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HEADLINES

Noon news

All broadcasters gave top play to reports that North Korea fired multiple surface-to-air missiles toward the Sea of Japan at about 6:18 a.m. today. NHK said the missiles flew 200 km before landing in the Sea of Japan. Chief Cabinet Secretary Suga told reporters this morning: "We have no indication that any missile fell within Japan's territorial waters or EEZ. Our national security was not affected." The networks said that according to the South Korean military's analysis, North Korea is trying to demonstrate its technological capabilities to the world by launching various types of missiles.

INTERNATIONAL

Missile Defense Agency director expresses grave concern over North Korea

TBS reported at noon that Vice Admiral Syring, the director of the U.S.'s Missile Defense Agency, expressed grave concern over North Korea's technological advancement over the last six months. He was quoted as saying: "It is incumbent upon us to assume that North Korea today can range the United States with an ICBM carrying a nuclear warhead." He also reportedly stressed the need to strengthen the missile defense system looking 10 to 15 years ahead.

- [No immediate impact on Japan security from N. Korea missiles: gov't](#) (Kyodo News)
- [S. Korea foreign minister-nominee to seek Japan talks on comfort women](#) (Kyodo News)

- [Japan and China battling over stakes in Asian ports](#) (Nikkei)
- [Nations join global deal to fight tax evasion](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [Opinion: G7 cooperation in crisis](#) (Mainichi)
- [Japan to step up support for Thailand's Eastern Economic Corridor](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Japan, Laos PMs affirm specific steps in joint development plan](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Hikabusha group adopts resolution urging Japan to join nuclear weapons ban treaty talks](#) (Asahi)

SECURITY

[Osprey makes emergency landing in Okinawa](#)

Ryukyu Shimpo front-paged a report saying that an MV-22 Osprey belonging to MCAS Futenma made an emergency landing on Tuesday evening at the Ie Jima Auxiliary Airfield, Okinawa. According to the Marines, the aircraft made the landing after a cockpit warning light came on. No injuries or property damage was reported, and the aircraft left the airfield for Futenma at around 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Noting that an AH-1Z attack helicopter and a CH-53 transport helicopter belonging to MCAS Futenma recently made emergency landings, the paper wrote that municipalities hosting U.S. bases have expressed concern. Okinawa Times ran a similar report on page 27.

[U.S. claims use of Kadena ramp agreed on at Joint Committee in 2009](#)

Okinawa Times front-paged a report saying that concerning the continued use of the Navy ramp at Kadena AB by U-2 reconnaissance aircraft belonging to Osan AB in South Korea, the U.S. Air Force in Japan told the paper on Wednesday that it was agreed at the U.S.-Japan Joint Committee in 2009 that the ramp would be used for necessary operations. The U.S. military added that the agreement is in line with the noise reduction initiatives agreed upon in the 1996 SACO Final Report. However, the paper wrote that the Defense Ministry's Okinawa bureau told the paper that there was no such agreement, quoting a source connected to the ministry as expressing displeasure by saying that it was a unilateral statement by the U.S. The paper wrote that it cannot confirm whether the agreement exists because the committee in principle does not publicize its discussions. The paper added that local residents are strongly opposed to the continued use of the ramp, but the U.S. military will likely continue using the facility based on its purported agreement with the GOJ.

- [LDP gives gov't plan to protect public from N. Korea missiles](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Editorial: Boost SDF emergency capability by using new Ground Central Command](#) (The Japan News)

- [Recent cyberattack exploits outdated operating systems](#) (Nikkei)
- [GSDF's presence triggers shift in consciousness of Yonaguni residents](#) (EI Neos)
- [NPA commissioner-general direct to crack down on North Korean agents in Japan](#) (THEMIS)

POLITICS

- [Prime minister's schedule on June 7](#) (Nikkei)
- [Opposition weigh no-confidence vote to impede "conspiracy bill"](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Editorial: Gov't's claim that "anti-conspiracy law" necessary for UNTOC accession invalid](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)
- [Japan aims to launch self-piloting ships by 2025](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)

ECONOMY

Animation industry now a "sweatshop" for young workers

NHK's "Close-up Gendai +" reported that despite the popularity of Japanese animation around the world, the industry has become a "sweatshop" for animators and production staff because they are underpaid. The program said that although for many young Japanese animator is their "dream job," they end up quitting the industry due to low wages and long working hours. There is concern that Japanese animation will have a bleak future if nothing is done to improve the situation. The program introduced an animation production company that began utilizing state-of-the-art technology and tools instead of relying on drawing by hand in order to save time and improve its workers' quality of life.

- [U.S. Energy Secretary: "U.S. will lead" in addressing global climate issues](#) (Yomiuri)
- [U.S. Energy Sec. Perry says "U.S. will continue to lead climate efforts," challenges China to become a climate leader](#) (Asahi)
- ["U.S. will continue to lead global warming efforts," U.S. Energy Secretary Perry](#) (Nikkei)
- [TPP 11 mulls review of agreed-upon items included at U.S. insistence](#) (Sankei)

- [Editorial: Depending on GDP growth to restore Japan's finances a dangerous illusion](#) (The Mainichi)
- [Next BOJ chief must be primed for deflation fight: cabinet secretary](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [Japan's April composite economic index at highest level in over 9 yrs](#) (Kyodo News)

SCIENCE

- [Omron to set up AI-focused research centers in Japan, U.S.](#) (Nikkei)
- [Japan's deep-sea trash 'exhibition' is not a pretty sight](#) (The Asahi Shimbun)

SOCIETY

- [Overhaul of sex crime laws receives broad support](#) (The Japan Times)
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