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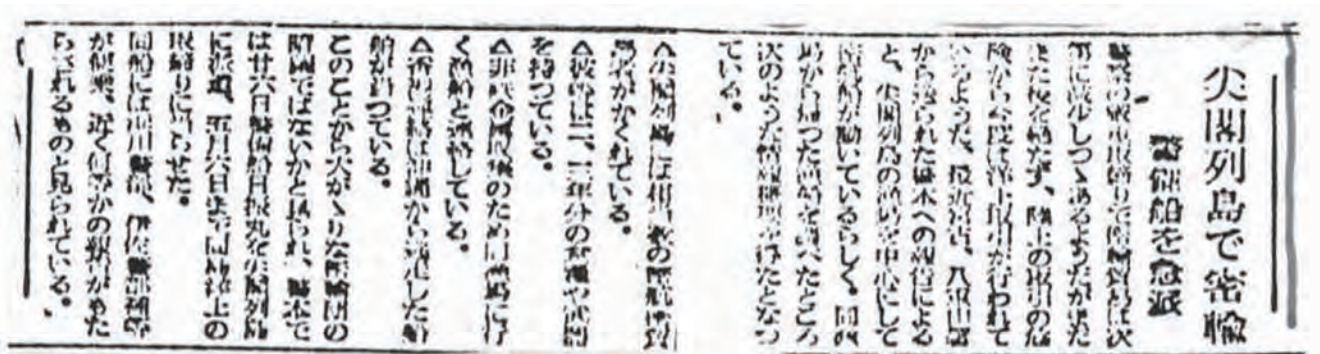
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Overview

This article from the Okinawa Times (dated April 30, 1953) reports on the dispatch of a patrol vessel from Okinawa Main Island in order to take law enforcement measures against smuggling boats around the Senkaku Islands. Information had been received that smuggling boats were in operation around the fishing grounds of the Senkaku Islands. In view of that, the newspaper articles says the measures would be carried out from April 26 to May 6.

Excerpt [English translation]

Patrol vessel urgently dispatched against smuggling around the Senkaku Islands

Although the smuggling trade seems to be gradually decreasing thanks to rigorous law enforcement measures by the police, it has not been completely eradicated, and considering the risks of operating on land, smugglers now appear to be operating at sea. According to reports recently sent to police headquarters from Miyako and Yaeyama Police Stations, smuggling boats appear to be operating around the fishing grounds of the Senkaku Islands. (text omitted)

On the 26th, police headquarters dispatched the patrol vessel Hiburi Maru to the Senkaku Islands, where it planned to police the seas around the islands until May 6th.

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