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Okinotori Island Latest News

A Chinese navy destroyer, alongside Russian vessels, recently conducted live-fire drills near Japan's Okinotori Island, marking the first such disclosure by Japan.

About Okinotori Island

- Okinotori, also known as **Parece Vela**, is a **tiny, uninhabited island** that belongs to **Japan**.
- It's located far out in the **Philippine Sea**, which is **part of the big Pacific Ocean**.
- It's actually an **atoll**, which is a ring-shaped coral reef with a lagoon in the middle.
- **At high tide, only two tiny rocky outcrops remain above sea level.**
- This atoll is **part of a long underwater mountain range** called the **Palau-Kyushu Ridge**.
- Okinotori is **part of a group called the Ogasawara Islands governed by Japan**.
- It is **Japan's southernmost island** located about 1,700 kilometers south of Tokyo.
- It is the **only Japanese territory south of the Tropic of Cancer** and lies to the south of Hong Kong and Taiwan.

- **Japan** says that the waters around Okinotori are its **Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)**.
- However, some other **countries, like China, do not agree with Japan's claim** over this specific EEZ.
- It is in a very important spot for **military and shipping routes**.
 - It sits about **halfway between Taiwan and Guam** (island **territory of the United States**).
 - This makes its location strategic in the Pacific Ocean.

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