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Event Summary/Chinese Military Activities

November 17, 2026

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

- At around 4:00 p.m., Thursday, November 12, 2026, JMSDF spotted PLAN Luyang-III-class DDG x 1 (hull number 121) and Fuyu-class AOE x 1 (hull number 901) sailing southward in the waters approximately 60 km west of Kume-jima Island.

- These PLAN vessels continued to sail southeastward through the waters between Okinawa Main Island and Miyako-jima Island into the Pacific Ocean.

- 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
AOE: Fast Combat Support Vessel

Luyang-III-class DDG (hull number 121)



Fuyu-class AOE (hull number 901)



Overview of Activities

