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POSSIBLE NEW WEAPON SYSTEM ON LUDA DD UNIT 14
LUDA SHIPYARD DAIREN, CHINA

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: OPENINGS IN A NEW DECKHOUSE FOR A POSSIBLE SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE (SAM) SYSTEM ON LUDA DESTROYER (DD) UNIT 14 HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED. (SWN)

2. REMARKS: OPENINGS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A POSSIBLE SAM SYSTEM ARE ON THE FORWARD PORTION OF THE DECKHOUSE WHICH WAS BUILT OVER THE POSITION WHERE THE FORWARD 130MM GUN MOUNT IS LOCATED ON PREVIOUS UNITS. THE ALIGNMENT OF THE OPENINGS SUGGESTS THAT THEY ARE FOR A SAM SYSTEM WHICH WOULD EMPLOY A TWIN-ARM LAUNCHER, A TRANSFER PORT FOR EACH LAUNCHER ARM, AND A STRIKE-BELOW PORT BETWEEN THE TWO TRANSFER PORTS. CONSTRUCTION ON THE DECKHOUSE WAS STARTED [REDACTED], AND OPENINGS IN THE STRUCTURE WERE VISIBLE BY LATE JUNE. THE POSITIONING OF THE TRANSFER PORTS BEHIND THE LAUNCHER OPENING WOULD DICTATE THAT A MISSILE FOR THIS SAM SYSTEM WOULD PROBABLY BE LOADED ON TOP OF THE LAUNCH RAILS INSTEAD OF ON THE BOTTOM. (SWN)

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THE ONLY COMBATANT IN THE CHINESE NAVY EQUIPPED WITH A SAM SYSTEM IS THE FIRST UNIT JIANGDONG GUIDED MISSILE FRIGATE (FFG). THE JIANGDONG FFG HAS TWO TWIN-ARM LAUNCHERS FOR THE CSA-NX-1 SAM SYSTEM. THIS SYSTEM HAS BEEN UNDER DEVELOPMENT SINCE THE MID-1970'S AND HAS NOT REACHED OPERATIONAL STATUS. (SWN)

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 41-29-08N 126-08-09E

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