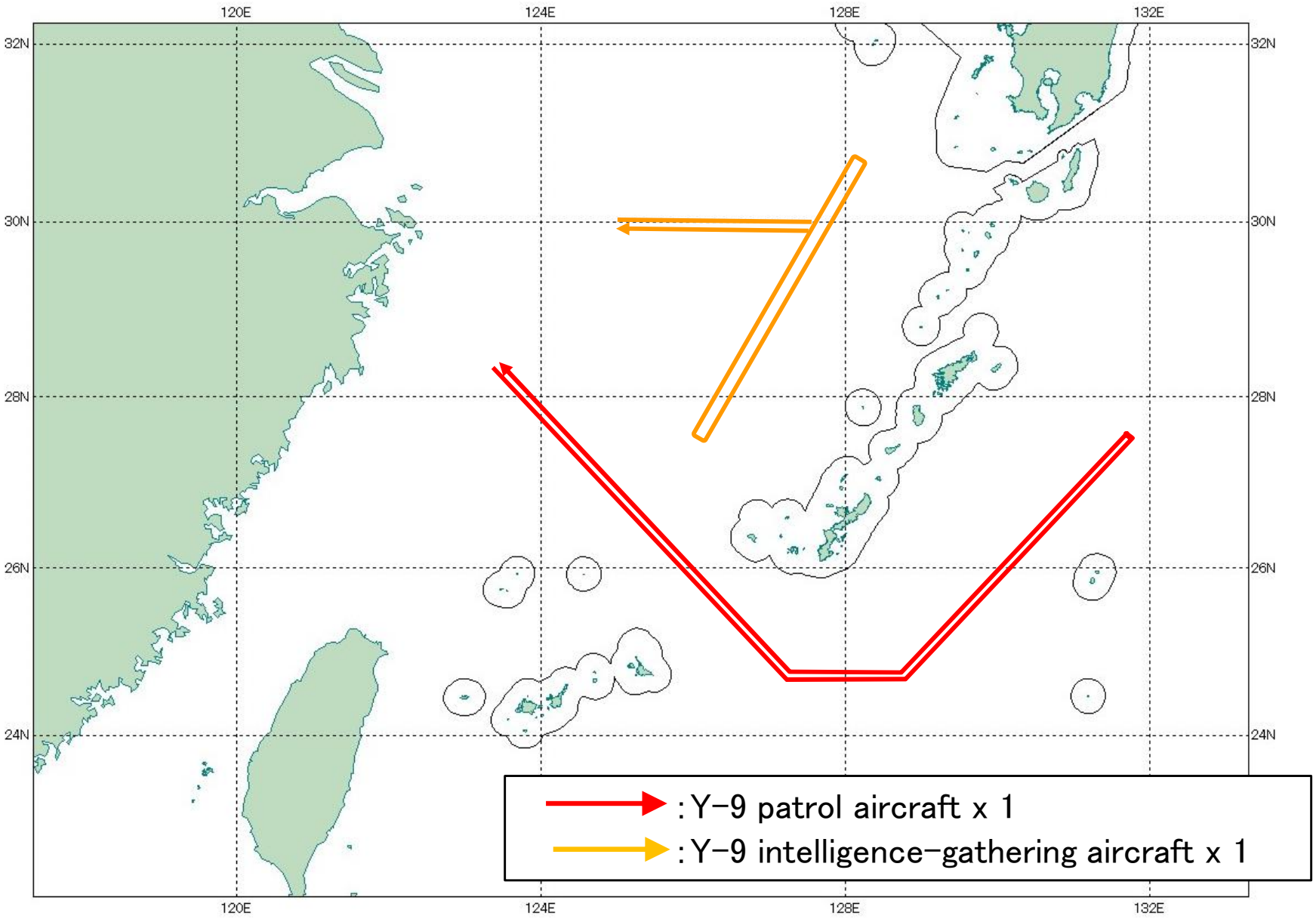
- On Tuesday, October 20, 2026, JASDF spotted Chinese aircraft over the East China Sea and the Pacific Ocean.

- 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




Y-9 patrol aircraft
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Y-9 intelligence-gathering aircraft
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