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Event Summary/ Chinese Military Activities

November 17, 2026

Presumed Chinese aircraft activity around Japan

- On Thursday, November 12, 2026, JASDF spotted aircraft over the East China Sea and the Pacific Ocean.
  - ➢ The aircraft were:
    - Chinese UAV x 1（presumed affiliation, type and number）in the AM
    - Chinese UAV x 1（presumed affiliation, type and number）in the PM

- 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

