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## HEADLINES

### Noon news

Most networks led with reports that two people were found in a state of cardiac arrest in Yakushima, Kagoshima, today, saying that they are believed to be two hikers who went missing on Sunday. TBS gave top play to a report that the head of Kake Educational Institution met with Education Minister Matsuno over the plan to create a new veterinary medicine department last September.

## SECURITY

### Okinawa expresses distrust of U.S. military's aircraft safety measures

Okinawa Times wrote that in response to a Futenma-based MV-22 Osprey's emergency landing at Amami Airport in Kagoshima on Saturday and other recent emergency landings in Okinawa, the Okinawa Prefectural Government made a request at the Defense Ministry's Okinawa bureau on Sunday for the central government to call on the U.S. military to inform the people of Okinawa about the measures it is taking to prevent such incidents. The paper quoted a prefectural government official as saying that it is very regrettable that there have been incidents involving Ospreys recently, including a crash off Nago in December last year and an emergency landing on Ie Jima Island on June 6. He added that these incidents have caused the prefecture and its people to harbor doubts about the effectiveness of the U.S. military's aircraft maintenance and safety measures.

### Inada denies existence of 2009 agreement on use of Kadena ramp

Okinawa Times and Ryukyu Shimpo reported on remarks made to the press on Friday by Defense Minister Inada, during which she commented on the U.S. military's explanation that the U.S. and Japan agreed at a Joint Committee meeting in 2009 to the continued use of the Navy ramp at

Kadena AB. The papers quoted Inada as saying: "Our understanding is different from that of the U.S. military. It is not true that there is an agreement between the U.S. and Japan." Ryukyu Shimpo wrote in an editorial that the GOJ should publicize the minutes of the Joint Committee meeting to clarify whether such an agreement exists.

### **Kadena airman arrested for DUI**

Okinawa Times and Ryukyu Shimpo wrote that the Ginowan Police Station in Okinawa arrested a corporal belonging to Kadena AB on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol around 5:10 a.m. on Sunday in Ginowan. The alcohol level detected on his breath was about five times the permissible level. The suspect reportedly told the police that he had drunk three or four mugs of beer before driving.

- [\*\*Commentary: New GSDF unit may deviate from exclusive defense policy\*\*](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)
- [\*\*Seventh Fleet commander on cooperation with SDF, U.S. security policy, more\*\*](#) (Voice)

## **INTERNATIONAL**

- [\*\*Gov't eyes seeking Xi visit to Japan as state guest next year\*\*](#) (Kyodo News)
- [\*\*LDP task force on Japan-EU EPA holds first meeting\*\*](#) (Mainichi)
- [\*\*Japan, EU make final push for trade pact\*\*](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [\*\*Nikai makes gaffe while meeting with South Korean lawmakers\*\*](#) (Asahi)
- [\*\*Envoy to Vatican City working for pope's visit to Japan\*\*](#) (Chuokoron)

## **ECONOMY**

- [\*\*Hurdles to establishing integrated casino resorts in Japan \(Part 3\)\*\*](#) (Nikkei)
- [\*\*Gist of economic policy blueprint, growth strategy, and regulatory reform action plan\*\*](#) (Sankei)
- [\*\*Abenomics enters fifth year without clear results\*\*](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [\*\*Abe's new policy puts economic growth over fiscal restraint\*\*](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [\*\*Western Digital may raise bid for Toshiba unit to over 2 tril. yen\*\*](#) (Kyodo News)

- [Toshiba to pay \\$3.7 bil. in guarantees to U.S. utility firm](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Japan to export pharmaceutical expertise](#) (The Japan News)
- [Japan's tax revenue headed for first fall in seven years](#) (The Japan Times)
- [Japan seeks to introduce "regulatory sandbox" system to nurture industries](#) (Yomiuri)
- [MLIT to use AI to enhance port operations](#) (Nikkei)
- [Ruling parties to submit bill on addiction countermeasures to Diet](#) (Yomiuri)
- [Companies eye spread of minpaku services](#) (Yomiuri)
- [Gov't enacts bill to fully allow 'minpaku' lodging](#) (The Japan News)
- ["Minpaku" private lodging biz drawing many complaints in Osaka](#) (Jiji Press)
- [SoftBank buys 2 robotics ventures from Alphabet](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [Interview: Japan Post to tame lust for acquisitions after paying dearly for Toll](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [Editorial: Radiation exposure accident a result of JAEA's sloppy safety management](#) (The Mainichi)

## POLITICS

### [Ruling, opposition lawmakers discuss Kake Educational Institution scandal](#)

NHK's "Nichiyo Toron" Sunday debate show aired a discussion by senior ruling and opposition lawmakers on the scandal involving Kake Educational Institution, which is run by a close friend of Prime Minister Abe. Former Vice Education Minister Maekawa told the media that the process of approving the institution's request for permission to establish a veterinary school in a national strategic zone in Ehime Prefecture was unfair because pressure was applied by the Kantei. Maekawa told the media that he has copies of internal documents indicating the pressure. Despite its previous refusal to investigate whether such documents exist, the ministry decided on Friday to re-investigate the matter in response to apparent public dissatisfaction with the GOJ's handling of the issue.

LDP Deputy Secretary General Shimomura stated during the discussion that it is necessary for the ministry to explain its position on the GOJ's policy of promoting the use of special strategic zones for regulatory reform. Shimomura insisted that it is wrong to argue that the school operator obtained

permission because of its close relationship with Prime Minister Abe. Democratic Party (DP) Deputy Secretary General Tamaki argued that the documents indicating pressure from the Kantei should be submitted on Monday and that the ruling coalition should accept the opposition bloc's request to summon Maekawa to the Diet hearings to give sworn testimony. The panelists from the Japanese Communist Party, the Social Democratic Party, and the Liberal Party echoed the DP's call.

- [Prime minister's schedule on June 10](#) (Nikkei)
- [Prime minister's schedule on June 9](#) (Nikkei)
- [Ruling bloc decides to extend Diet session to pass "conspiracy bill"](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Ruling bloc wants results of "favoritism" scandal probe this week](#) (Kyodo News)
- [New Lower House rezoning to affect Abe's strategy for Diet dissolution](#) (Yomiuri)
- [Cabinet Office will not reopen investigation into existence of Kake document](#) (Mainichi)
- [Kantei miscalculated on Kake school scandal](#) (Nikkei)
- [Editorial: Fresh Kake probe a test of willingness to get to the truth](#) (The Asahi Shimbun)
- [Komeito to begin debate over Article 9 revision in July](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Cartoon: PM May gives PM Abe advice](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)
- [Kasumigaseki bureaucrats unhappy with personnel distribution, survey](#) (Yomiuri)
- ["PM Abe is 'the Emperor with no clothes,'" former PM Kan](#) (Sankei)

## EDUCATION

- [Japanese and U.S. university students debate gender gap](#) (Asahi)

## SOCIETY

[Why women are annoyed with their husbands](#)

Sunday's "NHK Special" reported on a social crisis in which one couple gets divorced every two minutes in Japan. The program said many divorces are due to wives' frustration with their husbands, mainly because "husbands don't understand their wives' feelings." The program said while wives feel annoyed with their husbands on a daily basis, the husbands are completely unaware of this situation. The problem reportedly stems from differences in the brain structures of men and women, saying that men's brains make it difficult for them to "sympathize." The increase in the number of women who work outside the home is another reason why wives tend to snap at their husbands as they have higher levels of stress than before. The program also said women tend to retain more negative memories than men. The program reported that couples can become affectionate toward each other again by looking into each other's eyes and holding hands when they talk.

### **A look into the minds of teens**

Saturday's "NHK Special" looked into the minds of teenagers, saying that many children suddenly become rebellious, emotional, and even violent when they reach their teenage years. The program said the latest study found that the hormones released during puberty affect the brain by making it extremely sensitive to the emotions of other people. The program also reported on problems associated with smartphones, saying that online communications lead to trouble because the part of the brain that controls the suppression function is underdeveloped in teenagers. The program stressed the importance of communicating with teenagers face-to-face, and also reported that puberty is an important phase for human beings because it allows them to take risks, learn, and try new things.

- [40% of refugee applicants deemed “appropriate” for refugee status by councillors denied status by justice minister](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)
- [Editorial: Further steps needed from all sides to prevent hate speech](#) (The Asahi Shimbun)
- [Make hate speech law stronger](#) (The Japan Times)