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HEADLINES

Noon news

NHK led with a report that Japan's GDP grew at an annualized real rate of 4.0% in the April-June period, marking its sixth straight quarterly expansion. NTV gave top play to a report that the "U-turn" rush of people returning home after the Obon holidays is expected to peak this afternoon. TV Asahi led with a report on a surge in demonstrations against white supremacists in the U.S. TBS gave top play to a report that Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Dunford will visit South Korea and hold talks with President Moon today, adding that he will also visit China and Japan amid rising tension over North Korea.

INTERNATIONAL

Guam Governor to make all-out effort to ensure safety

NHK reported this afternoon that Guam Governor Calvo told the network today that in response to North Korea's claim that it is mulling a plan to launch mid-range ballistic missiles toward Guam, he will make an all-out effort to ensure safety in the event of a contingency. The governor also reportedly said: "Our homeland security agency has been working in collaboration with not only American military forces but also our friends and allies such as Japan and South Korea." The governor reportedly said he talked to President Trump over the phone last week and was told that "everything is under control" and that "Guam is safe -- not 100%, but 1,000% safe." Meanwhile, the network said Governor Calvo expressed concern about the possibility of the situation having a serious impact on Guam's tourism industry by saying: "If North Korea continues to make a fuss about waging a war, no one will spend their vacation here." He also reportedly stressed that the leaders of all nations must work together to persuade North Korea to give up plans for a missile

launch.

- [Abe confirms close cooperation with UN on nuclear non-proliferation](#) (Mainichi)
- [Former residents to travel to Northern Territories by air on Sept. 20 or later](#) (Mainichi)
- [Abe expresses willingness to support African development](#) (Mainichi)
- [Editorial: U.S. must respond with cool heads to N. Korea's reckless provocations](#) (The Japan News)
- [Cartoon: War of rhetoric](#) (Asahi)
- [Former Ambassador Kennedy elected to Boeing board of directors](#) (Sankei)
- [China air force chief rips defense white paper, says 'Sea of Japan is not Japan's'](#) (The Japan Times)
- [Record 4,004 firms with trainees from abroad found to have violated labor laws in 2016](#) (The Japan Times)
- [Editorial: Use momentum to rebuild ties with China](#) (The Mainichi)

POLITICS

- [Main points of interpellations at out-of-session deliberations in both houses of Diet](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)
- [CCS Suga approves of U.S. Marine Corps' statement on Osprey](#) (Sankei)
- [Wakasa says chance of setting up new party with Hosono is "currently 50%"](#) (Yomiuri)
- [New party strengths in Lower House after departure of Toyota, Hosoda](#) (Nikkei)
- [Opposition camp fears Abe may call snap election in October](#) (The Japan Times)
- [Cartoon: Inada](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)
- [Prime minister's schedule on Aug. 13](#) (Nikkei)
- [Prime minister's schedule on Aug. 12](#) (Nikkei)
- [Prime minister's schedule on Aug. 11](#) (Nikkei)

- [Prime minister's schedule on Aug. 10](#) (Nikkei)

OPINION POLLS

- [Abe cabinet support rate rises to 36%, nonsupport declines to 44%, Jiji Press poll](#) (Jiji)
- [Ishiba top pick for next prime minister, Jiji Press poll](#) (The Japan Times)
- [Over 60% opposed to '3rd term' for Abe, Yomiuri-Waseda Univ. poll](#) (The Japan News)
- [56% say they obtain their political information on Internet, Yomiuri-Waseda Univ. poll](#) (Yomiuri)

ECONOMY

- [Japan lags behind on free trade, despite EU partnership](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [Corporate Japan now sees net profit surging 13% this fiscal year](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [New power providers carve role in Japan's liberated market](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [Editorial: Phasing out nuclear power a must for Japan's new energy plan](#) (The Asahi Shimbun)
- [Itochu, Kansai Electric to build U.S. power plant](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [Japan agency, 3 Chinese municipalities sign economic pacts](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [Choosy Asians lift Japan's rice exports to record high](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [What went on behind the scenes of the Japan-EU EPA](#) (Sentaku)

SCIENCE

- [Japan eyes new launchpad to spur growth of rocket industry](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)

SOCIETY

Video shows U.S. air raids on Japanese mainland

Saturday's "NHK Special" reported on the U.S. air raids on mainland Japan during the Pacific War, saying that gun camera video footage of the air raids were found at the U.S. National Archives. The

program said at least 459,564 people were killed in the air raids, in which a total of 20.4 million incendiary bombs and 8.5 million bullets were used. The program said all Japanese citizens, including children, were targeted in the attacks.

Audio recordings reveal truth about Imperial Army's Unit 731

Sunday's "NHK Special" reported on Unit 731, which was a covert biological and chemical warfare research and development unit of the Imperial Japanese Army that undertook lethal human experimentation during the WWII. Unit 731 was based in Harbin, the largest city in Manchuria. NHK obtained audio recordings of the Khabarovsk War Crime Trials in 1949, in which members of the unit gave detailed accounts of how they conducted experiments on people mainly from China and the former Soviet Union. The program also said it found documents showing that not only military personnel but also many elite medical scientists and researchers were members of the unit, adding that it was believed at the time that even medical scientists needed to "work for the country."

- [No working moms portrayed in Japanese children's books?](#) (Asahi)

SECURITY

Defense Minister Onodera meets with Okinawa governor

Asahi reported online that Defense Minister Onodera visited Okinawa this morning for the first time since assuming his current post and held separate meetings with USFJ Deputy Commander Maj. Gen. Chiarotti, Brigadier Gen. Paul J. Rock Jr., Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations Pacific, and Okinawa Governor Onaga. Onodera reportedly explained to the Okinawa side the position of the GOJ which endorsed continued Osprey flights in Japan ahead of the planned "2+2" meeting slated for Aug. 17 in Washington. The daily wrote that the people of Okinawa are increasingly expressing concern and criticism about the GOJ's endorsement of continued Osprey flights in Japan despite the recent fatal accident in Australia.

- [Defense chief seeks understanding of Okinawa over Osprey flights](#) (Kyodo News)
- [GOJ to allocate more than 300 billion yen for Okinawan development budget](#) (Nikkei)
- [Japan, U.S. to boost steps against cyberattacks in security talks](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Editorial: Japan must enhance its defense capability to address N. Korea's threat](#) (The Japan News)

OKINAWA LOCAL PRESS

Okinawa united in protesting against U.S. military

Sunday's Ryukyu Shimpo and Okinawa Times reported heavily on an anti-U.S. military rally held at a sports stadium in Naha City on Saturday, noting that the participants voiced strong support for Governor Onaga, who vowed to derail the FRF construction plan off Camp Schwab at all costs. The attendees, who numbered 45,000 according to the organizer, adopted a special motion calling for the U.S. military and the GOJ to suspend Osprey flights, shut down MCAS Futenma, and discontinue parachute drop drills and other training in the island prefecture. In his remarks on the Defense Ministry's endorsement of the resumption of Osprey flights, the governor strongly criticized the GOJ for blindly following the U.S.

